

# The Compass



## Principal Johnson Hosts Foundation Meeting on Thurs. January 15th

Parents, please join Mr. Johnson to learn more about forming **Del Sur's Educational Foundation**. In the face of increasing budget constraints, the foundation provides a crucial source of funds to support programs for students in the arts, physical education, and science. To help provide an optimal education experience, please attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, January 15 beginning at 6:30 pm. in the campus library**. Light snacks and Starbucks coffee will be provided. Please let Principal Johnson know if you can attend.

### January Highlights

Friday Flag	Fri 1/9
Del Sur Educational Foundation Meeting	Thurs 1/15 6:30 pm School
Martin Luther King Day- No School	Mon 1/19
Professional Growth Day for Teachers- No School	Tues 1/20
Restaurant Night @ Pei Wei (flyer req'd)	Tues 1/20 5:30 to 8:30
PTA General Meeting	Thurs 1/22 6:00 pm MPR
Family Lunch @ Noon	Fri 1/23
Multicultural Night	Thurs 1/29 6:00 pm MPR

## A Message from Principal Doug Johnson

Greetings Del Sur Explorers and Happy New Year!

I hope 2009 proves to be a great year for all of the families at Del Sur. Indeed, the staff here at Del Sur will continue to do the best job possible in providing an optimal educational experience for all our students. This is our daily commitment.

I would like to thank all of you for making school a high priority. During the next few months, this is prime learning time on our campus. Typically, the curriculum becomes much more rigorous from this point forward. Students need to be in school to benefit from the instruction and practice that is provided on a daily basis in all academic areas. Hence, it is very important that our students are at school every day

and arrive on time. Try to schedule doctor's appointments after school. Only illness should keep a student home. Parents, please monitor your student to make sure that all makeup work is completed. Additional vacations at this time of year are not advised.

For our second through fifth grade students, they will be taking the winter MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment. This is a key formative assessment that directly tracks our students' progress thus far in math, reading, and language arts. Our teachers will be sharing with our parents the results of these assessments.

I would like to thank all of our parents and students who helped support our canned food drive. Teaching children

to care is one of the most important jobs of educators and parents. It is something that is often taught far more through example than any other way. When our children see the adults in their lives being helpful to others or doing "random acts of kindness", it sends a powerful message. This becomes behavior that they want to imitate themselves and encourages these important life skills.

We're looking forward to a wonderful start to 2009. Thank you for your continued support of our programs and endeavors.

See you on campus,

*Mr. Johnson*  
Principal

## No School for Students on January 19th & January 20th

School will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of the **Martin Luther King Holiday**.



On Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, students will not be in attendance as our staff participates in **Professional Growth Day**. This is a highly valued day for us as the staff is able to look at our current instructional practices and look for ways to enhance them. We are always looking for effective methods which will help our students to comprehend and utilize the state content standards.





## A Note from Marla Vandling, PTA President

*Welcome Back Explorers!*

*Happy New Year!* I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an event-filled 2009 here at Del Sur Elementary!

Your PTA has been very busy planning upcoming events and programs such as:

- Family Lunch Fun

- Multicultural Night
  - Yearbook
  - Family Dance
  - Spirit Wear
- ...and *MUCH* more!

**Please....sign up to help!!** We are only as good as our great volunteers. We can bring these fun events to the students if you can get involved in the planning now. We have a lot happening and would love your help! Feel free to contact me directly at: [marlavandling1@yahoo.com](mailto:marlavandling1@yahoo.com) if you can make time to help out!

**Mark your calendars for our second PTA GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the MPR.**

Please read the weekly Compass Pointe email newsletters and check out our amazing new website: [www.delsurpta.org](http://www.delsurpta.org) to learn what the PTA is doing!

Thank you,

*Marla Vandling*



## Peer Models Still Needed for Preschool Program

Del Sur has two preschool programs to serve 3 to 5 year old children with special needs. The children who have special needs may experience difficulty in one or more of the following areas; speech and language, play skills, social skills or developmental delays.

