



Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

Each year every school in PPS reviews their achievement data in detail from the previous year and develops a school improvement plan (SIP) that is targeted to address any gaps or areas we observe school-wide in need of improvement. The plan drives our work and includes but is not limited to the professional development staff receive, the strategies we use to reach our identified goals, incorporation of what we will do to maintain equity on campus, and how we will involve parents in our journey toward our goals. At this time the site council has been working on revising the SIP over the last few months and the final SIP will be available soon in the office and on the website for parents to read.

Here are a few highlights you can look forward to seeing in the SIP:

- ✓ Our data interpretation that led to indentifying our areas for improvement
- ✓ Why we will continue to focus on Writing K-5, specifically improving student performance in the Writing trait areas of Conventions (K-2) and Organization, Ideas/Content, and Conventions (K-5).
- ✓ The family engagement action plan which includes events for parents and students centered around Writing.
- ✓ Our plan for how we will close our achievement gap
- ✓ How we align our TAG and SIP plans
- ✓ Many other exciting pieces of information 😊

I would like to thank the site council members for their hard work on the plan. It is a rich 20 page document. If you have any questions after reviewing the plan please do not hesitate to give me a call. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have related to the components or implementation of the plan.

Warmly, Dr. Hahn

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Giving Project

We are supporting 9-10 Duniway families this year for our Community Giving Project. Snowmen with gift ideas have been posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you take one, please remember to 'register it' in the office so that we know who is taking care of that particular item. If you don't want to shop, you can donate gift cards, scrip or cash and we will have shoppers pick up items to fulfill the wish lists.

We are also collecting canned foods for a holiday food basket to accompany the gifts. Boxes will be outside each classroom until December 13th.

Thank you in advance for making this a memorable holiday for our entire community.

Support our school

Thank you for participating in the Annual Giving Campaign. We are happy to report that we have received \$18,045 in donations thus far. Your contribution helps make Duniway the great place that it is so please consider giving if you have not done so already! You can write a check payable to Duniway Educational Foundation or give online at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway> and click on "Donate to the Duniway foundation". All donations are tax deductible.

Taste Unique fundraiser

It is officially December and the celebrating continues! Owned by a Duniway family, Taste Unique, the "Best straight ahead Italian food to be found," (The Oregonian), has beyond delicious prepared foods for your take home enjoyment this holiday season. Make your entertaining a bit easier this year, or bring a fabulous contribution to any party with some Italian flair (do not forget their famous Christmas panettone---you will have no regrets)! Orders--**DUE by December 13--** can be done two ways: via hard copy to the main office, (available Monday and sent home with students Tuesday), or, you can email the completed, attached order to info@tasteunique.com. All orders will be available for pick up at Duniway, at 2:45pm on **December 16th**. 15% of all sales will go to the Duniway Foundation to help support special programs and teaching positions at our school.

Auction project art supplies needed:

One of our classrooms is looking for donations of the following items. If you were trying to clean your cupboards out, we'll take it!

- Acrylic paints for canvas painting
- paint brushes!

If you would like to donate these items, please bring them to Mrs. Emery's classroom. A box will be waiting! Thanks!

Youth Fitness & Beginning Tumbling

Develop strength, agility, coordination and balance with light hand weights, body balancing stations, jumping circuits and tumbling centers. A noncompetitive way to build self-esteem learn handstands and cartwheels. The session is 10 weeks of classes. Students walk themselves to the gym after school lets out.

Tuesdays 3:05pm - 4:00pm January 17th - March 20th \$110 Ages 7 & up

About the instructor: Sessions are taught by Gail Bruner who is a former competitive gymnast with 25 years of teaching experience. Gail has a B.S. in Human Services and Therapeutic Recreation, a Teaching Certification in Elementary Education. Gail is a former marathon runner, master's swimmer and her current passions are yoga, cooking and her cats. If you have questions, contact Gail at 503-841-1460 or gail@yogavillestudios.com. Check it out at www.YogaVilleStudios.com

To enroll in classes, please complete & return the enrollment & liability waiver form. They are located across from the front office in the parent information area. You can leave a check to Gail Bruner in the Duniway office with your completed enrollment & liability waiver form.

