

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Duniway Parents,

Each month staff members participate in a variety of professional development opportunities. They receive site-based training (training at our school) along with training sponsored by the District (various locations around PPS). Professional growth, for Duniway staff, focus in areas that include but are not limited to our school improvement plan goals, district curricular frameworks, or specific staff / school needs.

This month at our late opening (Wednesday) professional development training I will lead staff through a series of activities designed to analyze, discuss, and align our current practices that address student bullying. The implementation of bullying prevention strategies school-wide along with teaching students to recognize what bullying is, and how to respond when it happens, is important for the safety and well being of all students. The Duniway staff is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from harassment and bullying.

Are you interested in learning more about student bullying and bullying prevention? If so, I am planning a parent training centered around this topic in March. Additional details will be available in the next weekly update.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Hahn

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEW

Duniway School Safety Quick Facts Overview:

- ✓ All parents and visitors must sign in and wear a badge while on campus. This is not new, but rather a district expectation for all schools and is posted on all PPS school exterior doors.
- ✓ All parents and visitors can be in the hallways during school hours (beginning at 8AM) with a badge.
- ✓ Parents can sign in / obtain a badge at the main office at any time.
- ✓ Parents can sign in/ obtain a badge in the cafeteria between 8:30 – 8:45 AM if they plan to enter the hallway / walk child to class, etc. (Otherwise parents can wait with their child before school in the cafeteria without a badge).
- ✓ Parents do not need to sign in just to get information from the parent table in the main hallway (auditorium / P.E.). However if parents plan to go into the hallways (near classrooms beyond the posted signs) they must sign in and get a badge.
- ✓ We are in the process of bringing information from the parent table in the main hallway to the cafeteria so all parent resource materials are available in both locations.
- ✓ In the future we hope to have personalized photo badges for parents / volunteers who are on the district approved volunteers list (completed the background check through the district). This will be optional but available for those who would like one. More information will be coming soon.
- ✓ After all classrooms have been dismissed and exited the building parents may enter the building through exterior doors and do not need to sign in to get a badge (after 3:05).
- ✓ Thanks for checking in with your child's teacher or other Duniway staff members if you have specific questions or concerns.
- ✓ Thanks for helping us to keep all kids safe while on campus by following these safety procedures. It is not only important that we know who is on campus while students are present, but also that we follow the expectations for safety outlined by Portland Police and PPS.

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 pm

This month we'll get an update from Principal Hahn, an update on our budget and have time for questions and discussion. Hope to see you there!

As always, free childcare will be available in the cafeteria.

Students to taste "Local Flavors" and Oregon's State Fruit - Pears

On Wednesday, February 9th, Nutrition Services will feature the "Local Flavors" of Draper Valley BBQ Chicken and "Harvest of the Month" Anjou Pears from Walter Wells in Hood River. Pears are the featured harvest in February to help students' celebrate Oregon's birthday. Students and staff who choose to eat lunch on Feb 9th will also enjoy Cole Slaw with Buttermilk Dressing and Reser's Baked Beans. Try our Oregon Harvest pears... we grew them just for you!

Duniway Kindergarten Round-Up

Duniway's Kindergarten Round-Up will be held Friday, February 11 from 1:30-2:45pm in the school auditorium. Please help us spread the word to friends and neighbors with pre-school age children!

Incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to learn more about Duniway and its curriculum, meet the kindergarten teachers and tour the school. Enrollment forms for the 2011-2012 school year and transfer information will be available. IMPORTANT! If you would like to pre-register your child at Round-Up, please bring an original copy of state issued birth certificate or passport, current immunization records, proof of address and emergency contacts and phone #'s. Additional tours of the school will be available Tuesdays at 2p 2/15, 2/22, 3/1 & 3/8. Please contact the Duniway School Office 503-916-6343 for more information about Round-Up or tours. If you are interested in volunteering for Round-Up, please contact Linda Denning at lscdenning@comcast.net

