



# Duniway Community Update

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**REMINDER: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - LATE OPENING**  
**School starts 2 hours late**

### SCHOOL NEWS

Here's what is happening in . . .

#### Third Grade:

Duniway third graders are creative writers!

Last week the third graders read a very cute story called The Mouse Writer, about a little mouse named Huxley who writes stories with his tail. The students then learned about the elements of an imaginative story, and planned their stories by completing graphic organizers. The students are now writing imaginative stories about the adventures of Huxley the mouse and are also making beautiful hardcover books to publish the stories in. They are excited to share their Huxley adventures with you.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### PTA News

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Duniway Library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Free child care in the cafeteria. Discussion Topic: PTA/PTO which is the best model for Duniway?

#### 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<sup>th</sup>** -- can be done two ways: via hard copy to the main office, or you can email the completed, attached order form to [info@tasteunique.com](mailto:info@tasteunique.com).

All orders will be available for pick up at Duniway, at 2:45pm on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. 15% of all sales will go to the Duniway Foundation to help support special programs and teaching positions at our school.

#### Duniway Dragon sweatshirt and t-shirt sale

The Duniway Dragon sweatshirts and t-shirts will be on sale after school on Wednesday **December 14<sup>th</sup>** and Thursday **December 15<sup>th</sup>** starting at 3pm each day. The sale will take place in the main hallway near the front office. Sweatshirts in all sizes, purple base and grey base, will be available for \$26.50 each. The new Duniway Dragon t-shirt will be available in all sizes, purple base and grey base, for \$11.00 each.

If you are unable to make it to these sales next week, please contact Ann Leitheiser to make special arrangements at [Aleit31@yahoo.com](mailto:Aleit31@yahoo.com).

#### Art Program News

The Parent-Run Art Program begins after the holiday break. Be sure to check your classrooms Volunteer spot and sign up for classes you want to teach or assist. The program cannot run without your support! Lessons are posted on the Duniway website under parents - art program - lesson plans.

The Art Committee will be having a general art meeting Thursday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 to discuss the art program and answer any parent questions. Also, if you are

interested in being a part of the art committee, please come to the meeting and sit in and listen to all the fun things we are a part of!

Please mark your calendar for the following parent training dates: January 4th at 9:00 (K), January 5th at 9:00 (3rd grade), January 6th at 9:00 (2nd grade), January 10th at 9:00 (4th Grade), January 10th at 1:30 (5th Grade), January 11th at 1:30 (1st Grade)  
Thank you to all the volunteers who make this program a success!

### **WALK + BIKE to School**

The final Friday of the Month (and the year 2011!) - **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. A brisk walk or bike ride to school always makes the day happy, merry and bright! The final Friday of every month is a designated Walk/Bike day. (or every day that you can!) If you need to drive, please park 1 or more blocks away from the school and walk. Creating a traffic free zone around the school increases safety, reduces pollution, and kids get a bit of exercise. Happy Holidays!

### **Recycling at Duniway**

Bring your batteries, your worn out shoes, clean & dry plastic film, and your rigid plastic to the bins in the hallway outside the auditorium. Sort your recycling into the labeled containers and our wonderful volunteers will take these to Far West Fibers for you!

### **Oregon Reader's Choice & Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award Booktalks**

By next Monday (December 12) all of the students in fourth and fifth grade will have heard about the books nominated for the 2012 Oregon Reader's Choice Award. Likewise, all of the second and third grade classes will have heard about the nominees for the 2012 Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award. Hopefully, they will be coming home armed with lists of these titles. These awards offer students a great opportunity to participate in the democratic process while honing their skills as discriminating readers. Any student who reads at least two titles on the list for their respective award will be eligible to vote for a winner in March. While these books are available at the Duniway Library, copies are very limited. If you've got an enthusiastic reader, please consider the Multnomah County Library as an alternative source. For more information about the Oregon Reader's Choice Award, see <http://www.olaweb.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelId=109508>. To find out more about the Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award, check out <https://oasl.memberclicks.net/bccca-home>

### **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!

### **Innisbrook update**

The Innisbrook sale was a huge success! Thanks to all that participated. Orders were dispersed during the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you have not received your order, it is waiting inside your classroom for pick-up.

Item # 415 is on back order and will hopefully ship soon! Please remember to follow up on your magazine vouchers and don't throw them away by accident! They are worth \$10, \$20, & \$30 each!

Thanks to the great participation, our school earned about \$4,000 for the Duniway Foundation!

The Foundation thanks you again and again!

### **Lego class reminder**

Registration forms for the Introduction to Lego Robotics Workshop are due in the Duniway office by **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, 3:00 p.m. Blank forms can be found in the black wire rack between the office and the auditorium.

There will also be a Lego robot demonstration in the south gym on Monday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 3:05 - 3:30 pm. Come see robots in action and ask the Lego Robotics Tournament team members about their experience at this year's tournament. The Oregon qualifying meets will be completed this weekend (December 11th and 12th). Questions? Please contact Valerie Wildman at [vjwildman@comcast.net](mailto:vjwildman@comcast.net) or 503.775.6234

### Drawing Class time correction

Blue flyers were sent out this week for a Young Rembrandts Drawing class to be held at Duniway from January 1-February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note that although the class time listed at the top of the flyer says 2:20-3:20 - the time listed on the registration portion of the flyer at the bottom has the corrected times of 3:05-4:05. Classes will be held in the art room (#27). Please mail in your registration or enroll online to the addresses on the flyer.