Foreign Language classes at Duniway

More after school foreign language classes will be offered by Kids Like Languages. The objectives are to introduce students to foreign languages, improve their language skills, develop an appreciation of other cultures, and begin to prepare for the foreign language requirement at graduation. Experienced instructors teach through drama,

art, music, games and every day children situations and repetition. The curriculum emphasizes conversation and occasional short homework assignments.

If you are interested in signing your child up for American Sign, German, Japanese or Mandarin, the order forms are in the racks outside the main office. Classes will be held here at Duniway on Fridays from 3-4 pm, each language offering 17 classes from January 13-May 29. A minimum of 10 students are needed to have the class here on campus. Enrollment forms and payment must be sent directly to Kids Like Language. If you have questions, please contact Kids Like Languages at 503-492-1700 or visit their web page at www.kidslikelanguages.com

“The Black & White Ball” March 2, 2012

Auction Website Coming Soon!

We are thrilled to announce that the auction is moving into the new millennium and going (almost) paperless this year! Our auction web page is currently under construction and should be accessible early December! You will be able to preview some of the exciting silent auction packages, view the live catalog, complete registration & ticket sales, request seating groups, sign-up for parties, view classroom art projects, purchase raffle tickets, and much more!

Donations

We are actively accepting donations from the Duniway community and beyond! Vacation homes, air miles, hotel points, event tickets, a service, gift cards, the ideas are endless! Maybe you or your business would like to sponsor the auction table décor, entertainment, or one of the auction parties? There are so many ways to get involved! All donations are tax deductible. Contribution forms are available on the bulletin board near the main entrance. Please complete and return it to the auction box in the office. Questions or ideas please contact Corrine Lyons at lyons5@comcast.net

Silent Auction Baskets Need your help!

The Silent Auction Team is really excited about their list of creative, fun and practical baskets for the auction! In order for baskets to happen such as the “It’s Magic” or the “Stock the Liquor Cabinet” or the “Antioxidant,” we need your help. Our team has items on a wish list that range in price from \$1 on upward. Any level is thoroughly appreciated. So, if you are itching to contribute, but don’t know where to start contact Kristin Cole (coleducks@comcast.net) or JoAnne Cheechov (jocheechov@yahoo.com) and we’ll send you on a hunt for something everyone will enjoy and you’ll get a warm fuzzy feeling when you see your name on the contribution list. Thank you!

Wine Wall Donations

We want your wine! When you are stocking up on wine for the Holidays, please consider picking up an extra bottle to donate to the auction wine wall. We also *gladly* accept re-gifted wine! We only ask that each bottle be valued at \$25 or more. Our friends at The Bottle Shop, in Sellwood, are offering a 20% discount for purchases to be donated to the auction! All wine can be dropped off at school, in the office, in a concealed bag at any time. Or you can drop it off at Sarah Smith’s house 7334 SE 28th ave (basket on front porch). Questions? Please contact Sarah Smith at sarah@squidssuits.com

Dessert Dash

Do you make a decadent chocolate ganache, heavenly lemon bars, or to-die-for berry crisp? Bring it! We are looking for a few good bakers that are willing to bake and donate their favorite recipe to go LIVE during the Dessert Dash at the auction. If you are interested, please contact Molly Reed for details, at mollymariereed@gmail.com

Parties

Everyone loves a good party, and good parties are KEY to a successful auction! If you have a creative party idea that you would like to host, or if you are willing to sponsor food for one of our many auction events, please contact Patty Cole at colefam5@comcast.net .

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Thur 12/8 Calvillo & Levine's classes to Starbase 9-3
Fri 12/9 O'Shea's class to Starbase 9-3

Tue 12/13 Deadline for 'Community Giving Project'
Pre-orders for Taste Unique are due today
PTA meeting 7 pm

Wed 12/14 **LATE OPENING** - school starts 2 hours late
Fri 12/16 Walk/Bike to school

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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