

Duniway Community Update
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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Families,

Welcome back to an exciting school year! We have had a GREAT (and warm) week at Duniway. This week the students have had a chance to meet our new librarian, Daniel Menche. Daniel comes to us with a degree / professional background as a graphic artist for 17 years as well as, most recently, serving as the library assistant at Roosevelt High School for the past few years. He is thrilled to be at Duniway and has transformed the library into a space decorated to excite students to love literature and has been actively talking to students about books. If you have a chance when you are at school please drop by and see the library and take the opportunity to meet Daniel.

We have a lot to look forward to this year and I would like to encourage you to mark your calendars for Thursday, September 22nd from 5:30 - 7:30PM for Open House / Back-to-school night. Our Open House is an engaging and informative night for families that will begin with a picnic in the park at 5:30, new family orientation and Duniway community connections booths so families can learn more about how to get involved with our various parent organizations as well as get questions answered. The last hour of the evening will allow parents time to visit classrooms and learn more about the depths of our curriculum focus, instructional design, Standards we will meet this year as well as more transparency into our P.E. and Music programs. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about our new math adoption from the classroom perspective and on Thursday, September 29th all parents are invited back to a parent training event to see our math in action and ask questions related to the new program. A big thank you to the PTA who will be sponsoring a special ice cream treat for our Open House event. We hope you can join us!

You may have also noticed (or heard from your kids) that the cafeteria has changed colors ☺ Although I was crossing my fingers for the Green and Yellow (just kidding) I have to admit that our Orange really warmed up the place and it really brightened up the area for everyone to enjoy. We did have to get a little green in there, of course, so the doors and art displays are in green. If you haven't had a chance please come to check it out. Our parent volunteers and staff helped me paint the cafeteria and a big thanks to them, and the other parent volunteers who worked with our Community Care Day organizer, Katharina Steinmeyer, to beautify our school grounds with laying bark dust, pulling weeds, trimming bushes, planting flowers and going the extra mile to get the outside of our school ready for the first day. Through these projects several ideas came to mind with additional things we could do to update our school. Please see the invitation below, to all parents, who may want to participate on a School Modernization / Beautification Community Team focused on projects inside and outside of the school to enhance our beautiful school. Read below to find out more.

Welcome Back,
Dr. Hahn
Principal

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Send in those forms!!

We realize the first few weeks of school are crazy busy, but we really need to get the forms that came in the opening day packet, turned into the office as soon as possible. They include the Registration, "Disaster" Emergency Procedure, Walking Fieldtrip, and Fluoride forms. Also, if you are interested in volunteering, there are forms that need to be filled out for that as well (they are good for 3 years, so if you did it recently, you should be fine. Call the office if you are not sure).

If you want to fill out a Publicity Denial form, please remember that that includes the school yearbook, auction slideshow among other opportunities. Those forms are available in the office as well.

RECYCLE: If you got more than one copy of the lunch menu or Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook or other forms and don't want them, please recycle them in the office. We can use them!!

Thank you!

Thanks so much to the parents who came in and helped stuff all of those opening day packets!

Parent Handbook

You may have noticed that this year's Parent Handbook was not included in the opening day packet. We had a printing problem and they will be here by the end of the month. Sorry for the delay.

Is your child going to be tardy or absent?

Please don't forget to call the Childwatch number (it's a message machine, so you can call any time before 9:15 am the morning of the tardy or absence) at 503-916-3625. Any time a student is in the system as 'unexcused', the District auto-dialer will call your home. We need to have a reason for the absence (appointment, illness etc). If you are going on vacation, please be sure to let the office know as well as the classroom teacher.

Pay for lunches online

Families are encouraged to enroll in the online prepayment service www.myLunchMoney.com for convenient online payments and account tracking. There is a \$1.95 transaction fee for this service. You will need your student's ID number and can call the office to get that. If you have questions, please contact Nutrition Services at 503-916-3399.

Field Day - we need volunteers!

There are sign up sheets in the office if you are interested in volunteering to help for this fun event. Mr. Donahoe asks that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

Safety Patrol

Please note that the safety patrol students come in with the first bell at 8:45 AM. As a reminder, please encourage your children to walk their bikes when using the crosswalk and to walk behind the safety patrol students, not in front of them. Thanks for your support!

Chess Club starts Tuesday, September 20th!

