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*Don't forget to*

*Submit a PDR!*

Every project requires a Project Development Request (PDR) form. Visit the FAM website to learn more!

## Sustainability Series Invitation

FAM is excited to invite all PPS staff to an engaging speaker series to help us understand "sustainability" and what it means to PPS. The speakers will discuss everything from different frameworks to integrating sustainability into curriculum and business practices district-wide.

All presentations will be from 4:30pm to 5:30pm in the Board Room at the BESC. The schedule is as follows:

- November 17: Introduction to Sustainability at PPS
- December 1: Sustainability: The Big Picture
- December 15: Sustainability in Academics

- January 5: Sustainability in Business Operations
- January 19: Sustainability in Facilities
- February 2: Social Equity in Sustainability
- February 16: Systems Thinking and Sustainability
- March 1: Wrap-Up and Next Steps at PPS

Continuing education credits (CEUs) will be offered. Check the PPS website for more details.



## Principal Priority Projects Update

FAM continues to compile, prioritize and fund principal priority projects and plans to send the next survey to principals for the 12-13 school year in January 2012.



## Use of Our Synthetic Turf Fields

As the number of synthetic turf fields increases, so does our need to plan for their replacement. Synthetic turf fields last approximately 10 years. During this period, FAM will collect revenue from non-school users that will fund the replacement of each field.

To protect the District's synthetic turf fields, FAM has provided rules for their use.

The following activities **are prohibited** on synthetic turf fields:

- Spitting
- Consuming food including sunflower seeds
- Consuming beverages

- Using golf clubs and/or golf balls
- Walking or exercising dogs or other pets
- Using tobacco products
- Chewing gum



## PPS & City of Portland Conduct Full-Scale Earthquake Drill

PPS recently participated in a full-scale earthquake drill with the City of Portland. The drill was conducted in collaboration with the Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM). Other participants included the City of Portland, the Portland Police Bureau, the Portland Fire Bureau, Mayor Sam Adam's Office, Portland

Parks and Recreation, and 211 Information. Portland Public Schools helped plan the exercise and had three main objectives:

- 1) Conduct a Drop, Cover and Hold On for the affected earthquake drill schools;
- 2) Conduct structural assessments at the affected schools by

- 3) Activate the PPS Incident Command Team and conduct an After Action Review. An After Action Review is a debriefing that reveals what happened, why it happened and how it can be done better.



## Garden at Grant

Grant High School students recently received a grant from State Farm Insurance to build a learning garden and a community garden.

The students hosted the "Nurture Your Neighborhood" event in

September which included Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen and representatives from State Farm Insurance to introduce the neighborhood to their plans.

Portland Parks & Recreation and PPS will help

design the community garden and will operate and maintain the garden once it is finished.



## Marshall Updates

FAM project managers continue to work on the Marshall transition project. FAM project managers will be moving the Family Engagement team, a satellite office for SPED Early Intervention Program Assessments and the District athletics office to Marshall this fall.

Marshall continues to function as the primary District staff training

center.

Staff interested in using Marshall should contact Community Use of Buildings (CUB) to make requests to use the space. The library seats 300 people and includes 12 break out rooms.



## Introducing This Year's AmeriCorps Member, Maia Nativ

FAM welcomes Maia Nativ, the new AmeriCorps member working on resource conservation initiatives. The focus of Maia's work will be to reduce energy consumption and increasing recycling efforts in schools.

Maia is extremely excited to be a part of FAM. Born in Los Angeles, Maia has lived in

Portland for four years and loves every minute of it. She graduated from Portland State University with a degree in biology and a minor in environmental studies.

While working with AmeriCorps and PPS is a full time job, Maia also works part time for Depave, helping replace asphalt parking lots with

beautiful gardens.

Maia enjoys hiking all over Mount Hood, camping anywhere and playing with her dog – Riley.



## New Recycling System at BESC

Maia Nativ – FAM's newest AmeriCorps member – has implemented mixed recycling, also called co-mingled recycling – at the BESC. This is the same recycling system City of Portland residents use at home. Paper, empty plastic bottles and clean, dry plastic tubs such as yogurt con-

tainers all go into the same recycling bin (but no lids). Glass is not recyclable at BESC. Please take your glass bottles home to recycle. Batteries are still being accepted in the blue tub near the kitchen in FAM, the front reception desk, and other locations around the building.

Contact Maia with any questions you have about these changes - e-mail [mnativ@pps.net](mailto:mnativ@pps.net) or call extension 74276. Thank you for your cooperation and participation.



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### PPS Mission:

*By the end of elementary, middle, and high school, every student by name will meet or exceed academic standards and will be fully prepared to make productive life decisions.*

## Portland Public Schools Facilities & Asset Management

The Facilities & Asset Management (FAM) Department supports classroom teaching and learning by providing a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to learning for students and staff.

### REMS Grant Work Moving Along

FAM staff is working with PPS principals and other building administrators to provide information about the Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant requirements and to train staff. To date, FAM has trained 176 staff District-wide in Incident Command 100 and 200. The Incident Command 100 and 200 are a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirement as part of the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant. Incident Command is a system which traditionally has been used to manage critical incident by first

responders. We are training all of our school Principal's and school teams in this system to better manage emergency response.

Staff plans to train more than 400 PPS employees over the next calendar year. Additionally, FAM has trained 84 students from Madison, Lincoln, Roosevelt in CPR/First Aid/AED (automated external defibrillator), 59 were certified.

The highlight of this work is the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) that is due to be released after winter break to all schools. As part of sustaining

the grant, FAM created a partnership with Home Depot that resulted in FAM purchasing through the grant more than 2,853 classroom "Go-Kits." The Go-Kits are emergency kits that will be available in each classroom for the purpose of handling an emergency. The kits include first aid kit, survival blanket, grease pencil, duct tape, high calorie meal bars, flashlight and batteries, glow sticks, wet wipes, emergency reflective vest, whistle, dust mask, tissue, gloves, and goggles. Home Depot made a generous \$40,000 donation to the project by providing the kits "at-cost" to PPS.

