

# Duniway Community Update

## 9/10/2010

From the Principal's Desk

Exploring the World through Words, Numbers, and the Arts

### **New Kindergarten Teacher!**

I am pleased to introduce Margie Doern as our new kindergarten teacher. Ms. Doern comes to Duniway with experience working with diverse populations of students. Ms. Doern completed her year long student teaching experience along with long and short term substitute teacher assignments at Alameda Elementary, where she actively engaged families in her classroom along with providing rigorous and challenging learning opportunities for her students. In addition, Ms. Doern has experience working as an educational assistant in a special education classroom, and substituting in schools with ethnically diverse populations. Dr. Hahn invited three parents, along with the current kindergarten teachers, to help interview candidates for the kindergarten teacher position. As a team we interviewed six strong candidates for the position. Ms. Doern was officially hired on Wednesday, Sept. 1 just before the kindergarten-meet and-greet event that evening. It was exciting for her to have the opportunity to participate in this event and formally meet parents prior to the first day of school. A special thanks to PPS for expediting the hiring so that students could begin the year with their selected teacher. Welcome Ms. Doern!

### **Field Day Volunteers Needed!**

It's that time again. Field Day is approaching quickly and volunteers are needed. A new date has been set for Friday September 17th. K-2; 10 - 11 o'clock, 3-5; 1:30 - 2:30 o'clock. Please use the sign-up sheets on the counter in the office so I know how many people I have. Also, please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. Thank you very much. Mr. Donahoe

### **School Pictures Sept 13-17**

Smile! School pictures will be taken from September 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> in an outdoor setting on a date and time chosen by the classroom teacher (weather dependent). Order envelopes were sent home in the Opening Day Packet. The schedule is as follows:

Date	9:00-10:15	10:30-11:45	12:00-1:15	1:30-2:15
9/13	Holmes	Emery	Cheney	Johnston
9/14	Bertelsen	Calvillo	Cornet	Muller
9/15	Miles	O'Shea	Barkhurst	Chow
9/16	Doern	Mildenberger		Cudjoe
9/17	Walsh	Levine		Aquilizan

Times are approximate and will be worked around scheduled lunches etc. Half day kindergarten students will be photographed as their schedule permits.

When all classes have been photographed, there will be two ways to view your child's photo:

1. Class photo composites will be posted outside classrooms or on the bulletin board by the office.
2. Online at our secure website. Directions for accessing have been stapled to your order form. The online option will give you a choice of two photos.

If you prefer to order photos before viewing, order envelopes can be returned to the school at anytime before the due date. All orders must be returned to school by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

3 Like Minds Photography is 'going green'. WE have printed one order envelope per Duniway student and plan to return your ordered photos in the same envelope. This is our way of cutting down on waste.

If you have questions, please email them to [threelikemindsphotos@me.com](mailto:threelikemindsphotos@me.com)

### **Recess Volunteers Needed**

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer for playground supervision please contact Dr. Hahn in the school office. Several parents have expressed an interest in supporting student safety by supervising in the cafeteria or on the playground during recess. Prior to volunteering for this important task parents will need to attend a training to review school rules for students, safety, handling of situations and other areas. A special thanks to Julie McEvoy Baines, Marci Davis, Regina Dehen, and Miriam Pereyra who are volunteering during recess this week. Also, a huge thanks to Christine Morita-McVey who helped to get the word out to parents that we had a need and organized a sign up. The second parent training will be offered on Monday, September 13th at 11:05 in the library. Please contact Dr. Hahn and let her know you are interested in attending so we can have enough materials for everyone. Either call the office or send an email to [shahn@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:shahn@pps.k12.or.us)

### **Forms - Forms - Forms!**

Please fill out all of the necessary forms that were in your Opening Day Packet and return them to your student's teacher as soon as possible. It is especially important to have that registration form corrected and returned so that we have the most up to date information in our system. If you have extra forms, Parent Handbooks or lunch menus, please bring them to the office and we will reuse them!

### **We need your email address!**

Duniway is committed to communicating with our families through email, not only to save on copy charges, but also to have up to date information readily available. In order to do this of course, we need to have your current email address. There is a spot on the registration form to include email addresses for one or both parents or guardians. We will send home the weekly **Duniway Update** each Wednesday and other important notices as needed.

**IMPORTANT!!!!** We are sending hard copies this week and next to assure you are getting the information. If you **DID NOT** receive this Update via email, I do not have your correct address in the system. Please call and let me know so that I can add you to the list.