Time to register participants for Fall Term. This will be an 11-week session and run until December 6th. Club starts at 3:05 pm and runs until 4:35 pm. Beginners meet in the Library with Coach David Harding. Intermediate and advanced players meet in room 21 with Coach Tony Midson. 1st session will meet in the library and coaches will determine appropriate placements. Limit is 20 advanced, 15 beginners. Cost is \$120 per students. (Siblings get a 10% reduction). Fees cover instruction, room rentals, equipment, training materials, snacks and prizes. Flyers with registration forms are available in the school office and will be offered by teachers to interested students in 1st thru 5th grades. You may leave completed forms and checks made to Chess Odyssey in the office or players may bring it to the first session. Chess develops many intellectual and personal skills and in some cases helps with other subjects and abilities. Most of all it is a lifelong skill and a source of endless entertainment and challenges.

School pictures

Smile! School pictures will be taken from September 12th-23rd in an outdoor setting on a date and time chosen by the classroom teacher (weather dependent). When all classes have photographed, you can view your child's photos online at our secure website. Directions for accessing will be stapled to your order form, (which will be coming home at a later date). Class photo composites will also be posted in the school cafeteria as another way to view photographs.

The schedule is as follows:

Date	9:00-10:15	10:30-11:45	12:30-1:45
9/12	Barkhurst	O'Shea	Miles
9/13	Walsh	Levine	Chow
9/14	Doern	Bertelsen	Cornet
9/15	Cheney	Mildenberger	Emery
9/19	Aquilizan	Cudjoe	Calvillo
9/20	Delgado	Johnston	Holmes

Picnic Open House- Thursday, September 22nd

Our Open House will consist of three steps:

5:00-5:30 - New family orientation

5:30-6:00 - Bring your own picnic to eat on the field behind the school

6:00-6:30 - the PTA is hosting an ice cream 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!

Goodbye Duniway

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff for welcoming me so warmly to Duniway back in November. I will remember all of you fondly as I head to my new position at Ainsworth Elementary. Duniway is a very special school and community which everyone should be proud of. I will likely see some of you around the neighborhood and at the public library. I appreciate your support and I know that you will welcome your new Library Assistant with the same warmth and kindness. Have a wonderful school year. Go Dragons! From Jan Zumwalt - past Duniway Librarian

Lost keys

We have a couple sets of keys that were found this first week of school. One has car keys and a clicker attached. Please don't forget to come into the office when you lose something!! Kids are wonderful about turning things in and we get all kinds of jewelry, keys and small items!!! Check in the office!!!

2011 Duniway Holiday Home Tour Update

This year's Holiday Home Tour is December 2. The tour is a major fundraiser for Duniway, and helps support the enrichment programs that make our school the special place it is. The Home Tour Committee is still looking for one to two additional homes to feature on the tour. Please let us know if you are interested in having your home on the tour, or know of anyone in the neighborhood who may be interested in participating.

We also are looking for someone with graphic design skills to assist the committee with tour advertising and program materials. This is a crucial position that we need to fill as quickly as possible.

Please contact Michele Delaney (503.774.4176 or mdelaney@insigniahealth.com) if you'd like to volunteer or have suggestions for homes to include on the tour. Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

9/12- 9/20 School pictures
9/16 Field Day K-1 10:30-11:30
3-5 1:30-2:30

9/21 Late Opening - school starts 2 hours late
9/22 Open House 5:30-6 Picnic
6-6:30 Ice Cream
6:30-7:30 Classrooms are open
9/23 Walk/Bike to school today
9/24 Reed College Centennial Run

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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Calling all interested parents

Are you interested in being a part of an exciting team focused on ideas, setting priorities and ways to modernize and beautify our school? If so, we invite you to join the School Modernization / Beautification Community Team. Please complete the bottom half of this form and return to the office or to your child's teacher. Dr. Hahn is looking to invite parents and Duniway neighbors to form a team that will brainstorm ideas, discuss needs and prioritize work centered around a variety of areas that may enhance or modernize our school. These areas include but are not limited to the development of our North side blacktop (where the trees were cut down), playground equipment updating, covered play area possibilities, painting interior of school, other ideas?? We would love to have as many people involved who have a passion in this area. Thanks for completing the bottom part of this form and turning it back in before Friday, September 23rd if you are interested. An email will then go out to all interested parents for the first planning meeting.

Duniway School Modernization / Beautification Community Team

**Please complete the following and return to the school office
or your child's teacher before Friday, September 23rd.**

Name _____ Email _____ (or phone) _____

(Optional)

Please list the names of other adults at your home who may also want to be on the list

Name _____ Email _____

Areas you may be interested in participating: (check all that apply)

_____ gardening work _____ building / construction _____ painting
_____ advertising / communications _____ leadership role _____ artist _____ mason
_____ architectural design _____ interior design _____ other skills (please list)
_____ tree planting _____ landscape design