Talent Show & Ice Cream Social

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

Talent Show: The first show begins at 6:00, and the second will commence around 7:45. In between shows enjoy some ice cream--compliments of the PTA. For admission we'd like to ask you to donate a can a food to the Oregon Food Bank. Also, order forms for the DVD will be available the night of the show. The cost for this high quality rendering is \$20. Talent Show Participants: The order of the shows should be finalized by Monday. Remember if you're in Show #1, you must attend dress rehearsals on Monday, February 14th and Wednesday, February 16th. If you're in Show #2, you must attend dress rehearsals on Tuesday, February 15th and Thursday, February 17th. If you're in the first show, please arrive and report to the greenroom no later than 5:30 on Feb. 18th. If you're in the second show, please arrive at 6:15. Thank you 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!

Volunteers Needed to scoop ice cream and sell tickets. If you are interested in helping for an hour or two, please contact Sue Walsh, walshs@hevanet.com, 503-772-0774. This is a great time to see friends and neighbors while helping the PTA raise money for programs.

Fabulous writing opportunity for 4th and 5th graders

At the annual Oregon Writing Festival, held at PSU, students in grades 4 through 12 meet with peers to learn about and practice the craft of writing. At this year's festival on Saturday, May 7, 4th and 5th grade participants will hear noted author Graham Salisbury discuss his experiences as a writer. Later in the day, students will participate in two writing workshops and will have the chance to read to a small group a piece of their own writing they have brought along to the festival. Students will stay with the same one or two Day Group Leaders (usually parents or teachers) throughout the day -- please note, however, that students from the same school are usually not put in the same group. Lunch is provided. The cost per student is \$35. In each of the recent years, 10 to 20 Duniway students have attended the festival. This year, any 4th or 5th grader may attend; parents may register their student online. Go

to the TAG webpage at www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/tag for more information, including a link to registration. After your child is registered, please place a check for \$35.00 made to Duniway in Ms. Johnston's box. More information will be provided to registered participants in March and April.

The Duniway Auction "A Night in the City"

Mark your calendars for 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 are looking for:

- **Seattle Hotel** donation to go with Mariner tickets.
- **4 tickets to a Timbers Game**
- **Chaperones** for the Submarine Overnight at OMSI with Sara Hahn (grades 3-5)
- **Party Hosts and Sponsors** for the Eastmoreland Racquet Club Pool Party (grades 2-5)

Great New Auction Events!

OMSI Submarine Overnight! On Friday May 6th, 48 Duniway students (grades 3-5) will be sleeping over on the OMSI Submarine with their fearless group leader Dr. Sara Hahn! This fun filled and educational opportunity includes a 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.

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 adventure on 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/>

Invitations went home in backpacks! In an effort to keep our costs down, we did not mail the invitations this year. Your invitation went home with your child on Tuesday February 1st. 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

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 Open House: We will be joining the fun at the Ice Cream Social and Talent Show on Friday 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!!

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

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 sessions are 8 weeks of classes. No classes March 15th, March 22nd and April 26th.

Tuesdays 3:05pm - 4:00pm March 1st - May 10th \$85 (ages 6-12)

To enroll please complete & return the enrollment & liability waiver form, found on the parent table across from the auditorium. You can leave a check (made out to TumbleVille Studios) in the Duniway office. Please be sure to attach your completed form.

Questions email Gail Bruner, info@tumblevillestudios.com or call 503-841-1460.

Family Dodge Ball Night at Sellwood Middle School

Come join the fun!

Friday, February 11th 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

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Sat 2/5	Green Team concrete removal 9-3
Mon 2/7	Foundation meeting 7 pm
Tue 2/8	PTA meeting 7 pm
Wed 2/9	LATE OPENING Transfer process opens
Fri 2/11	Kindergarten Round-Up 1:30
Mon 2/14	Cudjoe & Muller field trip to the Humane Society 9:15-12:30 5 th graders field trip to Ms. Scott 12:45-2:30
Tue 2/15	TAG testing
Wed 2/16	TAG testing
Fri 2/18	Talent Show & Ice Cream Social 6-8:30 pm

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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