Mary A. Deterding Elementary School
Where the Arts Are Academic!
April 21, 2014

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Parent Volunteer
Our parent volunteer of the week is Sandy Inouye. Sandy volunteers every week in her daughter, Kyra Scala’s, class for Mrs. Hales. Sandy volunteers for school events, most recently, the DREAM Run. We appreciate all you do, Sandy!

Student Volunteer
Our student volunteer of the week is Alexis Johnson from Mr. Anderson’s first grade class. Alexis is a super student helper in the cafeteria and sets a good example for her classmates. Good job Alexis!

Oral Language Fair Showcase
Over the past several weeks, students have memorized and presented poems with the theme “Colors of My World.” The top-ranking students from each classroom will showcase and perform on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this fun-filled evening showcasing our talented student achievements.

Annual Enrollment Confirmation
Pink Annual Enrollment Confirmation forms are being sent home today, Monday, April 21st. Please fill the form out and return it to school by Friday, May 2nd. These forms are critical in helping determine staffing for the 2014-15 school year.

DREAM Run Update
What a fun day! The students had a great time running around the “track.” Pledge forms were returned home on Thursday, April 10th along with your student’s lap count card. Please return all student pledge forms by Friday, April 25th so that they can receive the proper prize credit. Thank you so much to all the parents and staff who volunteered! We appreciate your continued support!

Book Fair Update
Our Spring Book Fair wrapped up on Thursday, April 10th after the Kindergarten Three Piggy Opera. It was a huge success! We sold nearly $10,000 worth of books over
one week. That means a lot of book credits for our classrooms and library! DREAM was also able to fulfill all of our teacher book wish lists. Thank you to our Book Fair chair, Julie Haubeck, for the tremendous amount of work she puts in for both the Spring & Fall Book Fairs. Thank you also to the many volunteer parents who helped throughout the week.

**DISTRICT TRACK MEET FOR GR 4, 5 & 6**

On Friday, May 9 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. there will be an elementary all comers track meet at Bella Vista High School for all San Juan Unified School District students in grades 4, 5 and 6. The field events will start at 4:00 p.m. and the running events will start at 5:30 p.m. For more details about the event and to download the permission slip, visit Mr. Lathrop’s website at [www.sanjuan.edu/webpages/dlathrop](http://www.sanjuan.edu/webpages/dlathrop).

**Summer Only Discovery Club**
San Juan’s “Summer Only” Discovery Club is a child care and enrichment program for children kindergarten through sixth grade. Our highest priority is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn, grow, and have fun. Discovery Club is staffed by teachers who are certified as Child Development Permit teachers by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. During the summer, Discovery Club is in session from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. "Let's Discover Why" is our summer theme. Activities will include science, art, literature, math, and outdoor games. Don’t miss out! Fees range from $214 to $602 per month. For more information or to enroll your child, call 971-5975. See our website at [www.sanjuan.edu](http://www.sanjuan.edu) – select “services” then select “Discovery Club” from the pull-down menu for more information.

**Kids Auction**
Do you have unused toys leftover from the holidays? Have any unwrapped electronics? We need new toys, games, electronics, dolls, books or other kid’s favorites to raffle for our Kids Auction at the Art & Music Festival. Donations can be left in the School Office marked “Kids Auction.” Thank you!!!

**Art & Music Festival**
Mark your calendars!!! Our Annual Art & Music Festival will be held on Sunday, May 4th from 11AM-3PM. Every Deterding student will be performing at the Festival. Come and enjoy the family fun: games, crafts, student art displays, band, choir, dance, and guitar performances and plenty of great food! All proceeds go to support arts & education at Deterding. We have some great new art projects lined up this year! Come early to set up or stay after to help – volunteers are needed to make this a big success for our school. To learn more visit our website: [www.deterding.org/festival](http://www.deterding.org/festival).

**Be a Volunteer**
We need all hands on deck for this fun-filled day! You can sign-up for a shift at the festival online at [www.deterding.org/festival](http://www.deterding.org/festival). Hours count as community service for students! We love having middle & high school students volunteering!