### **Picnic Open House- Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

We're doing something a little different this year! Our Open House will consist of three steps:  
5:30-6:00 - Bring your own picnic to eat on the field behind the school  
6:00-6:30 - the PTA is hosting a Staccato Gelato treat  
6:30-7:30 - the building will be open so that you can visit classrooms. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for conferences. Sign ups will be in the cafeteria.  
Just a friendly reminder, please do not bring your pets to the picnic!

### **Changes for this year-at a glance**

There have been a few changes to our school schedule this year. Here are a few of the highlighted changes:

\*This year students will have 40 minute sessions of music, P.E. and library (30 min. last year).

\*Rainy day recess will occur in homeroom classrooms and include a combined supervision by classroom teachers and parent volunteers. Thanks to the PTA who are working to put together rainy day buckets of activities for classrooms! More information regarding rainy day recess will be shared soon.

\*Students will have an enrichment class each day (Music, P.E or library) with first through fifth grade students receiving two P.E, two Music, and one library classes each week. Kindergarten students have two P.E, one music, and two library/ tech classes each week.

\* Student recess has been extended by 5 minutes, so they have 20 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for recess.

\*Teachers are scheduled in meetings every Monday afternoon from 3:00 - 5:20 and will not be available to meet with families on Monday afternoons. Thank you for your flexibility.

\*Once a month PPS staff have a late opening Wednesday. This year the Duniway schedules have been revised so that students who have enrichment classes on Wednesdays will continue to have enrichment even on the late opening Wednesdays.

\*Increased adult supervision during recess to include staff and trained parent volunteers.

\*The weekly Duniway Community Update will be emailed each Friday. Check your email and if you are not getting it, please let us know.

### **Thank You**

Thank you Jenny Stein, Krystin Rose, Christina Austin-Smith, Cath Clark and Christine Morita-McVey for volunteering your time to help put together this year's Opening Day Packets. It's a huge job and your time and energy are much appreciated!

### **Another Thank You!**

Thanks to all of you who came to the Community Care Day on August 27th and worked so incredibly hard to make our school grounds beautiful and ready for this coming school year!

We had a record turn-out with over 45 adults plus numerous children from our school community and Eastmoreland neighbors. A special thank you to Dr. Sara Hahn for the beautiful planter at the main entrance and to Patrick Donahoe and Jan Barkhurst for participating! Also thanks to Will Gwyn for pruning the Camellias ahead of time, they look great!

It was wonderful to see so many families working together and getting to know each other. We have much to be proud of!

Sincerely, Katharina Steinmeyer - Project Community Care Coordinator

### **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 training. It's a great noncompetitive way to build self-esteem, learn handstands, cartwheels and front handsprings. The sessions are 6 weeks of classes.

Tuesdays 3:05pm-4pm Sept. 21st - Oct. 26th \$65 (ages 6-12)

Tuesdays 3:05pm-4pm Nov. 2nd - Dec. 14th \$65 (ages 6-12)

Questions, contact Gail: [info@tumblevillestudios.com](mailto:info@tumblevillestudios.com) or 503-841-1460

Tumbling video at [www.TumbleVillestudios.com](http://www.TumbleVillestudios.com)

### **Cub Scout Pack 64 Information/Join Nights**

The Cub Scouts are kicking off meetings and activities again with the start of the new school year. If you are interested to learn about Cub Scouting activities and membership you are invited to attend one of two information/join-night meetings with Pack 64:

\* Tues Sept 14 at 7:00pm at Moreland Presbyterian Church at SE 19th and Bybee. The downstairs meeting hall is entered from the parking lot on 19th.

\* Tues Sept 28 at 7:00pm at Holy Family Church at SE 39th and Flavel in Celebration Hall.

If you have questions, contact Tom Armstrong at [<tdarmstrong@yahoo.com>](mailto:tdarmstrong@yahoo.com) or just come to one of the meetings with or without your prospective scout.

### **Upcoming Calendar of Events**

Thur 9/8 Kindergarteners start school

M-F 9/13-17 School pictures will be taken all week per teacher schedule

Tues 9/14 Picnic Open House: 5:30-6:00 picnic 6:00-6:30  
Staccato Gelato

6:30-7:30 school will be open to visit classrooms

Fri 9/17 Field Day K-2 from 10-11 and 3-5 from 1:30-2:30

Wed 9/22 Late Opening - school starts at 10:45