

Duniway Community Update

12/17/2010

From the Principal's Desk

Exploring the World through Words, Numbers, and the Arts

www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the Duniway Staff I would like to extend a warm holiday greeting to all of our Duniway families and community members. We hope that you are able to enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday season with your family and friends. Thank you for all of your support and active participation thus far this year. We look forward to our continued success and partnership as we move forward into 2011. Happy Holidays!

Thank you one and all...

Thank you to everyone that helped with gifts, food and financial support for our Community Giving Project this year. With your help, we collected over 1200 cans of food and helped to make the holidays happier for 13 Duniway families.

Duniway may lose its Library, Music and PE programs if....

If we do not raise \$75,000 to save these programs. We have raised \$33,635 to date, however fewer than 50 families have contributed thus far. The Duniway Foundation raises the money to pay for these programs and we rely on Duniway families to support our Library, Music, & P.E. programs by donating whatever amount of money they are able to contribute. The Library, Music, and P.E. programs make Duniway an exceptional Portland Public School; however without your contribution we will lose these programs. If you would like our children to have Music, Library, and P.E. next year then please contribute to the Duniway Foundation Annual Campaign today. This is the season for giving and there are few things more important than contributing to your child's education. Please drop your donation off at the Duniway office.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Duniway Foundation!

Duniway's Got Talent

Start spreading the news! The Duniway Talent show is just around the corner. The date is set for February 18th, and rehearsals will begin on January 10th. Sign-up sheets were sent home this week, so check your children's backpacks! If you have any questions, or would like to help with this most fabulous event, please contact Sue Mach at susanmach@comcast.net, or 503-502-4413. Thanks!

Parent Trainings: A note from Dr. Hahn

Do you have questions about how teachers score student writing and provide feedback to students using rubrics (scoring guides)? Would you like to see samples of the rubrics that are used? Would you like to learn more about the 6-trait areas that we develop in our student writers? Are you interested in learning more about how to assist your child at home in the area of writing by using a common language and system to what we use at Duniway? If so, please join us for one (or two) of the parent training sessions below. Childcare will be provided for parents attending the sessions.

Topic: Analyzing and Scoring Primary Student Writing Using Rubrics

Presenter: Dr. Sara Hahn, Principal

When: January 27, 2011

Time: 6 - 7 PM

Who: Duniway parents / guardians with students in grades K - 2

Focus: Parents will have an opportunity to review the scoring rubrics used by the staff with students in the primary grades, which are different than those used with the intermediate students. Parents will receive training on how to identify areas in student work and provide feedback to students based on the primary scoring rubric and learn how the teaching staff utilize the rubrics when scoring student work with younger students who are developing their writing skills. A focus will be on the writing trait of Conventions, our area of focus in our School Improvement Plan.

Topic: Analyzing and Scoring Intermediate Student Writing Using Rubrics—Parent Training Event

Presenter: Dr. Sara Hahn, Principal

When: January 27, 2011

Time: 7 - 8 PM

Who: Duniway parents / guardians with students in grades 3 - 5

Focus: Parents will have an opportunity to review the scoring rubrics used by the staff with students in the third through fifth grade. These rubrics align with the State Scoring Rubrics. Parents will receive training on how to identify areas in student work and provide feedback to students based on the scoring rubric and learn how the teaching staff utilize the rubrics when scoring student work. A focus will be on the three writing traits of Conventions, Organization and Ideas / Content which relate to the areas of focus in our School Improvement Plan.

Future Trainings that may be of interest to parents:

Topic: An Overview of our State Assessments (OAKS)

Focus: This training will provide parents with information about the tests, when they are administered and which students take what tests. It will include an overview along with a question and answer session for parents.

Date: TBA

Art Program

Parents/Caregivers signed-up to teach art, please note the following teacher training dates starting in January 2011:

- **2nd grade and 5th grades** = Tuesday, 1/4/11 @ 09:00 after drop-off. Contacts: thestaczeks@msn.com 503-771-2600 and kaul.us@comcast.net 503-774-1400
- **Kindergarten and 3rd grade** = Friday, 1/7/11 @ 09:00 or @ 2:00pm. Contact: diane@avenoso.com 503-329-2228
- **Kindergarten and 3rd grade** = Tuesday, 1/11/11 @ 09:00 or @ 2:00pm. Contact: diane@avenoso.com 503-329-2228
- **1st grade** = Wednesday, 1/12/11 @2:00pm. Contact: monicalynnharding@msn.com 971-285-2781
- **4th grade** = Thursday, 1/13/11 @ 2:00 pm. Contact: monicalynnharding@msn.com 971-285-2781

Art classes start the week of January 17, 2011.

