

# Duniway Community Update

## 4/22/2011

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### **TONIGHT! Movie Night!**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is 6:45. Come celebrate the beauty and majesty of **Planet Earth**, a BBC production. No food or drink in the auditorium and children must be accompanied by an adult. Polar Bears, leopards, elephants...Oh My!

### **From the Principal's Desk**

My name is Nora Van Vleet and I'm Principal for the Day! I have been at Duniway since kindergarten! I am in fifth grade and even though I haven't had all the teachers, I think they are all great. All of my experiences at Duniway have been great too. There are only 38 days of school left - so be sure to enjoy those 38 days!

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**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

### Painting the playground

Dear Duniway Community - Thanks so much for helping us raise over \$400 for the repainting of our playground. We hope to get started on it this weekend. On **Friday evening, April 22**, there will be a small team of students from PSU beginning the chalking out of a Conflict Wheel, perhaps a world map (we will have to see about time). On **Sat. the 23rd**, we hope to do the painting. We are aware that there will be Earth Day activities going on and that the playground is a neighborhood hub on the weekends, but we hope that you can visit other playgrounds this weekend so we limit the traffic and activity on chalk and wet paint! If you must take your child to the Duniway playground, please don't allow them on the blacktop. We hope to put out caution tape and polycones to encourage people to stay off the blacktop while the paint dries. If anyone would like to thank the volunteer students from PSU by dropping off a plate of food, treats, pizza, beverages, etc, please feel free to drop those off on Friday afternoon in the office or Sat. morning in Ms. Cheney's room. Ms. Cheney will be at school both Friday evening and Saturday, as well. Again, thanks so much!

### Art Show Set-up on Monday 4/25/11

**Without classroom representation (2-3 parents from each classroom); your children's art will not get hung in the Art Show.**

Shifts of 1-2 hours on Monday from 8:45 - 3:00 are needed from multiple parents to hang and organize >1300 pieces of fabulous Duniway art. The Art Program is 100% volunteer parent-run and represents all Duniway students. Please get involved and see what your children have been creating in the Art Room.

### Class Photos

Duniway class photos are now available to view online at [3likemindsphotography.com](http://3likemindsphotography.com) Additional order forms can also be found at the website. Photo orders will be due in the school office by **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Please feel free to direct questions to our email at [threelikemindsphotos@me.com](mailto:threelikemindsphotos@me.com)  
Hope you enjoy the photos?

### Light Rail meeting

Just a quick reminder about the urban design meeting for the Bybee and Tacoma light rail stations on **Tuesday, April 26** at 6 p.m. at Sellwood Middle School. This is the second of two meetings this spring focused on the look and feel of the stations, and community feedback is essential.

The presentation from the first meeting is online at:

[http://trimet.org/pdfs/pm/community\\_meetings/2011/Bybee\\_Tacoma\\_Presentation%2003\\_29\\_2011.pdf](http://trimet.org/pdfs/pm/community_meetings/2011/Bybee_Tacoma_Presentation%2003_29_2011.pdf)

### Art Show - SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Duniway Music Program and Art Show - **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. The Art Show will be open in both gyms from 5:00-8:00 pm and will represent ALL Duniway students and the fabulous fine art they have created as part of the PTA-supported, parent-run Applied Arts Program. Suggested donation of \$1 - \$2 will help support the arts at Duniway. Refreshments will be available for

purchase. Student portrait artists and High School Jazz combo featured during the Art Show. Hope to see you there!

#### Music Program Line-Up:

Wednesday, April 27

K,1 at 6:00 pm

2,4 at 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28

3, Band, Choir at 7:00 pm

#### Duniway Spring Music Concerts

We have some great shows planned for this year's Spring Music Concerts! This year the music performances will be divided into three shows. Kindergarteners and first graders will perform at 6:00 PM, Wednesday 4/27. Second graders and fourth graders will perform at 7:00 PM, Wednesday 4/27. Third graders, Fifth grade band and the choir will perform at 7:00 PM, Thursday 4/28. All students must report to their classrooms 15 minutes before their performances. Teachers should be there 30 minutes before their students' performances.

#### Final Friday Walk + Bike Day

**Friday, April 29.** Enjoy the splendor of spring while strolling or rolling through the neighborhood on your way to school. If you need to drive, please park a block or more away to create a "traffic free" zone around the school.

