

# Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

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**REMINDER: NO SCHOOL** tomorrow - **Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is a Teacher Planning Day. Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday!

### **Welcome New Librarian!**

Please help me welcome our new librarian Janet (Jan) Zumwalt! Jan comes to Duniway from West Linn / Wilsonville school district where she has been working as a librarian assistant. She has a great deal of experience in libraries and looks forward to meeting staff, students and parents soon. She will begin in the library on Monday. The interview team that recommended Jan included three teachers, three parents and the principal. Please help me welcome Jan to Duniway!

### **Kindergarten Support**

At this time we are able to hire two educational assistants to work in the mornings, each day, providing support to teachers and students in our kindergarten classrooms. These positions posted, closed and interviews have been conducted. When the positions have officially been hired we will send out an update to introduce our newest Duniway staff members. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers who have been providing ongoing support to our kinders.

### **Classroom Art Coordinators Meeting**

If you signed up to be a Classroom Art Coordinator, please join us this **Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** for an informal meeting about your duties as a Classroom Art Coordinator. Coffee will be served!

We also need a Classroom Art Coordinator to assist another parent in Nina Levine's class. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Monica Harding at [monicalynnharding@msn.com](mailto:monicalynnharding@msn.com)

### **PTA meeting, Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Come have a voice in how your PTA can best support our school and kids! The next meeting is Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the library. **FREE CHILDCARE** in the cafeteria.”

### **Meeting for Parents of students currently receiving ELL services**

We will have a parent information meeting on **Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** from 6-7PM in the library. At the meeting we will have a program overview and talk about services your child is receiving at Duniway. Translation support will be provided. An informational flyer will also be sent home with your child in your home language with information about this meeting.

### **Publicity denial by Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

A copy of the Publicity Denial Form was sent home with each student this week. Within Duniway there are many opportunities where student pictures may be used, i.e. the auction DVD, classroom and school newspapers, the Duniway website, student yearbooks, music concerts and the talent show etc. If you **DO NOT** want your child(ren) to be photographed under any circumstances, please sign that form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Our Duniway Foundation is beginning to work on their yearly video to show at the Auction in February.

### **Would you like to learn more about our Duniway School Improvement Plan?**

If so, you are invited to attend a parent information meeting on **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. At the meeting parents will have a chance to learn more about how the school improvement plan was developed, the identified goals for this year, and steps we'll take to attain them. Dr. Hahn and Greg Belisle (Site Council Parent Chair) will co-facilitate the meeting. There will be two opportunities to participate, Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and an evening session at 6PM. The morning and evening sessions will be identical just offered at two convenient times for parents (location TBA). We hope you can join us : )

### **We need cooks, bakers and yummy treat makers!**

The Duniway PTA provides meals for the teachers during fall conferences on **Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you are interested in making some cookies or providing part of the meal, please contact Melissa Jacobson at [mmjacobson4@msn.com](mailto:mmjacobson4@msn.com). Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate their dedication to our kids.

### **TAG information:**

If you would like to nominate your child for TAG, please stop by the office to pick up a nomination form. Should you wish to talk with your child's teacher at conferences about the possibility of nominating your child, please be mindful of the due date to turn in nominations is **Monday, November 29**. The nomination form has a cover letter describing the nomination process.

Individual TAG plans for already-identified TAG students will be sent home by Monday, November 8.

### **PLEASE Contribute to the Duniway Foundation Annual Campaign**

Thanks to all of you who have already contributed to the Duniway Foundation Annual Giving Campaign. Our goal for this year is \$75,000 of which we have raised \$8,000 so far. These funds help pay for the Duniway music, physical education, and library programs. We need as many families as possible to participate. Please make your checks out to the Duniway Foundation - you can drop off your donation at the school office. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **Composting to begin at Duniway!**

Starting next Wednesday, we are going to be composting fresh fruit & veggies in the Duniway Cafeteria (when volunteers are available). For now, the compost will be taken off-site to the compost pile by parents and staff. Eventually we would like to compost on-site, but are working hard to ensure that the pile is well managed and a sustainable system is in place to maintain it. To volunteer and take compost home

please sign up at the following website:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/5223456342439320121> Compost will be in a tightly sealed 5 gallon bucket and will pose no pest or spill hazard. For questions, contact Ben Morelli at [bnjmmoreeli@gmail.com](mailto:bnjmmoreeli@gmail.com).

### **The 2010-2011 Duniway Yearbook is underway!**

For those of you new to the school we produce an all school yearbook every year and sold in the spring. Each class is highlighted in a two-page spread and most of the major school events are showcased.

We will be putting a sample of last year's book by the parent table in the main hall, so you may see what the book looks like.

**Please begin submitting fall photos today!!** We will begin the process of gathering photos for the yearbook in smaller batches this year, instead of everything in April. We hope this makes it easier for the parents as well as the Yearbook committee. So start uploading your fall photos today - from the first day of school, field day, fall festivals, field trips and all other school events. Because we do not caption candid photos with individual names, we **must** have the event and classroom/teacher identified for each photo - so only choose your favorites!

Our preferred method for gathering photos is to upload them to the Herff Jones website. Parents and students go to [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com) and enter our school code 1030946, or simply go

to <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/Index.jsp?code=1030946> to bypass the login screen. (Please save this information/email so you may refer to it later)

If you are unable to upload the photos, you may still drop off them off in the YEARBOOK box in the office on a CD, thumb drive, or print outs. Please clearly label them with the class, event and your name. If this information is not listed we will not be able to use the photos.

**Volunteers needed!** This generally entails tallying orders, collecting payments, depositing checks etc. in the spring. I am also looking for help collecting and organizing pictures, fact checking, proofing and communicating to the school (via posters, flyers, etc.) about the book and when we order. The majority of the work will occur in the spring. If you are interested in helping, please email Holly Nelson at [holly@chicpapoose.com](mailto:holly@chicpapoose.com) or drop me a note in the Yearbook box in the office.

### **Book Drive**

The Holy Family Catholic School PTA is holding a used Book and DVD drive in support of its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Used Book/DVD Sale on **November 21, 2010**. We would love your used books and DVDs (child to Adult, Fiction and Non-Fiction). After you clean out your bookshelves, come restock them at the November 21<sup>st</sup> book sale where all books are \$1 or less (25¢ for children's books, .50¢ for middle readers). Please drop your books and DVDs in the box in the main hall at Duniway or call Jen Holcomb to pick them up for you (503) 477-7311. Thank you for your support!!

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

Fri 11/5      **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher Planning Day  
Mon 11/8      Site Council meeting 3:15  
Tue 11/9      PTA meeting 7 pm  
Thu 11/11     **NO SCHOOL** - Veteran's Day

Mon 11/15    Beginning of "Community Giving Project"  
Wed-Fri 11/17-19    Fall Book Fair in the South Gym

Duniway's calendar is available online:  
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/203.htm>

with the Board's non-discrimination policy. Families are strongly encouraged to review materials closely.