

Duniway Community Update

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Come to school tonight - for an evening of fun!

Talent Show: Bring a can of food for the Oregon Food Bank
1st show 6:00 pm, 2nd show 7:45 pm

Ice Cream Social: Build your own sundae for \$2 each from 6:30-8:30 pm

Auction Open House: 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.

From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

I have had the pleasure in my career (as a teacher and principal) to work with some amazingly talented teachers. Teachers who inspire, teach, and motivate children in a way that is unforgettable! Surely you can remember a teacher (or teachers) who touched your life, or your child's life, and made a significant difference. Perhaps you are thinking about several of the teachers you have encountered during your time at Duniway who have encouraged inspiration and excellence. Well despite my pleas to stay, I must share that one of our exceptional Duniway teachers has made the decision to retire at the end of this school year.

Please help me extend congratulations to Mrs. Janet Muller, third grade teacher!

Mrs. Muller has been at Duniway for 21 years and taught first, third, and fifth grades (along with writing to fourth and fifth graders). During this time she has written 2-5 grants each year, and received approximately \$175,000 overall that funded various projects. In addition to receiving grants Mrs. Muller has received several teaching awards. Since 1996 she has been certified by NASA to borrow and use the Apollo Space Mission moon rocks / soil samples in her classroom. In 1996 she was honored as the Oregon Elementary School Science Teacher of the Year Award from the Oregon Science Teacher's Association. In 1997 she received Scholastic's Mrs. Frizzle Award that came with \$5,000 for science supplies and \$5,000 worth of Scholastic books for the school. In 1998, she received the Barrick Goldstrike Exemplary Elementary Earth Science Teaching Award. Then, in 1999, she was the recipient of Intel's Excellence in Innovative Elementary Classroom Teaching and in 2000 she received the Time for Kids Chevrolet Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award and was given a new car that was given to her on the blacktop outside of her classroom!

In addition to being an accomplished teacher Mrs. Muller was a Duniway Community member and lived down the street / walked to work in addition to having all three of her daughters attend Duniway from Kindergarten through fifth grade. Although I have only had the pleasure to work with Mrs. Muller for this year I have been impressed with her overflowing enthusiasm and love for students, heart for

teaching, and finding new ways to challenge all of her students. Her positive attitude and continuous desire to learn and grow professionally has been a great example for all. This month our school focus is on being a positive role model and Mrs. Muller is and has been just that—a positive role model in addition to her other accomplishments.

As we move closer to the end of the year we will have an appropriate and well-deserved retirement party for Mrs. Muller. But at this time please join me, again, in congratulating her on her retirement!

Kudos to you Mrs. Muller! I will miss you!

Dr. Hahn

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

NO SCHOOL - Monday, February 21st - President's Day

Reminder:

Boys & Girls Club is closed **February 24-25**

Volunteers needed

Do you Have Free Time on Monday, February 28th?

We need help with the annual hearing/vision/dental screening. This is a super easy, one day event. Plus you get a bit of exercise walking the school bringing students to the screening site. The screening goes on all day so you can even choose your time! Please email Monica Harding at Monicalynharding@msn.com if you are interested.

Tree planting success!!!

Hopefully you have all gotten a chance to check out the beautiful trees that were planted along the Kindergarten wing. A Bowhall Maple, Scarlet Maple and London Planetree (from West to East) will now provide shade and visual appeal to a portion of the building and playground.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to remove concrete and plant the trees. The project wouldn't have been possible without you. To get a glimpse of the action please check out the Green Team photo albums at the following link:
<http://s1277.photobucket.com/home/GreeningDuniway/index>

We also need to extend a huge thanks to the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for funding the project. The trees are helping to alleviate our storm water issues. An informational sign will be developed and located near the trees to discuss the role of trees in our environment, also through their funding.

Last, I would like to thank Bobby Eldon and Crystal Greens Landscaping for their equipment and expertise. Their help really improved the quality of the project and the organization of our work parties.

Long-Term Green Team planning meeting

It has been great working with the Duniway school community this year and now that we are halfway through, it is time to think about next year and the more distant future. In addition to maintenance of the garden, recycling and education programs, it would be nice to discuss possible realms of future expansion, talk about staffing and volunteer structures to carry out and develop a solid vision/timeline for moving forward.

None of us will be here forever and having a plan is essential to continuity and the sustainability of any of this programming. All are invited to attend this meeting and individuals who do not consider themselves part of the Green Team are encouraged to attend.

