

# Duniway Community Update

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### *Duniway Carnival - TONIGHT from 5-8 pm!!*

#### From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

Thank you for such a fabulous year! Although I can't believe I just finished my first year at Duniway (it went so fast) it definitely was a memorable and incredibly enjoyable year sprinkled heavily with student success and parent support / involvement. Thank you for your contribution of time, energy and resources so that our students could continue down the path of success. Your involvement is instrumental to our work at school.

We wrap up this year with student data that shows improvements in all content areas. I am finishing up my analysis of all of the year-end school-wide data especially in the area of writing which was one of our school improvement plan goal target areas. I collectively analyze student data from the State OAKS and State Writing assessments, district literacy assessments and site-based student work samples from teachers. Through my analysis I not only look at whether or not students met the grade level benchmarks and state standards but also their growth over time (which is why we collect data throughout the year). We want to continue to challenge our students and document growth (even if they are always high performing) so we know continued learning is evident as well as what we need to do to change our practice to meet their needs. One preliminary glimpse into our State data, however, for our third through fifth grade students in the areas of Reading and Math is amazing. You may recall that this year the State raised the math standard so students needed to get higher scores in math in order to meet the standard. Duniway students continued to outperform the District and State with the following preliminary results:

Percent of students who met or exceeded the State Standard for 2011:

2011	Reading	Math
<b>Grade 3</b>	98%	100%
<b>Grade 4</b>	98%	86%
<b>Grade 5</b>	99%	89%

I will have detailed information to share with you in September along with how we will be using the data as a springboard into our work in the upcoming year and identification of our school improvement plan goals for 2011-12.

As we look to the 2011-12 school year we have some exciting additions /changes and the first addition I want to share is the recent hire of our new first

grade teacher! Please help me welcome to the Duniway staff and school community Mrs. Kimberly Delgado. Kim is a native Oregonian, who grew up in Stayton, and went to OSU as well as Willamette U for her MAT. That's right, I said OSU :-~) I haven't told her I am a DUCK just yet but I'm sure she will find out soon enough. She has experience teaching first grade and has worked at Boise-Elliot and Sabin schools. In addition to her teaching she has experience working at a non-profit pre-K program for students with special needs as well as working for the Multnomah Early Childhood Program. On a personal note, Kim shares that she has a fifteen year old step daughter at Cleveland and two dogs (Jack Russell and Chiweeny). She is thrilled to come to Duniway and lives close by so she feels she will be giving back to her own neighborhood / community. Kim and her husband will be swinging by the carnival this evening so please give her a wonderful Duniway welcome.

A few other additions include the rolling out of our new Bridges math adoption and teachers have been excited to receive the materials and attend the professional development training. I will be showcasing the math curriculum in September at a parent training event (details TBA) so if you are interested in getting your hands on the materials and taking a closer look at our changes in how we will teach math please join us at the parent meeting. Another addition is the formation of a multicultural / multiethnic parent committee. I met with this newly formed group once and we have some exciting events planned for engaging the school community in multicultural activities. Additional information about the work of this group will be shared in the Fall. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please send me an email at [shahn@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:shahn@pps.k12.or.us) and we can add you to the list.

Thanks again for such a great year! I have enjoyed spending time getting to know your children and your family this year. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Warmly,  
Dr. Hahn

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## **SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Cafeteria Account Balances**

Any remaining account balances (positive or negative) on students' meal accounts at the end of the year will be automatically held for students at their current school or

transferred to students' new schools within the district.

If your student is leaving the district, then you may call the Cafeteria Lead (Jennifer at 503-916-6343) to arrange for a refund. Donations to the district's Pay It Forward Fund to help families who are not eligible for free meals are also welcome. Contact Patti Shafer at 503.916.3398 to make donations.

Shannon Stember, Assistant Director, Nutrition Services, 503.916.3365

### Medications at school

Don't forget to make arrangements to pick up any unused medications that your student may have at school. Medication left at school must be returned to the parent or destroyed at the end of the school year per district policy. You can pick it up the last day of school through Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### Lost & Found

With cooler mornings and warmer afternoons, we are beginning to fill up the lost and found rack with sweaters/sweatshirts and fleece jackets. We also have an assortment of baseball gear now that baseball season is in full swing.

All items still on the rack or in the buckets below will be taken to the clothing closet/goodwill or the garbage can **on the last day of school**.

### Dance Photos

The Spring Dance photos are ready to view. Boogie on over to this [online shopping gallery](#) to check out the fun portraits Kim Campbell and Francisco Salgado of Campbell Salgado Studio took of the children with their parents, siblings and friends. Order your photos before the last day of school (June 14) and they'll donate 20% of the proceeds to the Duniway PTA.

### Fund Run Final Numbers

I would like to extend an enormous "thank you" to Duniway families for their generous support of the Fund Run. The event raised just over \$22,000 to benefit Duniway's cultural arts program. Here are some details:

4,199 = the total number of laps run by students (Over 1,000 miles!)

322 = number of students who raised money during the fund run

\$578 = the most money raised by one student (Sophie Marcus, 4th grade, Cudjoe)

#### Laps by grade:

- \* Kinders = 465 (great number, especially  
Since Kinders only had 20 minutes to run)
- \* 1st = 745
- \* 2nd = 675
- \* 3rd = 676
- \* 4th = 859
- \* 5th = 779

#### Fundraising by grade:

- \* Kinders = \$3,196
- \* 1st = 5,050
- \* 2nd = \$3,185
- \* 3rd = \$2,827
- \* 4th = \$4,957
- \* 5th = \$2,870

### Library News

Thank you to Marci Davis who has been busy promoting Multnomah County's summer reading program to our students. She has created a booklist from her book talks which your children should be bringing home. Your children will also be given the summer

reading brochure and game board before school is out. I hope you will support them with many trips to the public library this summer.

