

# Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

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### Immunization Clinic

If you received a letter from the MESD reminding you that your student needs updated immunizations. There will be a clinic this Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at Our Faithful Savior Church at 11100 NE Skidmore in Portland. They ask for a \$15.00 fee, but, no one will be turned away due to cost. You must bring your letter and immunization records with you.

Remember - February 16<sup>th</sup> your child will not be allowed to come to school if their immunizations are not up to date.

### Duniway Foundation

It's not too late to give to the Duniway Foundation Annual Fund Drive! Thanks to the great support of many families we are up to \$44,000 of our \$75,000 goal. This is with only 23% of our families donating! If the remainder of families were to give an average of \$150 we could reach our goal for this campaign.

All donations go a long way toward continuing the valuable programs we have here at Duniway. Please, give now! Our kids' futures depend on it.

### PTA Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>

PORTLAND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BOBBIE REGAN  
WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT THE NEXT PTA MEETING!

Please come to the PTA meeting on **January 11**, at 7 pm in the School Auditorium to hear Ms. Regan explain the upcoming PPS Capital Improvement Bond (A \$548 million proposal set for vote on May 17, 2011).

Ms. Regan has kindly offered to speak at Duniway and to answer questions about the upcoming Bond Measure. This is a great opportunity to understand how the Bond will impact Duniway as well as the other schools in the district and to have your questions answered. All Duniway parents are encouraged to attend and to learn more about the Bond. This will be a fun meeting and a great chance to either meet or say hello to friends. Please remember that free childcare is provided in the cafeteria. See you then!

Detailed PPS information on the bond is available:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/schoolmodernization/index.htm>

### **DINNER IS DONE on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>!**

... and lunch can be too! Join us on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sellwood/Westmoreland CHA CHA CHA! Restaurant any time from 10am-10pm and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Duniway PTA/Home Tour. Enjoy fun and delicious Mexican cuisine with family-friendly prices. Dine-in or take home. Be sure to mention Duniway School! CHA CHA CHA! is located at 1605 SE Bybee Blvd. (503) 232-0437. Thank you for supporting the Duniway PTA and the 2010 Home Tour.

### **Chess Club**

Students who would like to join or continue in the Chess Club (Tuesdays 3:05 to 4:35) can obtain registration forms from Rose Sloop @ (503)475-0685 or r.sloop@comcast.net . All ability levels are welcome!

The club will run for 10 weeks, **January 11<sup>th</sup>** to March 15<sup>th</sup>, and tuition is \$120 (There is also a 10% discount for siblings).

Also, February 5<sup>th</sup> is date of Regional Tournament for K-5 Elementary Schools. Duniway can enter up to 10 students, and the entry fee is \$18

### **Free Movie Night in the Duniway Auditorium**

There will be a Free Movie Night thanks to the Duniway PTA; on **Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

### **Before and After School Care Survey**

Please take a few moments to complete a survey about child care by going to the PPS website: [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us) and clicking the "Families" tab, and "News and Events." Or pick up a paper copy (in English or Spanish) at the sign-in area of the child care room. Please complete the survey by Friday, **January 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### **Auction 2011**

I am still looking for those talented Duniway families who enjoy baking in their kitchen! Please consider baking a homemade dessert of your choice for this year's auction. The dessert will need to be displayed on something of your choice and the

item as a whole will be auctioned. **Thank you to the families who have already volunteered to make a dessert.** I need just **7 more families** to step-up! I would be happy to discuss further the details of this event, please contact Molly Reed at [moreed68@yahoo.com](mailto:moreed68@yahoo.com) or 503.775.3171! Thank you.

### **Kindergarten tree planting project!**

I am very excited to say that Duniway just got the news that we are the recipients of a \$1500 grant from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. This money will be used to remove asphalt and plant trees along the Kindergarten Wing. On Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> I need 3-6 parent volunteers comfortable with the task of cutting and jackhammering concrete and asphalt. The following Saturday the entire school is invited to help plant

the trees. We would also really appreciate if a parent(s) has a truck that could be used on those days. More details are to come...

### **Duniway tool drive**

2011 is to be the year of the Garden at Duniway and we need tools to make this happen. A grant has been secured to plant trees outside the Kindergarten classrooms and a plan has been submitted to build raised beds in the courtyard. Children's tools have been ordered with money received from a MAD grant. We thought we would ask the school community for adult tools. So whether you are looking for a way to clear out the shed or want to go out and purchase them new we would appreciate your help either way.

Here is what we need:

3 round nosed shovels, 2 spading forks, wheelbarrow(s), 3 leaf rakes, 2 metal garden rakes, Adult work gloves, 3 solid hoes, 1 pair of loppers, Brush for tool cleaning, Hand trowels, Hand cultivators, Flat nosed shovel, 2 hand pruners

Tools can be dropped off with Ben (AmeriCorp) during the school week from 8am-4pm in the office next to the gym. Posters placed around the school will be updated as tools start coming in so you can see what we still need. Contact: [bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com](mailto:bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com). Thank you!!

### **Silverware drive**

A year has gone by and despite our best efforts, some of the silverware has migrated elsewhere. We are in desperate need of spoons and a few extra forks wouldn't hurt. Please put them in Ben Morelli's box in the office or take them directly to the school cafeteria. We wouldn't want the sporks coming back!

### **Art classes**

Winter Creative After School Art Classes will start Friday January 21st. There are still a few spots available for the Monday and Friday classes. During our first class, we'll be creating clay pagoda lanterns to light up the dark winter nights! Scholarships are available. Questions? Please contact Michelle Smit at [michellesmitdesign@comcast.net](mailto:michellesmitdesign@comcast.net) or call 971-212-7882.

### **Ring found on school field**

A student turned a ring into the office before Winter Break that was found out on the field during the first few weeks of December. If you, or someone you know lost a ring, please call the office and describe it to Lynn. We sure hope to find the rightful owner.

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

Tue 1/11 Holmes fieldtrip - Franz Bakery 9-11:30  
Cha Cha Cha Fundraiser  
PTA Meeting 7 pm  
Wed 1/12 Late Opening  
Thu 1/13 Cornet fieldtrip - Franz Bakery 9-11:30  
  
Mon 1/17 NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day  
Tue 1/18 Aquilizan fieldtrip - Franz Bakery 9-11:30  
Fri 1/21 PTA Movie Night 6:30-8:30

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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