

Gaspare's Pizzeria Ristorante



Owner Daniel Indelicato (on the right)

In appreciation for supporting Dixie Elementary's lunch program, we would like to recognize the continued service and dedication of Gaspare's Pizzeria Ristorante in San Rafael. To learn more about our Vendor of the Month, here are some notes from an interview with owner Daniel Indelicato (see in photo above):

Why do you support Dixie?

I was raised in San Rafael and attended Gallinas Elementary, Davidson Middle School, and went on to graduate from Terra Linda High School. I cherish the education I received and my memories as a child. It really feels good to be involved locally.

What is your favorite place to travel & why?

I like to explore new places all the time. I like tropical water for scuba diving and the wilderness. My next trip is to South Africa to cheer on the Italian soccer team in the 2010 World Cup. I particularly like visiting destinations where there are ruins of an old civilization. My family is from Sicily, so I've been back there six times. I always visit Agrigento and check out the Valley of the Temples when I'm there.

History behind Gaspare's?

My father immigrated to the United States when he was in his twenties. He was a waiter on a cruise ship that made trips to the Caribbeans and Mexico. He met my mother aboard the ship when she was on vacation. 25 years ago, they settle down in the Bay Area and opened their restaurant in San Francisco. Growing up in the restaurant business inspired me to open up my own eventually. After hospitality management and culinary arts school I made my dream a reality. Coincidentally, several of my dad's friends and acquaintances from the cruise ship also settled down in the Bay Area and opened Italian restaurants in San Francisco, Marin, and Napa.