

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

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Results in for the 2010 Duniway Holiday Home Tour Drawing Contest

Thank you to each and every student that submitted a drawing for the Home Tour. The judges were overwhelmed by the volume of art turned in this year. We really were pleased to see this kind of participation. Special kudos to the contribution from Julie Aquilizan's class who made the decision for the second grade extremely difficult. The results are displayed in the glass case across the hall from the office and auditorium for all to admire. Congratulations to: **Wesley Shipsey** (Kindergarten-Cheney), **Colby Davis** (1st Grade-Emery), **Sydney Shubert** (2nd Grade-Aquilizan), **Rena Alberts** (3rd Grade-Muller), **Natalie Cheechov** (4th Grade-Johnston), **Camille McCullagh** (4th Grade-Johnston) and **Zachary Smith** (5th Grade-Calvillo). Their works of art will be showcased in the Holiday Home Tour Booklet. The tour is December 3rd and tickets are available now on the Duniway website as well as paper tickets available starting November 10th.

Rainy Day Recess Needs You!

Supplies Needed!

If you've already donated, thanks so much. We're still in need of a large bucket for each classroom and each room also needs a few more items to keep our kids entertained during our rainy days. Please check for a list outside your classroom and drop off items in the labeled bags in the auditorium.

Volunteers Needed!

We need parents to volunteer for lunch recess duty each day. You can volunteer for as many or as few days as fits your schedule. Here's the online sign up:

<http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=duniwayrecess>

Cafeteria Accounts

Please remember to check the balance on your student's cafeteria account.

If your student has a negative balance, several things will happen:

1. Phone calls to families will be initiated by Nutrition Services auto dialer when the cafeteria account balance is a negative \$2.30.
2. Cafeteria staff will provide a gentle verbal reminder to the student to bring money when the student comes through the cafeteria line.
3. A letter for the family will be delivered to the teacher's mailbox for the student to take home to the family.
4. A reminder phone call to the parent/guardian will be made a minimum of two times and the calls will be documented by the cafeteria Lead on the Account Balance Tracking Form.
5. If the account remains unpaid and reaches a negative \$12.75, the cafeteria Lead will contact the Nutrition Services Program Manager and send a scanned or faxed copy of the Account Balance Tracking Form.

6. If all notification steps have been followed, the Nutrition Services Program Manager will notify the principal or vice-principal and the cafeteria Lead that the student will be given only emergency food of milk, fruit and vegetables.
7. A letter will be sent to the family stating the negative account balance, requesting payment and alerting them to send a lunch from home since the emergency food can only be provided for a maximum of then days.

Families are encouraged to enroll in the online prepayment service at www.myLunchMoney.com for convenient online payments and account tracking.

Sellwood Moreland Monster March

This **Sunday, Oct. 31st** (Halloween!!) is the 10th Annual Sellwood Moreland Monster March. It starts at 3 pm at Llewellyn Elementary School (14th & Tolman) and heads right through the downtown area on Milwaukie and Bybee. There will be treats, balloons, the local fire truck, and the Sellwood Middle School band. The parade is sponsored by SMILE and the local business association.

Wreath Sales - 5th Grade Fundraiser

Order a beautiful Northwest-grown wreath, swag, or garland and be ready for the holidays by December 1st. You can even send a stunning 22" wreath to your out-of-town loved ones (Continental US only).

Orders are due **Thursday, November 4th**. Order forms are available in the main hall. All proceeds go towards 5th grade activities.

Scholastic Book Fair coming November 17th, 18th and 19th

Mark your calendars for the upcoming book fair which will be open from 2:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 18th, and from 2:30-4:30 on Friday, November 19th. Look for catalogues to come home with your student next week. Any questions, please contact Stephanie Shanley at Stephanie.b.shanley@intel.com.

Foundation News

This year's annual campaign is off to a roaring start. We've received \$3,200 in donations. Please give what you can - *send your contributions in today!*

Your generous donations will help us keep those essential elements -PE, library and music- that make our school so successful.

Auction Projects

If your class does not yet have a classroom art project volunteer to help the kids create their classroom project for the Duniway auction, please consider volunteering! The classroom projects are a very important part of the auction and lots of fun to work on.

We'll have a kick-off meeting in November to share ideas. Some parents who are participating this year have helped with projects in the past and can offer advice about procuring materials and working with the kids. Most of the work is done in January so the projects are ready by February.

Please contact your room parent or one of this year's classroom project coordinators (Ann Leitheiser and Romi Jones) with any questions aleit31@yahoo.com or romi@romitt.com

Support the PTA by registering for Escrip

Log on to www.escrip.com and register as a supporter of Duniway. You can register your credit cards, Safeway Club card and other store cards. Whenever you shop at the selected stores, Duniway will receive a percentage of your purchase. **All members must reregister at the start of each school year.** So even if you were registered with Escrip last year, you need to register again. Contact Cath Clark with questions: cclarkpdx@yahoo.com

You can also Support the PTA by making online purchases through the Duniway website links. We have made arrangements with more than 35 businesses to receive as much as 4% to 8% from every online purchase when the website was accessed through our Duniway website.

