

# Duniway Community Update

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### From the Principal's Desk

Duniway parents,

Some of you may remember when our current math program, *Investigations*, was adopted back in 1999. I was teaching fourth grade here in Southeast Portland at the time and remember the questions teachers and parents had with this new program, a program that seemed quite different than how we remembered math in elementary school. Well I am excited to share that now, twelve years later, the district has decided to adopt a new math program that we will begin implementing this Fall, 2011.

At our principal meeting this week I had a chance to review some lessons, compare it to our State math standards and view a lesson and some materials that teachers will begin using. I am excited for the teachers and parents to see it and learn more about it. As with any curriculum adoption the district outlines a process that usually includes different programs being piloted in classrooms and gathering extensive feedback from those who utilized the programs. You can learn more about the process taken with this math adoption by clicking this link to learn more about the pilot programs <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/curriculum/4725.htm>.

After careful review the school board has decided that we will begin implementing the *Bridges in Mathematics* curriculum in September. If you are interested in learning more about the program components, sample materials, a preview, and more you can follow this link <http://www.mathlearningcenter.org/curriculum/bridges/about>. Math materials will be delivered in June and teachers will begin professional development to learn how to effectively implement this new and exciting program. As we turn the corner into the next school year (September, 2011) I will plan a parent math information night so I can share the program with all interested parents.

Warmly,

Dr. Hahn

### SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **R.S.V.P. for the Duniway Auction by February 11<sup>th</sup>**

If your invitation has been lost, you can pick one up in the Duniway Office, or you may buy tickets, choose your tablemates and purchase a Key to the City on the Duniway Website at [www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway](http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway)

#### **Family Dodge Ball Night at Sellwood Middle School**

Come join the fun!

Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm

3 separate courts - fun for all levels

Pizza and water available - \$1 each

Entrance fee - \$5 per person or \$15 per family

Students MUST be accompanied by an adult!

Benefiting the SMS Foundation

#### **Tree Planting This Saturday (Feb 12th), 9am-2pm**

Last reminder! This Saturday three trees are going in the ground. The pavement is cut and ready to be dug. Both children and parents are welcome to attend. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Please bring work gloves if you have them and clothes that can get dirty. It looks like rain on Saturday so dress for the weather. Boots or heavy shoes are probably the most appropriate footwear. If you live close a few wheelbarrows would be nice to have.

Snacks and toasty beverages will be provided, but if you plan on being around all day please bring some food to keep you energized. Trees go in the ground around noon. However, the fun happens before that so show up early!  
We are meeting on the playground

### **TAG Testing**

Testing of TAG nominated students will take place at Duniway on **Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15 and 16**. We will not know until the day of testing at which times students at the various grade levels will be tested.

### **Immunization Exclusion Day**

**February 16th** is Immunization Exclusion Day. If you received an exclusion letter in the mail, please be sure to get your child's needed vaccines before this date and provide the school with evidence of compliance. Failure to do so will necessitate exclusion from school. It's the law! If you have any questions please feel free to contact our School Nurse, Lori Elder RN. Thank you!

### **Auction Open House**

We will be joining the fun at the Ice Cream Social and Talent Show on **Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>**! Get a Sneak Peak at what the "Night in the City" auction has to offer! Classroom Art Projects will be on display, sign up for easel party pre-sales, and set your sights on the Live Auction opportunities!!

Questions? Please contact: Corrine Lyons [lyons5@comcast.net](mailto:lyons5@comcast.net) , Tracy Williams [wilich@comcast.net](mailto:wilich@comcast.net) or Tricia Wenz [tlwenz@hotmail.com](mailto:tlwenz@hotmail.com)

### **Talent Show & Ice Cream Social**

Duniway's Got Talent & Ice Cream!!! Come and see for yourself on **Friday, February 18th**.

**Talent Show:** Bring a can of food to donate to the Oregon Food Bank! The first show begins at 6:00, the second at 7:45. Talent Show Participants: Remember if you're in the first performance, you must attend rehearsals on Monday February 14th and Wednesday February 16th from 3 to 5. Rehearsals for the second show are Tuesday February 15th and Thursday February 17th from 3 to 5. On Friday, if you're in the first show, please arrive at 5:30; if you're in the second, please arrive at 7:15. Thanks everyone for your hard work!

**Ice Cream Social:** The Duniway PTA will host the Ice Cream Social from 6:30 - 8:30pm in conjunction with the Talent Show. You can Make-Your-Own Sundaes before, during or after the Talent Show. Cost is only \$2. Invite a neighbor to join you. See you in the cafeteria!

### **Project Second Wind**

Project Second Wind, the annual school-based drive to collect food for the Oregon Food Bank, is coming to Duniway **February 28 through March 4**. Classrooms will collect food that week, but to get a jump-start on our efforts, families are invited to bring canned or boxed, non-perishable food to the Talent Show on Friday, February 18. Collection boxes will be located near the doors.

### **Mini Science class for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders**

There will be a Dissection Class offered to any 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who is interested, on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 3:05 in room 10. If you want to join in and have a hands on experience dissecting an earthworm, you are asked to submit your name with a note from your parent saying that it is ok on a piece of paper and turn it in to Ms. Holmes. There are only 8 seats available, so if she gets more than that, she will draw 8 names out of a hat and notify those who are chosen to attend.

### **Chess Team**

Our Duniway team did a great job Saturday at the State Region 1 Chess Tournament. Nobody on our team scored less than two points from the 5 rounds, and two people scored four points (Zake and Isaiah Cohen). Our 7 players amassed 27 points in all. Other members of the team were Dawson Davis, Roma Pugliese, Jackson Manwaring-Perks, Ben Harding and Will Bertoli.  
Dunway tied for fourth place (out of 12) in the team competition with 14 pts.

