

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of January and turning the corner into February. February is the first month we begin administering the State OAKS and Writing tests to our intermediate students. Only fourth grade students take the State Writing test and Duniway students will begin the Writing testing window the week of February 7th. In addition to Writing, fourth grade students will take the OAKS state Reading and Math assessments. Third grade students will only take the State Reading and Math assessments whereas the fifth graders will complete Reading, Math and Science tests. With the exception of Writing, students may have up to three opportunities to take the OAKS tests and their highest score is the final score reported.

I have worked with the intermediate teachers and testing coordinator to develop our testing calendar and all students in the third through fifth grade will complete their first round of OAKS testing before spring break. As you know the OAKS test is a computer-based test administered in the computer lab or in the classroom with the laptops. We are excited that we have all of the additional memory loaded into the laptops along with the new computers to support us with testing this year. Because of the computer-based testing we have access to a child's score soon after testing and can use the information to assist us in preparing students prior to the next round of testing. A copy of your child's scores, after each round of testing, will be sent home for your information. Please keep in mind the highest score recorded by the last round of testing will be recorded. Please check in with your child's teacher if you have additional questions about the upcoming tests or would like specific information about testing dates.

Warmly,

Dr. Hahn

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Kindergarten Round-Up

Duniway's Kindergarten Round-Up will be held **Friday, February 11, 2011** 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

Testing for TAG

Testing for nominated TAG 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

Library News

A huge "thank you" to the following parent volunteers who show up each week to help with class visits and shelving books...Marci Davis, Liza Vestal, Susan Barnes, Angela Kelly and Andrea Hollingshead. And, an extra special thanks to Marci Davis who recently hosted lively and captivating book talks for the 4th and 5th grades and will soon be hosting book talks for 2nd and 3rd grade.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity we have a need for more parents to help with class visits, shelving books, mending books and, coming soon...an inventory project. Please stop in and let me know if you would be interested in helping or call 503-916-3600 ext. 76514 and leave a message.

For 2nd and 3rd grade parents... in the coming weeks Marci Davis will be offering book talks to your children on this year's Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award Nominees. The children will be given a list of the nominees and will be encouraged to read (or have read to them) at least 2 of the books on the list. We only have 2 copies of these books in the library so please help them find these books at your public library. Each child who has read (or had read to them) at least two of the eligible books will be eligible to vote in late March. For 4th and 5th grade parents...Marci has already book talked the Oregon Reader's Choice Awards nominees. Thank you for supporting them with trips to the public library. The students will be voting in early March.
Jan Zumwalt Duniway Library Assistant

Application period for 2011-12 school transfers

Portland Public Schools announces transfer application dates for the 2011-12 school year:

- High school transfers - Feb. 4-Feb. 18
- All other grades - **Feb. 9-March 11**

Note: These dates are different than those released at the beginning of the school year.

Transfers allow students to attend a school that is not in their neighborhood. Because space is limited, and some schools are in higher demand than others, the school district uses a lottery system to approve applications.

PPS will make the applications available on the first day of each application period. For more information, contact the Enrollment and Transfer Center at 503-916-3205 or go to www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/make_a_choice.php.

Duniway Talent Show

We have some wonderful acts in store for the Duniway Talent Show. For those participating: If you haven't turned in the green sheet with your program information placed on it, please do so as soon as possible. We'll put some extra forms on the parent table across from the auditorium. We'd like to have them all no later than **Monday, January 31**. Also, please have your edited cd's to us by Monday as well. Remember during the week of the show (which is the week of Feb. 14th), rehearsals are mandatory. Those participating in the first show will rehearse on Monday the 14th and Wednesday the 16th. Those participating in the second show will rehearse on Tuesday the 15th and Thursday the 17th. We'll try and have the show order posted by Monday--Wednesday at the latest. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication. Rehearsals have been truly inspiring!

AmeriCorp Updates

The garden and shade tree projects are both coming together just in time for spring, which is great news. I have been getting into classrooms and hopefully some of you have heard about the projects through your children.

