

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

We have reached a spirited milestone in Duniway history that will be remembered for years to come—a new dragon and school colors! Thank you to everyone who took the time to cast a vote during our back-to-school night event. The site council parent members tallied up the votes and we have a winner! I am excited to share that the first place winner receiving 170 votes (of the 446 submitted) is the Duniway dragon #1. You may have actually noticed that this particular dragon makes the shape of a 'D' (for Duniway). The second place dragon, just in case you were wondering, was dragon #5 with 106 votes. We hope to get the graphic up soon on our webpage and on flyers for everyone to enjoy. Next, our school colors! With 194 votes it has been decided that our school colors are. . . purple and silver! (the second place with 106 votes was red/black). I will be sharing these results with students during lunch time this Friday so by the time you receive this weekly Duniway Community Update your children have already heard the results. I would like to extend a special thank you to the members of the site council, Daniel our librarian (for the dragon graphics), and everyone in our Duniway school community who took the time to participate in this fun and exciting event.

Go purple and silver!

Dr. Hahn
Duniway Principal

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

4th grade teachers excited about new math program

The 4th grade team (Mrs. Cudjoe, Ms. Johnston, and Mr. Miles) are pleased to be teaching the brand new PPS elementary math adoption, 'Bridges in Mathematics'. Earlier this year each teacher attended a two-day training session, so that they would be ready to start 'Bridges' on the first day of school.

Mr. Miles feels that Bridges in Mathematics is a good fit for all of his students, "because 'Bridges' allows the time for students to develop grade-specific math concepts in depth. I'm also glad to see daily cooperative learning built into Bridges in Mathematics", Miles added.

Mrs. Cudjoe is impressed by the visual nature of Bridges in Mathematics. "The very name, 'Bridges in Mathematics', means that students create a visual bridge between the abstract and the concrete", Cudjoe explained.

Ms. Johnston says, "I like the open-ended nature of the math conversations that Bridges in Mathematics encourages - especially during Number Corner".

"It's cutting edge", says Miles. "It's good to see a program line up so well with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics guidelines", Miles, a NCTM member, concluded.

For more information on the Bridges in Mathematics adoptions, visit the PPS web site at <http://www.pps.k12.ur.us/departments/curriculum/4725.htm>

State of the School Review

Dr. Hahn will be doing a presentation at the October PTA meeting sharing information about our school achievement / performance results from last year, goals for this year based on this data and where our achievement gaps exist and progress closing the gaps. Please join us at the October PTA meeting at 7PM on **October 11th** in the library.

School Photos

School photos will be ready for viewing on **Friday, September 30th** online and in the cafeteria. Please refer to the instructions attached to your order form. Additional order forms can be downloaded at 3likemindsphotography.com.

All orders are due in the office by **Friday, October 7th**. A reminder that orders placed after the due date will be subject to a \$6 shipping fee. So, order plenty for the holidays now! Retakes are on **Oct. 18th** and parents need to send an email request for children to be added to the photo retake list.

Please email questions to threelikemindsphotos@me.com

Clay classes begin next week

The Duniway Parent-Run Art Program clay classes begin next week with our clay Artist in Residence (and Duniway parent), Kari Rittenour. It's going to be a very exciting month of clay!

Volunteers are needed for each class to help prep clay and assist Kari in the art room. Clay lessons and the clay schedule are available on the Duniway website under the Duniway Art Program lesson plans.
Assistants needed for next week:

Monday, October 3rd
9:00-10:00 - Aquilizan
10:30- 11:30 - Chow

Thursday, October 6th
9:00-10:00 - Delgado
10:30-11:30 - O'Shea

Tuesday, October 4th
9:00-10:00 - Emery
10:30-11:30- Holmes

Friday, October 7th
9:00-10:00 - Cornet
10:30-11:30 - Johnston

Please email Monica Harding at monicalynnharding@msn.com if you are available to assist Kari on any of the days listed above.

Chinook Books Fundraiser

We're launching our *Chinook Book* fundraiser to raise money for the Duniway PTA. *Chinook Book* is a one-of-a-kind resource - a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration. It's your EcoMetro guide with green savings, maps and resources. The new edition of *Chinook Book* has over 400 coupons and resources for exploring our community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. Find hundreds of dollars in everyday savings with offers for Amtrak Cascades, New Seasons, Whole Foods, 2 for 1 theater tickets, Mt. Hood Meadows, Trimet and many, many more!
New this year, CHINOOK BOOK IS LIVE WITH iPhone®, iPod touch™ or iPad® AND ANDROID coming in November!