#### Fund Run: Friday, May 13

On Monday, students will receive pledge packets for the annual Fund Run. Proceeds from this fundraiser support the Duniway cultural arts program including supplies for art classes, students attending musical and theatrical performances, the artist in residence program, Green Team initiatives and library and technology purchases. Prizes will be awarded to students for various achievements, including out-running Dr. Hahn! Check out the prizes and recognition categories in the main hall display case. If you're interested in volunteering on the day of the run (May 13), please contact Britney Gress at [patandbrit@hotmail.com](mailto:patandbrit@hotmail.com).

#### Destination Imagination

Congratulations to the Duniway Brainteasers (Lindsey Hausafus, Ben Richardson, Austin Denning, Andy Krueger, Mary Burke, Henry Slatore, and Zachary Smith) -- one of our school's Destination Imagination teams that recently won first place in the Portland Metro competition, qualifying them for the state tournament. On April 9th the team spent all day in Corvallis for the state finals, having designed a structure from balsa wood, glue and tin foil that managed to support 185 pounds of weight before collapsing.

Despite a fantastic performance and effort in the instant challenge, the team did not place at the state tournament; however, they were recognized by the judges with the program's highest honor. The team was presented with the Da Vinci Award, presented only to teams who most clearly demonstrate the spirit of one of humanity's greatest creative thinkers, Leonardo Da Vinci. The award is presented to teams demonstrating a unique approach to a solution, for risk taking, and/or for outstanding creativity. Come check out their big blue ribbon hanging in the office! Way to go Brainteasers!!

### **By popular demand, the first Make and Take Class for MOMs!**

Join us for a relaxing evening of crafting, chatting, and sharing with other moms the joy of creating something lovely to take home. This first two-hour session will take place in the familiar setting of the Duniway Library and have you home in plenty of time to put the kids to bed. It could be the escape you need, and the start of something wonderful!

#### **First Session**

Glass Tile Jewelry                      Duniway Library  
Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>                      \$20.00 per person  
6:30-8:30 p.m.                      All supplies included

Classes are led by Monica Marie - an experienced crafter and professional artist who teaches classes throughout the community. Her children have attended Duniway during the last 13 years.

Click on link below to see a complete description of the class and to obtain a registration form. Forms may be turned into the school office. Class space is limited and available on a first paid and registered basis.

<http://www.mediafire.com/?zk9wwp4k849dzrr>

Questions: kaul.us@comcast.net 503.774.1400

### **Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Sellwood Middle School**

The Sellwood Middle School PTA would like to welcome you to Middle School!

We would also like to let you know of our current PTA officer and committee chair openings. If you would like to get involved in the Sellwood M.S. community, this is an excellent way to do it!

PTA Board vacancies: PTA President, Treasurer, and Membership officer

PTA Committee Chair vacancies: Back to School BBQ, Book Fair, Dances, Field Day, Hospitality, Meals on Wheels, Spring Garden Tour, Spring Garden Tour Market Place, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion (if you will also have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Sellwood this fall).

Please contact Anne Griffin at [ur4all@msn.com](mailto:ur4all@msn.com) or 503-775-5325 if you are interested.

THANKS! The Sellwood Middle School PTA Board

### **Join the Sellwood Foundation!**

The Sellwood Foundation is seeking members for next year! We are a group of strong, proud, passionate and *fun* parents of Sellwood students dedicated to ensuring the quality of our children's education experience remains high. The time commitment is very reasonable, and the potential payoff for your child is enormous. Interested?

Please contact Lanell Nolf at [lanellnolf@gmail.com](mailto:lanellnolf@gmail.com) or Carol Samuels at [csamuels@snwsc.com](mailto:csamuels@snwsc.com).

## **Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Sat. 4/23      Repaint the playground 9:30-1 (weather permitting)

Mon. 4/25      Set up Art Show 8:45-3

Tue. 4/26      Class photo orders are due

Wed. 4/27 Light Rail meeting 6 pm at Sellwood  
 Art Show 5-8 pm  
 Music Concerts: K+1gr - 6:00 pm    2+4 gr - 7:00 pm  
 Thur. 4/28 'Take Your Child to Work Day' (please call Childwatch if your child is doing this!)  
 Art Show 5-8 pm  
 Music Concert: 3 gr, Band + Choir 7-8 pm  
 Fri. 4/29 Final Walk+Bike day  
 Take down Art Show 8:45-12  
  
 Mon. 5/2 Foundation meeting 7 pm  
 Tue. 5/3 Cornet's class field trip to Oxbow Park 9-2:30  
 Wed. 5/4 All 1<sup>st</sup> graders field trip to the Rock Museum 9-1  
 Aquilizan & Holmes' field trip to Oxbow Park 9-2:30  
 Thur. 5/5 All 4<sup>th</sup> graders field trip to Wood Magic 9:30-3  
 Sat. 5/7 Oregon Writing Festival

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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