Some of you have asked about book donations...while time is limited for reviewing donations, we do have some favorites that are well worn and could use replacements. So, if you are sorting through your shelves the summer and would like to pass on gently used books from the following authors/series/subjects, it would be greatly appreciated:

Garfield by Jim Davis

Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

Harry Potter (any of them) by J.K. Rowling

Henry and Mudge, Mr. Putter and Tabby and Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Books about dogs, cats and other pets

Books on Origami

Kid friendly cookbooks published within the last 10 years

As I work on updating and building the non-fiction collection next year, I hope to offer "adopt-a books" which can be purchased and donated as birthday books - listing your student's name and birthday on a book plate inside...more to come on that in the Fall. Thank you for all of your support this year and Happy Summer Reading!

Jan Zumwalt

Duniway Library Assistant

### **Playground Tree Planting**

You may have heard whispers of a second round of planting trees on the Duniway playground. The City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Service has a "Grey to Green" project that is offering us free trees, planting and two years of watering and care. After a lengthy approval process we are ready to move forward. To make this happen we need to cut 4 new tree wells very soon. Unlike last time we are also expected to reinforce the tree wells with a flush concrete curb edge. I am confident I could figure this out, but would love a parent "expert" to help me with the process. Ideally we will do this work on June 18<sup>th</sup>, but I will have availability during the week now that days are long and school is done. In order to move forward I would like to see a demonstration of support from the school community and at least 6 volunteers. We also need a truck or trailer to haul away the asphalt scrap. This shouldn't be more than 2 loads in a regular truck. I am sorry this is so rushed, but I know it can come together quickly and easily. We already have the experience : ) Please RSVP with your interest and availability. If

we don't get volunteers, then the trees will need to wait.

Ben Morelli [bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com](mailto:bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com) 503-916-6343 ext 76520

### **Final words from Mr. Ben**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Duniway for welcoming me into their school

community this year. I have enjoyed working with you all and getting to know your wonderful children. You have a special neighborhood here and it really shows in your kid's great attitudes and behavior.

I have done my best this year to reinforce positive efforts towards sustainability within your school community. It is my hope that these efforts will be sustained and built upon as a foundation for the future. In my remaining two months working for

your school, I will be compiling my work and research into a manual that will summarize this foundation and outline ideas for expansion in the future. Over the course of the year I developed a deep appreciation for the hard work and commitment of your teachers and staff. It blows me away how they accomplish so much with such minimal resources. Your parent community is also incredible in the support that they provide the school and ultimately the children. I hope that in coming years, new resources will emerge to support your efforts and that the wider community will expand support for this institution and yourselves. I believe that as sustainability becomes more and more essential to our way of life, it will be a way of accumulating and not diminishing these resources. Already there are many grants available and wonderful non-profit organizations to partner with. Please explore these opportunities. I am at your service until early August and would love to hear your thoughts and have conversations about any of these ideas or others that I may have glossed over. I would like to recognize all the hard working members of the Duniway Green Team. We have accomplished a lot this year, and I can assure you that diversifying education is the core of their mission. Again, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to spend time with your children. They are talented, creative and intelligent little guys and gals, but you knew that!

Sincerely, Ben Morelli                      AmeriCorp

### **PTA Opportunities**

Summer's almost here... but first:

Would you like to get more involved with PTA sponsored activities next year? Do you or your child have an interest that you would like to support at Duniway? We have multiple committee chair openings available next year. Please consider joining our large group of activity and event chairs and have a really fun year! Your volunteer efforts will help support community building and/or fund raising initiatives that benefit all students and school programs.

Openings:

Book Fair - Spring

Hospitality

Classroom Rep

Community Giving assistant (with Dena Stock-Marquez)

Dining for Dollars

5th grade activities (with Sue Walsh and others)

Yearbook assistant (with Holly Nelson)

Spring carnival (two co-chairs)

Fund Run

Please contact Jenny Dempsey Stein, [jenny@aracnet.com](mailto:jenny@aracnet.com) and Christine Morita-McVey, [c.moritamcvey@gmail.com](mailto:c.moritamcvey@gmail.com), with your interest.

### **Beginning Tumbling & Youth Fitness Camps**

Develop strength, agility, coordination and balance with hoops, swinging skills on a single rail bar & working with hand weights. A noncompetitive way to build self-esteem, learn jumping skills, pull-overs, handstands, cartwheels & front handsprings. The sessions are 1 week of classes. The maximum amount of students per camp will

be 6 children. Enrollment & Liability Waiver Form available on-line. Ages 6 and up.

Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	July 5th & July 7th	\$45
Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	July 12th & July 14th	\$45
Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	July 19th & July 21st	\$45
Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	July 26th & July 28th	\$45
Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	Aug. 2nd & Aug. 4th	\$45
Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	Aug. 9th & Aug. 11th	\$45
Tues. & Thurs.	9:30am - 11:30am	Aug. 16th & Aug. 18th	\$45

About the Instructor:

Sessions are taught by Gail Bruner who is a former competitive gymnast with 25 years of teaching experience. Gail has a B.S. in Human Services and Therapeutic Recreation, a Teaching Certification in Elementary Education. Gail is a former marathon runner, master's swimmer and her current passions are yoga, gardening and joining a library book group.

Questions, contact Gail: 503-841-1460 or [info@tumblevillestudios.com](mailto:info@tumblevillestudios.com)

### Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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