“ **Saturday February 5th the concrete will be cut** for the garden beds and tree wells. I need a 3-5 able bodied adults to take turns with the cutting.

“ **Saturday February 12th We will be removing the pavement and planting the trees.** A small piece of equipment will be available for the tough digging. Please arrive at the Duniway playground between 8 and 9 am for the pavement removal and around noon for the tree planting. I would love for a few parents to bring digging tools and wheelbarrows. Hand tools will be used. A perimeter will be established when equipment is in use. Please RSVP to Ben Morelli, bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com

“ **Duniway Tool Drive Reminder!!!** Now that the garden is on the way we need those tools more than ever. The list of needed tools includes: 3 round nosed shovels, 2 spading forks, Wheelbarrow(s), 3 leaf rakes, 2 metal garden rakes, adult work gloves, 3 solid hoes, 2 hand pruners, 1 pair of loppers, tool cleaning brush, and a flat nosed shovel.

Let's get excited for spring!

PTA Clothing Closet Volunteers Needed:

Duniway is scheduled to send volunteers the help at the PTA clothing closet located at Marshal High School on **February 10th** from 9:30 - 1:30. Come for the whole day or only a few hours. All help is greatly appreciated by the community that it serves. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Hart at hartomatic@aol.com.

The Duniway Auction

**“A Night in the City”
Friday, February 25th**

Thank you for all of your generous donations! Please continue to bring your contributions to the Duniway office. **It's not too late!** Contribution forms are available on the bulletin board and on the Duniway website.

We 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 are looking for:

- **Seattle Hotel** donation to go with Mariner Tickets.
- **4 tickets to a Blazer or Timbers game**
- **“Back to School Brunch” Hosts** - We hope to bring this popular event back!
- **Chaperones** for the Submarine Overnight at OMSI with Sara Hahn (grades 3-5)
- **Party Sponsors** for the Eastmoreland Racquet Club Pool Party (grades 2-5)

Great New Event! We are very excited to present **Mazama Lodge Family Night** on Mt. Hood! The Rustic Mazama Lodge will host Duniway families, October 22nd for an overnight adventure on the mountain! This will be an easel party sign up for \$30 per person (70 person max.) *includes lodging and meals. Check out the Mazama Lodge at <http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C184/>

Invitations: Check your child's backpack! All invitations will be sent home on **Tuesday, February 1st**. We are also offering an **online option**, for the first time this year. Tickets can be purchased online by going to the Duniway website 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)

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

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:

Fri 1/28	Valentine Card Take and Make 6 pm in the cafeteria
Wed 2/2	Cafeteria Make-Over Committee meeting 7 pm
Thur 2/3	2 nd graders field trip to the Northwest Children's Theater 9-12
Sat 2/5	Concrete cutting 3-5 pm at Duniway
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
Sat 2/12	Tree planting beginning at 8 am at Duniway

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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**SELLWOOD
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

**5th Graders and
New Students!**



**Welcome to the
2011-2012
School Year**

Information Sessions for Parents of Incoming 5th Graders, Fall 2011

Evening: Tuesday 2/22, 7:00-8:15 pm

This event begins in the gym for an overview of Sellwood Middle School, hearing about forecasting and orientation procedures and staff introductions. The evening will conclude with a self-guided tour of the building and a chance to chat with Grade 6 teachers in their classrooms.

Daytime: Wednesday, 2/16, 9:30-10:30am & Wednesday, 2/23, 9:30-10:30am

Our daytime events begin in the library for an overview of Sellwood Middle School, hearing about forecasting and orientation procedures and staff introductions. The daytime sessions will also include a tour of the building while class is in session (teachers will not be available to chat during the school day).

These sessions will all cover the same information, so it's only necessary to attend one. In early spring, 5th Graders will have an opportunity to visit the Sellwood campus and the Sellwood administrators will visit each feeder school to discuss electives and forecasting with students.

Looking forward to seeing you!

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