Dawson Davis tied for 2nd place in the 5th Grade section and will go on to the State Finals Individual Championship in March.  
Congratulations!! -Coach Tony Midson

### **The Duniway Auction- “A Night in the City” Friday, February 25th**

**WANTED!!** We are still looking for some key items and **WELCOME** your donations! **WINE!** Please donate a bottle of wine for the Auction Wine Wall. Each bottle should be valued at \$25 or more. 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 Nikki Metcalf’s house **3517 SE Henry Street** (basket on front porch). We will also be accepting wine on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Auction Open House.

**We are looking for:**

- **Seattle Hotel** donation to go with Mariner Tickets.
- **Timbers Game Tickets**
- **Themed Baskets** (family game night, summer fun, sports- use your imagination!)
- **Party hosts/sponsors for the EM Racquet Club Pool Party**
- **Party sponsors for the Late Night Gym Party**

### **Great New Auction Events!**

**The Amazing Race!** Don’t miss your opportunity to be part of THE AMAZING RACE, on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>! It’s a race, a scavenger hunt and a super fun party all in one! 8 teams of 4 will compete in a race around Portland that challenges your physical and mental strength, ending with a BBQ party at the finish. This will be an easel party sign up at \$75 per person, with limited availability. Talk to your friends now and create your 4 person team. Early selling of this event will begin at the Auction Open House on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OMSI Submarine Overnight!** Students (grades 3-5) will have the opportunity to sleepover on the OMSI Submarine! Sara Hahn and Nina Levine will help chaperone the crew during this adventure in science. This event includes a bon voyage pizza party, special Duniway T’s, bus transportation to OMSI, Planetarium Show, Submarine tour and exploration, Sub-in sleepover, and breakfast in the morning! This event will be part of our LIVE auction at \$125 per child. If you have questions about this event, please email Corrine Lyons at [lyons5@comcast.net](mailto:lyons5@comcast.net)

**Mazama Lodge Family Night!** Enjoy the beauty of Mt. Hood at The Rustic Mazama Lodge with other Duniway families. Hike and explore with the kids, play board games or relax by the fire. All meals and overnight bunk style lodging included for \$30 per person! This overnight on the mountain happening October 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be an easel party sign up (70 person max.) Check out the Mazama Lodge at <http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C184/> If you have questions about this event please contact Jenny Dempsey Stein at [jenny@aracnet.com](mailto:jenny@aracnet.com)

**Library Pajama Party!** The VERY popular PJ Party is back! Kids come in their PJ’s and party in the library! Pizza, snacks, crafts, special gift, PLUS a cameo appearance from Ms. D! Enjoy a night off while the kids are having fun for only \$45 per child. This event graciously hosted by Marci Davis, Joanne Chow and Jamie Holmes will be April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. Availability is limited, be sure to sign up early at the Auction Open House Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Key to the City:** Don’t miss your chance to participate in the “Key to the City” raffle! **Only 60 Keys Will be Sold!** Your invitation will include an opportunity to participate in the drawing and WIN A LIVE AUCTION PACKAGE OF YOUR CHOICE! (\*any live package valued under \$10,000)

**Auction Night Childcare at Duniway:** DAS will offer childcare the night of the auction from 6-10 p.m. for children 5-12 years old. Cost is \$25 per child and will include pizza and drinks, age appropriate games, and a movie! Pre-registration is required, please call Judi Logan at (503)774-9963 for reservations and questions.

### **Duniway Green Team Photo Albums Online NOW!!**

A few photo albums have been created that show Green Team projects in action around the school. More will be added and I will send out links now and again. Please email Ben, [bnjnmmorelli@gmail.com](mailto:bnjnmmorelli@gmail.com), your photos of Green Team/Environmental activities to be uploaded into albums.

**Cafeteria Recycling:**

<http://s1227.photobucket.com/albums/ee431/GreeningDuniway/Cafeteria%20Recycling/>

**February 5th Concrete Breaking:**

<http://s1227.photobucket.com/albums/ee431/GreeningDuniway/February%205th%20Concrete%20Cutting/>

**Walk & Bike to School Event:**

<http://s1227.photobucket.com/albums/ee431/GreeningDuniway/Walk%20and%20Bike%20to%20School/>

**Sellwood Parent information sessions for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders - Fall 2011**

Wed 2/16	9:30-10:30	overview of Sellwood, forecasting, orientation procedures, Staff introductions and a guided tour
Tues 2/22	7-8:15 pm	overview of Sellwood, forecasting, orientation procedures, staff introductions and self-guided tours

**Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Fri 2/11	RSVPs for the Auction are due (can be done online)
Fri 2/11	Dodge Ball at Sellwood 6:30-8:30 pm
Sat 2/12	Tree planting at Duniway 9-2
Mon 2/14	Cudjoe & Muller - field trip to the Humane Society 9:15-12:30 5 <sup>th</sup> graders - field trip to Mt. Scott Pool 12:45-2:30
Tue 2/15	Testing of TAG nominated students
Wed 2/16	Immunization Exclusion Day Testing of TAG nominated students
Fri 2/18	Talent Show first show at 6:00 pm - 2 <sup>nd</sup> show around 7:45 pm Ice Cream Social - make your own sundaes between 6:30-8:30 pm & Auction Open House
Mon 2/21	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - President's Day
Tue 2/22	Sellwood parent meeting 7-8:15 pm
Thur 2/24	Boys and Girls Club is closed
Fri 2/25	Boys and Girls Club is closed Duniway Auction

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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