There are still many spaces open to teach art classes and assist. Please check your calendars and sign-up. NO teaching experience or knowledge of art needed!! The following classrooms need some or ALL spaces filled:

* Levine * Mildenberger * Muller * Chow * Cudjoe * Doern * Barkhurst
* Aquilizan * Cheney

The following classrooms have done a **GREAT** job filling their art teaching slots: Johnston, Miles, and Walsh. **Thank you!**

Request for Art Supplies Collecting Dust at Your Home

Art room stock is arriving daily in preparation for our lessons starting in January. Each year we ask for parents' help in bringing in a few items that you may want to get rid of and we can definitely use:

- Classified sections of newspaper - For 1st and 4th grade Picasso lessons
- Feathers, beads, and other small decorations - For 1st and 4th grade masks
- 10-20 Shallow wide bowls or storage containers - For paper mache projects
- 10-20 small handheld objects like legos, blocks, ice cream cones - For 3rd grade Hand Drawn
- Hairdryers in working condition - For speeding drying of paint and fixative projects

Please drop these items by the art room on the table at the front of the room and we will get them put away into inventory. Any questions can be sent to the art inventory purchaser: Kris Marcus marcusk@pacificu.edu <<mailto:marcusk@pacificu.edu>>

Auction 2011

We are still looking for families who may enjoy baking and would be interested in making a dessert for the upcoming auction. The dessert will also need to be displayed on something fantastic of your choosing. The homemade desserts will be auctioned off during the live portion of the event. This should be really, really fun and will generate additional funds for the school! How can you not want to participate in this? For more info, please contact me! Molly -- 503.775.3171 or moreed68@yahoo.com

Re-gift for Duniway! Consider giving Duniway some of your extra holiday gifts: wine, gift cards, and all those baskets that everything comes in. We will be asking for wine donations starting in January for the "Wine Wall" at the auction. These bottles need to be valued at \$25.00 or more. We also need baskets for the silent auction. Keep the auction in mind over the holidays. Contact Corrine Lyons Corrine (lyons5@comcast.net) with all donations. Contribution forms are in the front hall on the auction board.

Chess Club

Students who would like to join or continue in the Chess Club (Tuesdays 3:05 to 4:35) can obtain registration forms from Rose Sloop or can put a note in the chess club box in the office. All ability levels are welcome.

The club will run for 10 weeks, from Jan 11 to Mar 15. Cost is \$120. (10% discount for siblings)

Holiday Camp runs from Dec 28-30 in Bethany 9am-3pm. Call 503-504-5756 or www.chessodyssey.com

Feb 5th is date of Regional Tournament for K-5 Elementary Schools. Duniway can enter up to 10 students. Entry \$18

Make and Take Tuesdays

It's time to register for the next series of Make and Take classes. "Make and Take" is a series of after school creative classes for children of all ages, skill level and ability. In these classes, students can experience a broad sampling of creative techniques such as stitching, drawing, painting and jewelry design. Projects are completed within a single class and ready to take home. Students may sign up for one or take them all. Let their creative bug fly!

Classes: Stuffed Alien Monsters; Painted Ceramic Banks; Beaded Crystal Snowflakes; Snow Globes; Winter Trees and Watercolors; Valentines; Soft Fleece Pillows; Snap Cap Bottle Caps.

Offered every Tuesday after school from 3:05 - 4:15 in the Duniway Art Room.

Please go to link below to see a complete description of classes and download a registration form. Forms may be turned into the school office. Class space is limited and available on a first paid and registered basis. Link will also show which classes have already filled.

<http://www.mediafire.com/?v7xfpkwdpsg4p7s>

Upcoming Calendar of Events

December 20-January 2 Winter Break!

See you on Monday, January 3rd!

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

The organizations providing information are not necessarily endorsed or sponsored by PPS. District policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. PB 1.80.020. Not all outside organizations comply with the Board's non-discrimination policy. Families are strongly encouraged to review materials closely.