

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

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NO SCHOOL - This Friday, December 3rd is a Teacher Planning Day.

LATE OPENING

Wednesday, December 8th is late opening. The first bell will ring at **10:45**. Buses will run **2 hours late**. No breakfast will be served. Half-day kindergartners will come at 10:45 and stay until 3:00. Please send a lunch or sign up for hot lunch. If you need childcare, please speak to DAS at 503-774-9963.

Duniway Holiday Home Tour opens its doors to you THIS FRIDAY!

This last Monday Night was the Duniway Holiday Home Tour Appreciation Party at the local Corkscrew Wine Bar. It was a giant group hug to all sponsors, head angels, home tour committee members and **ESPECIALLY** our spectacular 2010 Homeowners. Thank you again, one and all. After months of preparation, we are giddy with anticipation about this year's tour and can't wait to share it with everyone at Duniway... the entire neighborhood... and the city of Portland! Be sure to show your support of this 32-year tradition this **Friday, December 3rd** by joining us in the tour of these **SEVEN** beautiful homes. Come see how Ste Maine made the Metcalf Home "Sparkle!" Or how Real Deal put the pizzazz on the Smidt Home. *You don't want to miss it!* Tickets are available now on the Duniway Website (www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway) or with Lynn in the school office. Also available at e.moreland market & kitchen, Jill's Hallmark, New Seasons (Sellwood location), Jealous Gardener (new west side location) and all Chrisman Frame & Gallery locations. Even for those last minute deciders, tickets will always be available throughout the day on Friday at the Holiday Boutique (south gym).

Duniway Foundation needs your donations!

The Duniway Foundation is asking you to make a financial donation in order to maintain our Music, Library, and PE programs. Please contribute whatever amount you are able...every dollar makes a difference! We have raised \$23,765 to date, however we need to raise \$75,000 or we will most likely lose one or more of our highly valued programs. Please donate to the Foundation today and help maintain our high quality of education! Thank you for your support.

Duniway "Community Giving Project"

The Duniway school community is once again coming together to support our own families that are in need during this holiday season. Please consider signing up to take a 'snowman' (a gift idea) from the bulletin board in the main hall. We are also collecting canned food. Boxes are outside each classroom door. We will deliver a food basket and gifts to families just before we go to break.

- If you wish to help out with a gift, please 'register' your snowman in the office. You can help in one or more ways! Wrap the gift, tape the snowman label to it and deliver it to the office by Monday, December 13th

- Hate to shop? Donate SCRIP, cash, or checks made out to Duniway School, and volunteers will do the shopping.

- And if you love to shop - volunteer do help out with that!!!

There are loads of ways you can make a huge difference in many lives. If you have questions, or need more gift ideas, please contact Dena Marquez-Stock at 503-319-5133 or denasm@stmaryspdx.org.

Classroom auction project volunteers needed

The following classes do not have a designated classroom art project volunteer to help the kids create their projects for the Duniway auction: Aquilizan, Barkhurst, Calvillo, Cornet, Cudjoe, Holmes, Johnston, Levine, Mildenberger, Miles, and O'Shea. If your child has one of these teachers, and you will have some time in January, *please* come to a meeting for classroom volunteers at 9am on **Monday Dec 6** in the art room. The classroom art coordinators (Ann and Romi) will work with you to develop an idea for your class project if you don't have one. Some parents who have worked on classroom projects in the past will be there to answer questions about procuring materials, working with the kids, and anything else you may want to know.

The classroom projects are an important part of the auction. They're also fun to work on. Contact Ann (aleit31@yahoo.com) or Romi (romi@romitt.com) with any questions, or if you are interested in participating but can't make the Monday meeting.

Dining for Duniway is Back Just in Time for the Holidays

Let Portland's only Italian chef whip up a delightful meal for you and your family this holiday season. Duniway Parents Stefania and Lawrence McCormick and Owner's of Taste Unique have graciously offered to donate 15% of all sales from their Italian Bistro back to Duniway to help fund teaching positions.

Pre Orders are currently available for Taste Unique's fabulous Lasagna's, Cannelloni's, and sauces. These meals are the perfect fix for a family dinner, last minute guests, too tired to cook moments, or a Holiday meal.

"I don't know how she does it, but it tastes like being in Italy" Sara Perry - The Oregonian

"The Vegetarian Lasagna is one of the best dishes I've had all year" Patrick Alan Coleman - The Mercury

Supporting our Teacher's has never been so delicious!

December 7-- Pre-Orders are due back in the office. Your order can be picked up Friday, December 10 at 3 p.m. outside the office.

December 10-12th --Dine in or grab something to go at Taste Unique 2134 SE Division, 503-206-7059

School pictures

If you are interested in reordering student photos for the holidays, please see the website: 3likemindsphotography.com for additional information. Orders need to be received by **December 8th**.

Cleveland Sundancers Dance Team

'The Cleveland Sundancers' dance team will be holding their 25th annual "Day with the Sundancers" dance clinic on **Saturday, December 11** from 9:00am-1:30pm. The clinic is open to grades K-8, and costs \$17 if you register by December 2, or \$20 for registration after the 2nd. Sundancer T-shirts and photos of your child at the clinic are also available. Registration forms will be available in the office and at www.clevelandsundancers.com. Questions? Contact coach Mallory Ferguson: mallory@clevelandsundancers.com"

Do your holiday shopping online!

Support the PTA by making online purchases through Duniway website links. We have made arrangements with more than 35 businesses to receive as much as 4% to 8% from every online purchase when the website was accessed through our Duniway website.

Go to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/358.htm>. Click on the link for the online store you are looking for and make your purchase from their website. Every time you make an online purchase, check with the Duniway website to see if we have a link. Contact our webmaster Ken Avenoso with questions or to suggest other businesses: ken@avenoso.com.

The Duniway Parent Run Art Program Schedule is up!!!

Please check outside your child's classroom door and sign up to assist or teach an amazing art lesson to enthusiastic young artists! We need LOTS AND LOTS of parent volunteers to make our art program possible. Last year, we were able to say "thank you" to over 175 individuals for helping with art. Volunteering for the art program is a fun and valuable way to share your time!

The Art Committee would also like to say a big THANK YOU to all those parents who have agreed to be Classroom Art Coordinators this year! We couldn't do it without you!

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

Auction - 2010

Are you looking for a way to contribute to this year's auction, but just are not sure what you can do? Do you enjoy baking? Would like to dust off that rolling pin and show off your fantastic pastry skills? Bring on that amazing dessert everyone in your family always raves about?

Well, I have an idea for you.....why don't you consider donating a homemade dessert for the live auction. The dessert will need to be displayed on an item of your choosing to "show it off." This item can be a platter you procure from a business, something you already have in your cupboards, a cake pedestal, great antique or Goodwill find...use your imagination. A serving utensil will also need to be part of your presentation. The item will be auctioned as a whole.

I would love to hear from you. Molly Reed moreed68@yahoo.com or 503.775.3171

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Mon 12/6	Half Day Kindergarten Parent meeting 8:50 am in the staff lounge
Wed 12/8	Late Opening
Mon 12/13	Please bring in your gift and food donations for the last day of our "Community Giving Project"
Tue 12/14	PTA meeting at 7 pm

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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