



Duniway Community Update

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteers Needed for the Parent Run Art Program

The first week of the Parent-Run Art Program went great! Duniway students were exposed to many different fine art mediums and enjoyed every minute of it!

Parents are still needed to help teach or assist in the following classrooms:

Doern- needs parents to assist the parent teacher

Delgado - needs parents to assist the parent teacher

O'Shea - needs parents to teach lessons

Please consider volunteering to help the Parent-Run Art Program be a continued success!

Kindergarten Round-Up Volunteers needed

The Kindergarten Round-Up is coming up on Friday, February 10th at 1:30.

Volunteers

Are needed to help out on that day between 12:30 and 2:45. Please contact Elizabeth Strelow at elizabethsarah4@gmail.com to sign up.

OAKS TESTING

The OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) season is upon us. Round one of testing begins next week. All third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be assessed in both reading and math. Additionally, fifth grade students will be tested in science. Please talk to your child about testing. Encouraging them to do their best and helping them to develop a positive attitude is important. Getting a good night's sleep the night before testing is helpful, as is eating a healthy breakfast. Waking up early enough to avoid hurrying to get ready for school is also recommended.

Please go over the following test taking tips with your child as well:

- Stay calm.
- Listen carefully to directions.
- Read each test question and all the answer choices carefully.
- Eliminate obvious wrong answers.
- Double check your work. Change an answer only if you have a good reason.
- Pace yourself. No one will win an award for being the first one done. (It doesn't matter if your classmates finish before you do.)
- Do your best!

Round One OAKS Schedule

January 24	Mildenberger - Reading
January 25	Walsh - Reading Calvillo - Reading
January 26	Chow - Reading
January 27	Levine - Science
January 31	Mildenberger - Math
February 1	Walsh - Math Calvillo - Science
February 2	Chow - Math O'Shea - Science
February 7	Miles - Reading
February 8	Johnston - Reading Calvillo - Math
February 9	Cudjoe - Reading O'Shea - Reading
February 10	Levine - Reading
February 13	Miles - Math
February 16	Johnston - Math O'Shea - Math
February 17	Cudjoe - Math Levine - Math

Inclement Weather

Please add www.pps.k12.or.us to your favorites. Go to the red **Inclement Weather** bar and you will have up to date information on school closures. FYI - Duniway does NOT have snow routes for our buses.

Instant alerts to your computer or phone

PPS uses the Flash Alert service to relay emergency closure information to news media. Flash Alert allows anybody to receive the same alerts the news stations do, but PPS cannot guarantee their delivery.

New this year, the district has set up a Twitter feed to relay closure, delay and emergency information - directly from PPS - at no cost. You may sign up to receive the free emails and/or text messages at www.twitter.com. Simply search PPSAlerts and click "follow".

If you don't already have one, you will need to set up a Twitter account.

The decision making process

Check out the Student Transportation webpage (www.pps.k12.or.us - click the Departments bar and choose Student Transportation) for more information about how PPS decides to delay or close schools, school building elevations and other important information.

We ARE having a Drama Class at Duniway!

We didn't think there were enough kids signed up, but it's a go! There is still room, but the Young Players Drama Club will start on **Wednesday, January 25th** through March 7th from 3:05-4:05 in the auditorium. The cost for the 7 week program is \$79. Kids work with a professional actor to create plays and skits they wrote themselves! Register on their website www.theyoungplayers.com

WALK + BIKE Final Friday of the Month

Friday, January 27th. Start the New Year out right with a resolution to be more active by walking or biking to school! 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 one 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. Have Fun!

There's still room in the Dragonian Newspaper Class!

The Duniway Dragonian after-school class resumes on Thursdays starting Jan. 26. Third, fourth and fifth-grade students interested in reporting, features and comics meet after school in the library from 3:05-4:05 -- Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Mar. 1 (no class on Feb. 23). Registration forms are available in the hall outside the school office. Class fee: \$75. Please call Joni Radcliffe for further information, 503 777-6593.

Auction News

We hope you have already marked your calendars for the Black & White Ball Auction happening Friday, March 2, 2012!

Tickets & Registration: This year, and for the first time, registration is completely on-line! Beginning Friday, January 27th, the auction website will be available for open registration and ticket sales.

To visit the auction website click here: <https://duniway.ejoinme.org/?tabid=319579>

- Buy tickets to the auction
- Sponsor a Teacher ticket
- Buy raffle tickets-(available now)
- Pre-order wine for your table
- Request seating groups
- **Early sign-up for parties and events**
(Parties have limited availability and sometimes sell out quickly!)

Additionally, you will soon be able to view classroom art projects, preview silent auction highlights, and view the live item packages in the catalog.

Although we are almost to the end of our journey, ***your help is still needed*** to insure a smashing success! Please look at the many ways in which you can support the auction.

Donations:

The silent auction team is all about creative baskets and packages! You can help by donating a themed basket, or even one small item such as, **lottery tickets, gift cards, event tickets, liquor and wine.** Please bring your donations to the office (include a contribution form, so we know who to thank!) If you have questions or ideas, contact Kristin Cole coleducks@comcast.net or JoAnne Cheechov jocheechov@yahoo.com

Parties:

Help save the Library PJ party! A sponsor is needed to provide food & beverages, and help facilitate the Library PJ party. This has always been a very popular event and sells out quickly! However we need helpers or it won't be back this year!

You can sponsor by helping to host and coordinate, or by giving a dollar amount of your choosing towards an event. Some other events in need of sponsors are **Date with**

Donahoe, Grand Central V.I.P Bowling Party, Mazama Lodge Retreat and the Zoo Snooze with Sara Hahn. For more information about party or event sponsoring, please contact Patty Cole at colefam5@comcast.net

Wine Wall:

Dig into your stash or buy a bottle to donate to the Auction Wine Wall! The Bottle Shop in Sellwood is offering a 20% discount for wine purchased to be donated to the auction. (All wine must be valued at \$25 or more.) You can drop your donations at the Bottle Shop, Duniway or Sarah Smith's house 7334 SE 28th Questions? sarah@squidsuits.com

Get Your Raffle Tickets!

A \$25 raffle ticket buys your chance to win one of three amazing prizes! Increase your chances and get 5 tickets for \$100. *Winners need not be present to win.* Go to the auction website to buy tickets and see complete raffle details.

Grand Prize: \$2500 travel gift certificate towards your DREAM VACATION

2nd Prize: \$999 KONA MinUte Deluxe Utility Bike

3rd Prize: \$200 gift card to the Laurelhurst Market Restaurant & Butcher Shop

Night of Volunteers

Not planning to attend the auction, but would like to be part of the action? Volunteers are needed for guest check-in, coat check, silent auction, data entry, live auction and close out. We are also looking for a volunteer photographer! For more information about volunteering the night of, please contact Tricia Wenz at tlwenz@hotmail.com

Thank You!

To the many volunteers who have given so much *time, energy and creative thought* to make the auction possible; and to everyone who has *donated*, we are VERY grateful!

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Mon	1/23	Dragon Dance Assemblies	2:00 for 3-5, 2:30 for K-2
Tue	1/24	TAG testing for newly nominated students	
Wed	1/25	Levine & O'Shea's field trip to the Oregon Food Bank	9-12
Fri	1/27	Walk/Bike to school	
Tue	1/31	Calvillo's field trip to the Oregon Food Bank	9-12
Wed	2/1	2 nd Graders - Northwest Children's Theatre	9-12
Thur	2/2	End of the grading period	
Fri	2/3	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day	

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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