

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

Our school improvement plan goals, in the areas of Writing and Technology, continue to be at the forefront of our work and I wanted to take a moment to update you on what we are doing behind the scenes. Since September the Duniway staff have participated in several professional development trainings centered around Writing, Technology and learning more about differentiated strategies that they can apply to all areas of the curriculum to meet the needs of the range of learners in their classrooms.

In addition to continued professional learning our school teams are finding ways to support our work toward the goals by taking a closer look at the resources we have to utilize in order to accomplish our work. For example, our technology team has been working to improve our lab for the upcoming OAKS state testing. The team has worked with me to identify our equipment needs so that we have a functional lab for our students. We confirmed that several of our computers in the lab are either obsolete or require additional memory in order to run adequately for testing this year. I am excited to share that we purchased eleven new desktop computers for our lab, paid for with instructional technology refresh money that was allocated to us from the district. These computers are due to arrive at the end of January. Also, we have purchased additional memory for the remaining computers in the lab, and the computers in the library, so that students can access the programs.

It is our goal to get the technology lab up and running so it can be used throughout the day, not just for testing, so we can focus on helping students in areas outlined in the technology standards. You can find a copy of the standards on the district website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/information-technology/1955.htm>. In the newsletter next week I will share an update on our work in the second school improvement goal focus area of Writing. If you are interested in reviewing a copy of our comprehensive school improvement plan that outlines our steps toward reaching our goals in writing and technology you can pick up a copy of the plan in the office.

Warmly,

Dr. Hahn

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Safety Patrol

Just a reminder that our Safety Patrol is only out until the first bell and they come in with all students at 8:45. If you arrive at school late, follow the rules of the road and look both directions before crossing the street.

Testing for TAG

Nominated students will take place at Duniway on **February 15 and 16**. If a student is nominated in more than one area, it is possible that he or she will be tested on both days. Please avoid scheduling absences on those days, if possible. A reminder note about testing will be sent home in the backpack the first week of February...If your child has been nominated and you do not receive a testing reminder notice, please contact Kim Johnston, Duniway's TAG Coordinator, by email at kkjohnston@pps.k12.or.us

The Art Program needs you - no experience necessary

Art classes start next week, and the following classrooms still need parents to teach and assist: Mildenerger, Levine, Calvillo, Aquilizan, Bertelsen, Barkhurst & Doern. Please look outside your student's door for sign-up sheets. You do not need to have teaching or art experience to teach these lessons - everyone has something to offer.

Lesson plans are located at

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/286.htm>. The schedule for all teachers can be found at

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/files/school-duniway/art_calendar_2011.pdf.

Thank you to everyone who makes this program successful!

Talent Show

Talent show rehearsal is up and running; however it's still not too late to sign up. Forms are due **Wednesday, January 19th**. Please put them in the talent show box in the office. Fifth Graders: We'll be holding auditions for emcees on **January 19th** at 4: 30. If that time doesn't work for you, please let us now. Contact: Sue Mach 503-502-4413, susanmach@comcast.net, or Irene McCullagh 503-544-5959, cmmccull@comcast.net.

Free Movie Night in the Duniway Auditorium

There will be a Free Movie Night thanks to the Duniway PTA; on **Friday, January 21st** at 6:45 p.m. (Doors open at 6:35 p.m.) My Neighbor Totoro, a delightful and imaginative award winning film depicts the interactions of two sisters with friendly wood spirits. No food, candy or drinks are allowed in the auditorium and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Duniway Recycling Center, up and running!

We are now collecting a newly expanded assortment of recyclables within Duniway. The boxes to collect these materials are in the hallway that leads to the gym. DAS students did a great job decorating the collection boxes. We are now collecting...Plastic film (Ziplocs, laminate, plastic wrap), rigid plastics (plastic packaging, container lids, etc...), metal (tin foil, tin cans, small scraps), shoes (if there is odor potential please bag them), electronics, batteries and completely used glue sticks (don't need to rinse). **All items must be clean and Empty.**

We are taking recyclables weekly to Far West Fiber; a map with the location is Posted by the bins so that you can implement the same system at home. Far West Fiber takes a much wider variety of materials than Metro will!

Baseball and Softball Registration

BATTER UP! Registration is now **OPEN** for the 2011 season of Sellwood Junior Baseball & Softball! SJB provides the opportunity for kids from pre-kindergarten thru middle school to play America's greatest pastime. Register your player online at www.sellwoodbaseball.com before the **January 31, 2011** deadline. Questions? Contact Steve Stone at SJBstone@q.com.

Family Dodge Ball Night at Sellwood Middle School

Duniway families, come to Sellwood Middle School for a night of Dodge Ball. The fun begins **Friday, February 11th** from 6:30-8:30. Entrance fee is \$5/person or \$15/family. All families are invited.

We have 3 Separate Courts - fun for all levels. One court for the younger crowd that will play a version of Dodge Ball with 'no sting balls'. There will also be a 'league style' competitive court and a third will be a happy medium court where all ages and abilities can play.

Pizza from Pizza Roma & water will be available at \$1. Students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. This program benefits the Sellwood Middle School Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact Lindi Watson at 503-894-9553.

Auction Update

“A Night in the City”

Celebrating Portland for the Duniway Foundation

The Duniway Auction is only 6 weeks from today! Be sure to mark your calendars for **Friday, February 25th!** We have some AMAZING donations that have come in from the Duniway community and we are so grateful for your support! Please continue to bring your contributions in through the month of January.

WANTED!

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 by the home of Nikki Metcalf at **3517 SE Henry Street** in the basket on the front porch. A great way to donate and your donation is tax deductible by filling out an auction procurement form. Last year the Wine Wall had over 75 bottles ranging in value from \$25 to \$350. All bottles were sold at \$25 each which accounted for a contribution of \$1375 to the Foundation!

Great Outdoors- The auction team is looking for anyone who may know an outdoor outfitter. Fly Fishing Guide , Deep Water Fishing, Kayaking, White Water rafting etc. to possibly donate a package for the auction. These packages are very popular so if you know anyone please contact Tricia Wenz, Corinne Lyons or Nikki Metcalf with the details.

Travel Packages- We are working to secure some exciting travel packages for the live auction. If you have any connections or can help us with Air, Hotel accommodations or entertainment specifically in New York or Las Vegas, PLEASE contact Corrine at lyons5@comcast.net

Re-gifting is perfectly acceptable and encouraged! Bring us your baskets that are cluttering up your storage spaces- (We need them for the silent auction) We happily accept unwanted and unused gift cards!

If you have any ideas or questions regarding the auction, please contact Corrine Lyons at lyons5@comcast.net , Tracy Williams wilich@comcast.net or Tricia Wenz tlwenz@hotmail.com

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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| Mon 1/17 | SCHOOL CLOSED - MLK Jr. Day |
| Tue 1/18 | Julie Aquilizan - fieldtrip to Franz Bakery 12-2:30 |
| Fri 1/21 | PTA Movie Night - <u>My Neighbor Totoro</u> 6:45 pm |
| Thur 1/27 | Parent Meeting - Work Samples
K-2 parents 6-7 pm in the Library |

3-5 parents 7-8 pm in the Library

Please note correction: Julie Aquilizan's field trip on 1/18 is from 12-2:30
It was incorrectly listed in last weeks Update as 9-11:30.

Duniway's calendar is available online:
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/203.htm>

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