With Chinook Book on your iPhone®, iPod touch™ or iPad® and Android, your coupons are always with you. You'll actually get TRIPLE the coupons, as one mobile pack can be shared with up to three devices.

Choices:

- * Buy your printed Chinook Book for \$20.
- * Buy the mobile pack for \$10 (good for up to 3 devices).
- * Buy both the printed and mobile for \$25.

Chinook Book coupon packs are currently available for:
Portland, Seattle, East Bay (CA), Twin Cities (MN), Denver/Boulder

For a complete list please visit: www.chinookbook.net

Order forms will be coming home this week. Please return to office mailbox marked "Chinook Book" and remember to include your student's Teacher/classroom as book orders will be sent home with your child. Checks payable to Duniway PTA.

ALL ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, October 21ST.

Contact Rossana at trizana@live.com for questions

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Fundraiser

The Foundation kicked off the Fall Fundraiser today! Please look for your child's packet of Innisbrook information, complete with all ordering instructions, catalogs and contact information. Check out the samples in the showcase across from the office! Please contact Ann Leitheiser for any reason, concerning this fundraiser, at aleit31@yahoo.com or 503-333-7531.

Thank you for supporting this event. Your participation is the key to making this a successful fundraiser. Please note: the paperwork that came out with the packets, has

the wrong date of October 14th as a deadline, but the true **Deadline for gathering orders is October 21st**.

Cold and Flu season is upon us!

Review the chart at the end of this newsletter to remind yourself when to keep your student home from school. PLEASE keep your student home when he/she is sick so that we don't share with the other students, staff and families.

PTA Meeting

The first Duniway PTA General Meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11**, at 7 p.m. in the library. Come join us in planning community building events and supporting Duniway's unique enrichment programs. You do not need to be a PTA member to attend the meeting and have your ideas/voice heard -- but all are encourage to join. FREE CHILDCARE will be provided in the school cafeteria for the meeting. See you soon!!

It's not too late to be a Room Parent!

There are still some classrooms that need Room Parents: Aquilizan, Cornet, Chow, Cudjoe, Miles and Johnston. Get to know the teacher and other families in your child's class. Room Parents will be the communication liaison for the classroom and **most can be done by email!** If you are interested in volunteering and/or have questions please contact Alisa Knight at alisaknight@gmail.com.

Lost & Found

Fall is in the air and the lost and found racks are beginning to fill up! Please be sure to put your child's LAST name in all outerwear that comes to school. The rack is located in the hallway between the music room and the cafeteria. There are bins below the rack that contain lost water bottles, lunch boxes, shoes, mittens, hats and scarves, library books etc. We try to take a peek weekly at the lost items to return them to their owners, but if you could help us out by taking a peek every once in a while that would be great. All unclaimed items at the end of the quarter will be sent to the PTA Clothing Closet at Marshall High School.

PTA Clothing Closet

We still need a few more volunteers to help out at the clothing closet on **October 10th**. The time commitment is 2-4 hours and you would either be sorting donating clothes or helping low income children pick out clothing for the school year. If you are in the process of cleaning out those closets and drawers, the Clothing Closet is always accepting donations of used clothing in good condition without rips, tears or stains, in sizes from toddler to teen. You can bring your clean donations to the school office in a box labeled PTA Clothing Closet - Marshall High School and the district mail courier will deliver it for you. Please contact Kathy Hart at hartomatic@aol.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

PTA Membership

It is not too late to join the PTA. Membership envelopes are located in the parent information area across from the office. Please consider making an additional contribution of a few dollars to the Duniway PTA this year through your membership envelope. Such contributions will enable us to reduce the number of fundraisers we sponsor. We are asking each member to contribute \$20.00 - this will cover your

\$9.50 PTA membership dues(state and local) and provides Duniway with a few extra dollars to go toward funding student programs.

The RACE: "It was AMAZING!"