We will be meeting in the Library on **Wednesday, February 23** from 6-7:30 pm. Please RSVP me at bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com if you would like to receive a copy of the agenda ahead of the meeting. No RSVP is required for attendance. Hope to see you there! Ben

Box Tops for Education

Thanks to all who have brought in Box Top labels. The deadline to mail them is at the end of this month. I need all labels turned in by **Friday, February 25th**. Just drop them off at the office.

Duniway received \$280 for the last batch of Box Tops. What an easy way for Duniway to earn extra dollars! Thanks again!

Final Friday WALK + BIKE to School

Love is in the air. Fall in love with walking or biking to school on **Friday, February 25th**. If you need to drive, please park one or more blocks away to decrease traffic, increase safety and have an opportunity to dreamily walk to school.

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

Please turn in your Auction R.S.V.P.- If your invitation has been lost, you can pick one up in the Duniway Office, or you may buy tickets, and purchase a “Key to the City” on the Duniway website at www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway.

You may choose your tablemates by filling in the back of your r.s.v.p card or by emailing Sue Walsh at walshs@hevanet.com

Key to the City: Don't miss your chance to participate in the “Key to the City” raffle! **Only 60 Keys Will be Sold!** We still have some to sell, but hurry if you want a chance to win A LIVE AUCTION PACKAGE OF YOUR CHOICE! You can purchase a key on line or at the Auction Open House tonight, February 18th.

Auction Open House Tonight!: We will be joining the fun at the Ice Cream Social and Talent Show on tonight, **February 18th!** 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!!

We STILL Want Your 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 18th at the Auction Open House.

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.

Great New Auction Events!

The Amazing Race! Don't miss your opportunity to be part of THE AMAZING RACE, on Saturday June 18th! 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 18th.

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
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 22nd, 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

Pool Party at Eastmoreland Racquet Club! 25 Lucky kids will party at the club pool this summer! Party games led by a lifeguard, poolside lunch and more! This event is available to kids grades 3-5 and available for early sign up at the auction open house. (\$50)

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 15th from 6-9 p.m. Availability is limited, be sure to sign up early at the Auction Open House Friday, February 18th.

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

KeyBank grand opening

KeyBank's Woodstock branch, proud sponsor of the Duniway Auction, invites you and your family to their grand opening celebration **Saturday, Feb.26** from 11 am to 1pm Chris Valentine and his crew from 99.5 The Wolf will be there with games and great prizes. Enjoy lunch from Hog Wild Barbecue and Presto the Magician's amazing tricks. Meet the community ambassador from the Portland Timbers Major League Soccer team and learn about the KeyBank Little Timbers Club.

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 all week. Collection boxes will be located outside each classroom door.

Free Movie Night in the Duniway Auditorium

There will be a Free Movie Night thanks to the Duniway PTA; on **Friday, March 4** at 6:45 p.m. (Doors open at 6:35 p.m.) **The Fantastic Mr.Fox**, a wily fox who outsmarts three feeble-minded farmers, is an animated adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's book. No food, candy or drinks are allowed in the auditorium and children must be accompanied by an adult.

After School Art

After School Creative Art Classes Session 2 begin soon! I still have a few spaces available in both the Monday and Friday classes. The Friday classes start **Feb.25th** and the Monday classes starts **Feb.28th**. The classes run for 4 weeks. We will be creating wonderful clay birds, mixed media herons, and a special fused glass project. For more information please contact Michelle Smit at 971-212-7882 or e-mail michellesmitdesign@comcast.net

(Please note change in start date for the Friday classes from the flash email that went out on 2/15 - due to illness)

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- Fri 2/18 Talent Show (1st show 6:00, 2nd show 7:45), Ice Cream Social & Auction Open House 6:30-8:30 pm
- Mon 2/21 **NO SCHOOL** - President's Day
- Tue 2/22 Sellwood parent meeting 7-8:15 pm
- Thur 2/24 Boys & Girls Club closed
- Fri 2/25 Walk & Ride to school today
Box tops due
Boys & Girls Club closed
Duniway Auction
- Sat 2/26 Key Bank Grand Opening 11-1
- Monday through Friday - Project 2nd Wind Food Drive
- Mon 2/28 Health Screening Dental & Vision for grades K,1,3,5
Hearing for grades K & 1
- Fri 3/4 PTA Movie Night 6:45-8:30 pm

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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