**Auction & Dinner**
The DREAM Auction & Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 17th at La Sierra. The Auction is always our biggest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds from the Auction pays for education & arts programs at Deterding. (teacher salaries, field-trips, art supplies, assemblies, instruments, choir, and more) throughout the school year. Support for the Auction is critical to Deterding’s unique programs and success. If you can’t attend, please consider buying a ticket for someone who can or make a donation, big or small. You can purchase Auction tickets at the School Office or online at: [www.deterding.org/auction](http://www.deterding.org/auction) starting Thursday, April 30th. We still need donations!!! If you have a service or business, please consider donating to the auction. To find out more, send an email to info@deterding.org. Thank you!!!
Date: 4/21/14
To: Parents of Deterding Kinders and 1st Graders
From: Mr. George Dozet - Music Teacher
Re: We’re singing at the Art Festival on Sunday, May 4th!

Our Deterding Arts Festival is Sunday, May 4th from 11am to 3pm and your child is singing! All Kinders and First Graders will be called to the stage/risers at 12:45pm so get those cameras ready! We’ll share 15 minutes of our favorite songs and games from our “music time with Mr. Dozet.” Casual dress but with lots of smiles!
Date: 4/21/14
To: Parents of Deterding 2nd and 3rd Graders
From: Mr. George Dozet - Music Teacher
Re: We’re singing at the Art Festival on Sunday, May 4th!

Our Deterding Arts Festival is Sunday, May 4th from 11am to 3pm and your child is singing! All Second and Third Graders will be called to the stage/risers at 1:00pm so get those cameras ready! We’ll share 15 minutes of our favorite songs and games from our “music time with Mr. Dozet.” Casual dress but with lots of smiles!
Dear Parents/Guardians:

The San Juan Unified School District is asking for your help. We need to know your plans for your student for the 2014-2015 school year. The information provided will help the district accurately plan for enrollment.

Please complete the following information for each child and return it to your current elementary school by Friday, May 2, 2014. Completion of this form is required for each child currently enrolled in grades K-5.

Student’s Name:__________________________________________________________________________
Address:_________________________________________City:_________________________Zip:________
Current School:________________________________Current Teacher:______________________________

Parents(s) or Guardian(s):

Mother’s Name:___________________________Home Phone:__________Work Phone:___________
Father’s Name:____________________________Home Phone:__________Work Phone:___________

Message Phone:
Name:__________________________________Phone:________________

Please respond as to your plan for school placement for the 2014-2015 school year in the box provided.

☐ My child plans to attend Deterding School in the Fall.
☐ My child will be transferring to the following SJUSD school: ________________________________
☐ My child will not be attending a SJUSD School.

NOTE: It is important that your child attends the first day of school in order to confirm a space in the assigned grade level. If your child does not attend school on the first day and you have not contacted the school, your child will lose his/her reserved space to new enrollees who will be assigned any vacancies beginning the second day of school.

The above information is critical for grade level planning for the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact your child’s school, if your plans change.

I have read and understand the above conditions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:_______________________________Date:________________
April 21, 2014

Dear Deterding Families,

End-of-year testing will begin to dramatically change this spring, and I'm writing to help you understand what it means and how you can help your child prepare. This year, instead of pencil-and-paper tests, many of our students will participate in a field test of a new online, computerized assessment that will eventually replace the traditional Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program you and your student are used to.

The Smarter Balanced Field Test will take place throughout San Juan Unified between April 21-May 16 and will include assessments in English-language arts and math.

This new computerized test looks a lot different because it's being designed to offer students, families, and teachers a clearer picture of what students are learning to be successful in college and their careers. For example, while there will be some multiple choice questions, students also will be asked to fill-in tables, write essays, drag and drop, and graph. Each test will take three to four hours of your child's time over multiple days, and they will challenge your student to more deeply demonstrate their knowledge than traditional testing.

Because this is a field test, there will not be any scores issued this year. Still, it's important to take this test seriously: This year's field test is happening in thousands of schools across California and will help determine how well individual questions allow students to demonstrate what they know and still need to learn.

I encourage you to learn more by going online to www.sanjuan.edu/testing, where you and your child can take practice tests, watch videos about the new assessment, and find answers to common questions about the Smarter Balanced Field Test.

Sincerely,

Loni Mellerup
Deterding Principal