Go to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/358.htm>. Click on the link for the online store you are looking for and make your purchase from their website. Every time you make an online purchase, check with the Duniway website to see if we have a link. Contact our webmaster Ken Avenoso with questions or to suggest other businesses: ken@avenoso.com.

Americorp Update:

This is my fifth week at Duniway and it has been great getting to know so many of you. This week and last I have begun to make my way into classrooms, leading activities with students. This past Wednesday I talked with Mrs. Chow's 3rd graders about the 3 R's and played a great quiz game. The students really enjoyed it. Every week I am going to try and find my way into the classroom at one grade level to lead an activity.

Our next big initiative will be to expand cafeteria recycling and re-emphasize it in the classroom. A waste audit performed with Mrs. Johnston's class shows that cafeteria waste could be reduced by 55-75% with reusable trays, expanded recycling and compost. The feasibility of these efforts is being assessed. **Next week we will relocate the garbage station in the cafeteria between the doors, adding paper and plastic/aluminum recycling. Be aware of its new location as this will affect traffic patterns in the cafeteria.**

Outside of this I am planning the kindergarten shade tree project. Very soon a drawing of the location and variety of these trees will be displayed on the Americorp bulletin board. Ideally planting will occur in January.

Check the bulletin board for a more detailed description of my activities and upcoming opportunities to get involved. Feel free to contact me at bnjmmorelli@gmail.com with questions and comments. Sincerely, Mr. Ben

Read...Read...Read...!

The Bookshelf: Suggestions from Has-Been Children's Librarian Marci Davis
Some of you know me as mom to Griffin (2nd grade) and Siena (5th), and others may know me from Multnomah County Library, where I was a Youth Librarian for many years. One thing I miss about my former life is the opportunity to connect kids to books every day, so I am jumping at this chance to suggest some of my current favorites from time to time.

Dust Devil by Anne Isaacs and Paul Zelinsky is a worthy follow-up to the Caldecott Honor Book Swamp Angel. This story, in the style of a classic frontier tall-tale, features our feisty oversize heroine, Swamp Angel, heading for the big country of

Montana after outgrowing the wilds of Tennessee. While wresting a mythically wild whirlwind to the ground, she discovers a giant horse at the center of it, and her partnership with Dust Devil is born. But, have the two met their match in Backward Bart, an outlaw whose whole gang talks in reverse, and who ride (as fitting for Montana) giant mosquitoes? The language in this book is charming and playful and richly evocative of the frontier era: land is "flatter than butter melting on a flapjack in a frying pan;" biscuits are "as hard as horseshoes, and about as tasty." Paul Zelinsky's masterful oil paintings on wood veneers perfectly suit the tone of the story, and contain hilarious details for the sharp observer. This is a sure-fire hit for the K-3 set.

A recent bedtime success at our house was *The Adventures of Nanny Piggins*, which answers the question, "What would life be like if your cheapskate, widowed father hired, as your new nanny, a former circus pig whose most recent gig was being shot out of a cannon?" That answer is, most resoundingly, never boring, and often laugh-out-loud funny. Nanny Piggins is a force of nature, and seems to know just exactly how to get what she wants (which is usually chocolate), even if things do tend to go very wrong along the way. Throw in a stuffy law firm party, a rival nanny, a pie making contest, and a runaway dancing bear, and you've got the makings of a string of lively adventures which are absurd, clever, sly, naughty, and unquestionably funny. This debut novel by RA Spratt is best-suited for independent readers grades 3-5, and was quite entertaining for all when read aloud to our 2nd grader.

I love books that meld genres, which is why *Leviathan*, by Scott Westerfeld, was such a delicious read. The story begins rather familiarly: on June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife are assassinated, setting off a sequence of events that plunges the world into war. But this global conflict is waged in an entirely different way. The Austro-Hungarian and German Clankers put their faith in machines, like the Cyclop Stormwalker, a two-legged vehicle used for the young Prince Aleksandar's escape. Meanwhile, the British Darwinists base their technology on the development of new species, like the Leviathan, a gigantic biological airship resembling an enormous flying whale, which functions as a self-contained ecosystem, using bees and bats, among other creatures. This is a vivid and action-packed reimagining of a major historical event, and very convincingly framed. This title is appropriate for 5th graders, or advanced 4th grade readers, and the sequel, *Behemoth*, just hit stores this month.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Mon 11/1	Foundation meeting 7 pm
Fri 11/5	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
Tue 11/9	PTA meeting 7 pm
Thur 11/11	SCHOOL CLOSED - Veteran's Day

Duniway's calendar is available online:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/203.htm>