The success of the program greatly depends on the inclusion of children without special needs who

act as models as all children learn together.

This is a language/play-based program with a developmental curriculum including music and rhythm, self help skills, thinking/problem solving skills, social skills, pre academic readiness skills and speech and language.

We are currently looking for peer models to join our classroom.

For more information please contact:

Debbie Knuth at 858-674-6200 ext. 6346 or Susan McNichol at 858-674-6200 ext. 6328

Thank you.

## Local Ralph's Purchases Benefit Kids!

Ralphs has contributed

**\$374**

to the DSE PTA as of 11/30/08!



Thank you so much to the 21 families that have signed up for the Ralphs Community Contribution Program. Each time they make purchases at any Ralph's and swipe their Ralph's Club Card, Ralph's contributes funds to support PTA programs. You must add DSE PTA to your Ralph's Club Card account in for us to receive these donations. Please see the simple directions below.

Just think how much we could earn for our programs all of our students' families signed up!

All you need to do is:

- 1) go to [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com)
- 2) register (if it's your first time at the site)
- 3) enter your Ralphs Club Card number
- 4) add Del Sur Elementary PTA (number 90949) to your Club Card account

If you do not have a Ralph's Club Card, you can sign-up for one at any Ralphs Store.



To confirm you are signed-up for the program, just check out the bottom of your receipt each time you shop at Ralphs – you will see “DSE PTA” as your organization of choice for contributions.

Contact [CourtneyACampbell@Yahoo.com](mailto:CourtneyACampbell@Yahoo.com) for more information. Thanks for all you do to maximize our fundraising abilities.

DISCO FEVER? HELP US PLAN THE FAMILY DANCE ON FRI. FEB 13th. SHOW YOUR KIDS SOME LOVE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY BY GETTING INVOLVED NOW!  
[marlavandling1@yahoo.com](mailto:marlavandling1@yahoo.com)

## Sign Up for School Pulse

SchoolPulse.com is a new website designed to help parents, as well as teachers, PTA leaders, and anyone else with active kids, save time and improve their effectiveness with a robust set of easy-to-use calendars and group management tools.



If Del Sur Elementary can get at least 100 people to sign up at SchoolPulse.com,

PTA will earn \$1 per signup. You can opt-out of email notifications when you join and no address is required.

**Please sign up today and help us earn this free money. We're now 22% there!**

Here's the link: [www.schoolpulse.com/million](http://www.schoolpulse.com/million)

Thanks! ~Courtney Campbell, PTA Board

## Join Us for Restaurant Night



**Tues., Jan. 20th  
 5:30 to 8:30 pm  
 Pei Wei at  
 4S Commons**

**10% of proceeds benefit Del Sur PTA!**

Be sure to bring the flyer that comes home from school with your students before the event. Feel free to download a copy from [www.delsurpta.org](http://www.delsurpta.org) as Restaurant Night approaches.

Note: There is no school for students on this date due to Professional Growth for teachers. So get back into the groove after a 4-day weekend with this fun event! Thanks for your support and your appetite. Our last Restaurant Night raised hundreds and gave Del Sur families a chance to do something fun together with the entire school community.

## Multicultural Night Is Coming . . . Thursday, Jan. 29th!



Come experience an evening filled with cultural diversity, performance and ethnic cuisine offerings.

Del Sur Elementary will celebrate our school and community's cultural diversity with its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Multicultural Night January 29 from 6-8 p.m.

Plan on bringing your family's favorite picnic dinner and eat with other families in the school's outdoor lunch area before and during the event.



Planning for the evening is underway and **we are looking for volunteers to share in story telling, art projects, and other cultural displays.**

Does your family have a special story? A tradition you want to share? Food offerings at the event are welcome, but must come from a restaurant or be store bought due to school regulations... is there a special cookie or snack you'd like to share?



Mark your calendar and please contact Maria Donovan [mariadonovan@gmail.com](mailto:mariadonovan@gmail.com) or Merry Woodruff [merryw@san.rr.com](mailto:merryw@san.rr.com) for more information and to volunteer!