Did you happen to see a bunch of crazy Duniway parents running throughout Downtown Portland, up to the Washington Park Rose Garden, circling Ladd's Addition or shoving VODOO doughnuts in their faces while blindfolded and simultaneously crashing a wedding? They were partaking in the first annual Duniway Amazing Race which took place Saturday, September 10th. This event was available for all to purchase at last year's Auction. It was hosted by the AMAZING following people: Sister & Peter Bragdon, Alecia & Andrew Reilly, Lauri & Karl Hausafus, Colleen & John Gilroy and Paige & Greg Flick. Thank you for coordinating this spectacular event. Everyone is a winner, but the team with the best time was: Sue & Scott Walsh and Kristin & Bob Krueger. The Walsh/Krueger team has a year of bragging rights, a night out at Kell's and will take turns displaying a large commemorative trophy on their mantels. All of the teams who participated cannot wait to play again. Be sure to race to the Auction party sign-up sheets because this event is going to go **FAST** at this year's Auction (March 2nd)!

Geography Bee class

Announcing a class to prepare for the National Geographic Geography Bee! Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 in the Duniway Cafeteria starting October 6th. Weekly through January for grades 4 and 5. No fee for this, but please RSVP to Chris Thomas at candethomas@comcast.com if your child plans to attend.

Youth Fitness & Tumbling

Gail Bruner is once again offering tumbling classes after school at Duniway. Students Develop strength, agility, coordination and balance with tumbling and circuit stations. It's a great noncompetitive way to build self-esteem, learn handstands, cartwheels and front handsprings. The Fall session is 8 weeks of classes, no class Nov. 22nd. Order forms are available in the hall outside of the office.

Tuesdays 3:05pm - 4:00pm Oct. 18th - Dec. 13th. \$85 (ages 7 - 12)
Questions, contact Gail: info@tumblevillestudios.com or 503-841-1460
Tumbling video at www.yogavillestudios.com

Wednesday Newspaper Class

Thursday's newspaper class is full. A second after-school class has been added to the fall schedule. This class is the same as the Thursday class but allows more 3rd-5th-grade students to have a smaller class sizes. Class will meet in the library from 3:05-4:05 on Oct. 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 16, 30. (no classes on Nov. 9 and Nov. 23). The class is for students who enjoy investigating, interviewing and writing plus adding special features like comics. If you would like to register your child for this class, please fill out a registration form available in the hall outside of the office and return it plus the \$72 fee to the Dragonian mailbox in the office. Please indicate Wednesday on your form. If you have questions, call Joni Radcliffe, 503 777-6593.

Sellwood 5K

The Sellwood 5k is a family friendly run/walk that benefits the Foundation at Sellwood Middle School. The event takes place on **Sunday October 23rd**.

Registration forms are in the parent information area across from the office. For more information please contact Lanell Nolf at lanellnolf@gmail.com

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

- Wed. 10/5 International Walk/Bike to School Day
- Tue. 10/11 PTA Meeting 7 pm
- Thur. 10/13 TAG Parent Meeting 6:30
- Fri. 10/14 **NO SCHOOL** - Statewide In-Service Day

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

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME FROM SCHOOL

Student's Symptoms/Diagnosed Illness	Student May Return to School When
Fever greater than 100.5 degrees (orally).	Temperature below 100 degrees (orally) for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or other fever-reducing medicine.
Rash or rash with fever – new or sudden onset.	Rash disappears. Written or phone consent from doctor to school nurse.
Yellow or brown drainage from eyes, ears, or any other part of the body.	Discharge must be gone or student must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and have a written or phone consent from doctor to school nurse.
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 24 hours
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day.	Symptom-free for 24 hours
Cough: Deep, barking, congested, or productive of colored mucous.	Symptom-free or student must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and have a written or phone consent from doctor to school nurse. Antibiotics are not effective for viral illnesses. When antibiotics are prescribed for bacterial infections, take all medications as prescribed until gone.
White, clay-colored, or bloody stool	Written/phone consent from doctor to school nurse
Yellow color of skin and/or eyes	Written/phone consent from doctor to school nurse
Brown or bloody urine	Written/phone consent from doctor to school nurse
Stiff neck or headache with fever	Symptom-free or written/phone consent

	from doctor to school nurse
Unusually sleepy, lethargic, or grumpy	Symptom-free or written/phone consent from doctor to school nurse
Strep throat diagnosed by health care provider	Must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and have written/phone consent from doctor to school nurse. If no antibiotics given, call school nurse before sending child to school.
After an illness of two or more weeks, surgery, or other change in health status.	Written instructions from doctor and/or parent regarding medication or special health needs must be provided to the school nurse. Call school nurse before sending student to school.

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