### French lessons to beginner students continue in 2012

We have 4 spots available for Monday morning group (Kindergarten and 1st grades) and 2 spots available for Wednesday morning group (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grades). French classes for 2012 will start in January and run through the end of May. Monthly fee is \$45.00 (includes materials). Contact Geraldine Carter to sign up or for more information: geraldinecarter@comcast.net or call (503) 453 3259.

### Spanish Language Classes at Duniway - Winter 2012

Hola Amigos, it is time to register for the Winter Term of Spanish.

The Spanish Language Program will continue the development of Spanish comprehension and language skills using bi-lingual books, music, art and hands on learning. Winter Focus: Conversational Spanish, Learning about the Art, Culture and Celebrations of Mexico, Central & South America through Folk Legends, Food and Music. (Mayan Weaving, Aztec & Incan Architecture, Cuna Indian Textile Art)

Lower Division (K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade) 16 Half hour Classes Tues./Thurs.

Mornings from 8:15-8:45 Jan. 17 through March 8

Upper Division (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 8 One hour Classes Wed.

Afternoons 3:05-4:05 Jan. 18 through March 7

Classes held in Room 13, next to the office

Registration Forms are available in the Spanish Mail box in the Duniway Office and in the Main Hallway. Course Fee is \$90. per student. Forms may be dropped off in the Spanish Box in the Duniway Office and are due no later than January 10<sup>th</sup>. Class space is limited; enrollment will be in the order received.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Etchepare (503) 853-3551 or eaetch@yahoo.com

### Tree recycling

Boy Scout Troop 64 will once again be collecting Christmas trees on Dec 31 and Jan 1, as well as Jan 7-8. Please place your tree on your curbside

with a minimum donation of \$6.00 by 2:00 PM each day. Cash or checks (payable to "Troop 64") should be placed in an envelope and attached to the tree. You can also drop your tree off at the Holy Family gym (7425 SE 39th) from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If questions, please call (503) 453-2194. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Armstrong at 503-523-9140

### The Black & White Ball- March 2, 2012

#### Auction Website/Facebook

The Duniway Foundation Auction Website is now open and available for auction details, downloading contribution forms and to purchase raffle tickets! Click here!

<https://duniway.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Home/tabid/319579/Default.aspx>

The Duniway Foundation also invites you to join us on Facebook! Our Facebook page is a great resource for foundation news and updates. Please "like" us, we need more friends! ☺

#### Raffle

Get your tickets while they last! A \$25 raffle ticket buys your chance to win one of 3 amazing prizes! Our grand prize- A Costco travel gift certificate worth **\$2500.00**, good toward one of the many land or cruise vacation packages, offered by Costco travel, to destinations all over the world! Our second prize drawing is a KONA MinUte Deluxe utility bike valued at **\$999.00!** And our 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a **\$200 gift card** to the award winning Laurelhurst Market Restaurant! Three chances to win! The drawing will be held at the Black & White Ball Auction on March 2, 2012, but you DO NOT need to be present to win! See complete details and buy your tickets on line at

<https://duniway.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Home/tabid/319579/Default.aspx>

#### Donations

Donations big and small are ALL welcome and needed! Contributions can be as simple as a gift card or a bottle of wine. Consider doing a themed basket or hosting a party with a group of parents. There are so many ways to get involved... vacation homes, air miles, hotel points, event tickets, a recreational experience, donating time or a service...the ideas are endless! Contribution forms are available at Duniway and on

our website. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Corrine Lyons at [lyons5@comcast.net](mailto:lyons5@comcast.net) .

#### **Silent Auction LOVES gift certificates!**

The Silent Auction Team is really excited about their list of creative, fun and practical baskets for our annual Auction (March 2, 2012). In order for these baskets to happen such as the "It's Magic" or the "Stock the Liquor Cabinet" or the "Antioxidant," we need your help. Gift certificates are easy for you as well as helpful for us. If you visit places like Home Depot, Made in Oregon, Cost Plus, Target, Nordstrom, Trader Joes, Pottery Barn or Lippman Co. Party Supply Store, please think about purchasing a gift card of any denomination for the Duniway Auction. Contact Kristin Cole ([coleducks@comcast.net](mailto:coleducks@comcast.net)) or JoAnne Cheechov ([jocheechov@yahoo.com](mailto:jocheechov@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions. 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 28<sup>th</sup> ave** (basket on front porch). Questions? Please contact Sarah Smith at [sarah@squidssuits.com](mailto: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](mailto:mollymariereed@gmail.com)

#### **Parties**

Everyone loves a good party! If you have a party idea that you would like to host or, please contact Patty Cole at [colefam5@comcast.net](mailto:colefam5@comcast.net) . There are also several events that need sponsors, such as the Duniway Dragon's Kickball event, Library PJ Party, Donahoe's Late Night Gym party and others. Sponsorship opportunities range from contributing drinks, popsicles or pizza to helping by underwriting the party for a dollar amount that you are willing to contribute.

### **Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Mon	12/12	Lego demonstration - south gym 3:05-3:30
Tue	12/13	End of Community Giving Project - please turn in those snowmen gifts! Taste Unique pre-orders due today PTA Meeting 7 pm - in the library
Wed	12/14	<b>LATE OPENING</b> - school starts 2 hours late Sweatshirt sales - main hall 3:00
Thur	12/15	General Art Committee meeting 2:00 in room 27 Sweatshirt sales - main hall 3:00
Fri	12/16	Walk/Bike to school Pick up Taste Unique orders in the main hall starting at 2:45

December 19-January 2 WINTER BREAK!!

Mon	1/2	NO SCHOOL - last day of winter break
Tue	1/3	Welcome back!

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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