## Character Counts! Fairness is Our Pillar This Month

What is fairness? Most would agree it involves issues of equality, impartiality, proportionality, openness and due process. Most would agree that it is unfair to handle similar matters inconsistently. Most would agree that it is unfair to impose punishment that is not commensurate with the offense. The basic concept seems simple, even intuitive, yet applying it in daily life can

be surprisingly difficult. Fairness is a tricky concept, probably more subject to legitimate debate and interpretation than any other ethical value. Disagreeing parties tend to maintain that there is only one fair position (their own, naturally). But essentially fairness implies adherence to a balanced standard of justice without relevance to one's own feelings or inclinations.

Here are helpful reminders about fairness for our children and each other:

- \* Play by the rules
- \* Take turns and share
- \* Be open-minded; listen to others
- \* Don't take advantage of others
- \* Don't blame others carelessly

## Sponsors & Volunteers: We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thank You for your support! The PTA Board is only a handful of dedicated folks, and we depend on the involvement of other parent and family volunteers to pull off successful programs. Please continue to share your time, energy and enthusiasm to make school a wonderful experience for our children. We appreciate you more than we can express!

CVS Pharmacy

Ralph's Fresh Fare

Starbucks

Maria Donovan

Roxanne Farkas

Marla Vandling

# Order Your Del Sur Elementary Spirit Wear Today

*Del Sur Elementary School Spirit Wear is on its way!*

Principal Johnson wants every child to have a T-Shirt for school Spirit Days and the PTA is committed to spreading school spirit and helping to make that happen – please fill out the form below with student names and sizes and return it as soon as possible. We need the size of T-Shirt for EVERY student, so please fill out the form below even if you do not plan on ordering any additional shirts.

The PTA sponsors many school programs, to include the music teacher, PE programs, Movie Nights, art programs etc. We are a small school and every penny counts! We will happily accept your contribution of \$10 towards the cost of the T-Shirt if you are able.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact **Maria Donovan at (619) 255-2155** or email [mariadonovan@gmail.com](mailto:mariadonovan@gmail.com)

## Del Sur Elementary School Spirit Wear

Please fill out the order form below and return to the school by Jan 16, 2009. The cost of the first shirt per student will be covered by the PTA; we are asking for donations of \$10 if possible. Any additional amounts are at a cost of \$10 per shirt. Please make checks payable to Del Sur PTA and submit with your order. Thank you!

Quantity	Child's Size T-Shirt	Student's Name	Total \$	Room Number
	XS S M L XL			
	XS S M L XL			
	XS S M L XL			
	XS S M L XL			

## Special Thanks for Family Literacy Night Success

The DSE PTA would like to thank all of those who contributed to the success of our first **Family Literacy Night and Pat & Oscar's Family Night**.

Lots of children read their original literary works and also raised over \$200 in cash and book donations. Barnes & Noble even commented that we were the most impressive and courteous school group they'd hosted! Continue to help make READING a top priority for your children in 2009.

Our thanks to:

- All of our DSE Teachers who organized the children's readings
- Barnes & Noble
- Pat & Oscar's
- Principal Johnson
- Lisa Lako
- Kim McKittrick
- Kim Muga

***If there's a book you really want to read but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it.***

**– Toni Morrison**

Our thanks to:

- All of our families who purchased books and donations for the library
- Maria Donovan
- Caitlin Harbison
- Gabriela Olszewska
- Gaby Preston
- Bridget Sellars

## Order Your Explorers Yearbook This Month

Del Sur Elementary School Yearbooks will go on sale January 2009! Order forms are going home this week. The yearbook, "The Explorer Way: Making History Together", will be comprised of 40 pages of student portraits, class group shots, candid photos of students at work learning and playing, and pictures of clubs, and special events taken over this school year. The PTA is pre-ordering a specific amount of books, so **now is the time to reserve/ order to ensure your copy** at the end of the year!

Yearbooks can be purchased for \$20 each. There is no limit on the number of books per family. If you are a room parent, think about ordering a book for your teacher as a gift from the children to sign and give at the end of the year.

This inaugural Yearbook edition will include:

- ALL COLOR PICTURES and PORTRAITS!
- a hard cover
- pages and pages of candid photos
- an area for autographs
- and many, many memories.



Del Sur families can also purchase LOVELINES to send their child or children a special message printed in the yearbook. LOVELINES cost \$5 for 25 words or less. There is a limit of 1 Loveline message per family. Yearbook and Loveline order forms can be found on our PTA website at [www.delsurpta.com](http://www.delsurpta.com). Order now, before it's too late!

## Yearbook Photos Wanted!



The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Digital pictures are preferred. Please remember to send the largest file size picture when submitting digital pictures for the yearbook. We prefer small group shots with 3-5 students. Close ups are recommended. Be sure to let us know your child's name,

grade and teacher so we can include him or her in the appropriate area.

### Go online to get your pictures in the yearbook

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:1222803 and password:delsurelem
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 2/28/2009.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,  
Yearbook Adviser and the  
2009 Yearbook Staff.

*The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Wear ORANGE on MONDAYS for Character Color Days. January's color reflects FAIRNESS.
- Wear your favorite college colors on FRIDAYS! On FLAG FRIDAYS wear school spirit colors: maroon and gold.
- RUNNING CLUB Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 to 10:45 am K-2 10:50 to 11:05 Gr. 3-5 (permission slips req'd).
- PTA BOARD MTG Thursday, Jan. 8, 6:30 pm, PTA Work Room.
- FRIDAY FLAG Friday, Jan. 9
- FOUNDATION MEETING Thurs., Jan. 15, 6:00 pm, Library
- PIP (Primary Interaction Program) PARENT INFORMATION MEETING Friday, Jan. 16th, 8:30-9am MPR This program enables students in K-2nd grade to have one-on-one attention from a PIP aide.
- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Monday, Jan. 19 NO SCHOOL
- PROFESSIONAL GROWTH DAY Tuesday, Jan. 20th NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- RESTAURANT NIGHT AT PEI WEI Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 5:30 to 8:30 FLYER REQUIRED—Download at [www.delsurpta.org](http://www.delsurpta.org)
- PTA GENERAL ASSN MEETING Thursday, Jan. 22nd, 6:00 pm, MPR
- FAMILY LUNCH Friday, Jan. 23, 12:00 pm in the covered lunch area
- FAMILY MULTICULTURAL NIGHT Thursday, Jan. 29, 5-8 pm

**SAVE THE DATE**

- FAMILY DANCE Friday, Feb. 13th **We NEED volunteers.** Pls contact Marla Vandling to help organize this event!
- MATH, SCIENCE & HEALTH NIGHT Thursday, Mar. 19th, 6 pm

# January 2009 ~ Month of Fairness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	BUY YEAR-BOOKS THIS MONTH AT <a href="http://www.DelSurPTA.org">www.DelSurPTA.org</a> !			1 Winter Recess	2 Winter Recess	3
4	5 Wear Orange to show fairness	6 Running Club	7	8 Running Club, PTA Board Mtg	9 Friday Flag-Wear School Colors	10
11	12 Wear Orange to show fairness	13 Running Club	14	15 Running Club, Foundation Meeting	16 PIP Parent Info Mtg	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Holiday NO SCHOOL	20 Teachers Professional Growth NO SCHOOL	21	22 Running Club, PTA General Association Mtg	23 Family Lunch at NOON in Covered Lunch Area	24
25	26 Wear Orange to show fairness	27 Running Club	28	29 Running Club, Multicultural Night	30	31

It's never too late to join PTA and make exciting programs happen for DSES students this year. Grab a signup form in the school foyer or download at [www.DelSurPTA.com](http://www.DelSurPTA.com). Joining costs just \$8 and does a world of good!

Contact Gaby at [delsurpta@yahoo.com](mailto:delsurpta@yahoo.com) with questions.

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