

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

Last July when I came to Duniway I was amazed at all of the parent projects, volunteer time, teaching opportunities and fundraising efforts that are orchestrated and implemented by our amazing parent community. Although certain groups or parents take on various tasks one thing is certain, everyone is working hard and giving every effort to support our collective student body and staff. As I started to meet staff / parents and learn more about the school community it became clear that anything I could do to promote or engage more communication between all of our groups would be helpful since we are a busy place. With this in mind I decided last August to develop the Duniway Community Council, also known as the DCC, to work closely with me and each other to brainstorm ideas, provide current and future updates, along with providing support and perspectives in shared decision making. The co-leaders from the Foundation, PTA (including green team), and Site Council (which includes one teacher) have been meeting monthly with me since the beginning of the year to enhance our communication between groups, keep others "in the loop" (then share out at their monthly meetings), support the projects of the other groups, or seize the opportunity to ask for feedback before implementing new projects that may impact the work of another committee.

At our last meeting I proposed the importance of getting an electronic survey out to parents this spring that didn't just come from me, but rather our DCC group, and includes questions that would gather the data we need most for decision making. We recognized that the wording of the survey questions is imperative to gathering the information we need most in light of our purpose and focus. With budget reductions headed our way and a certain amount of uncertainty as we look forward to next school year we wanted to provide parents with an anonymous survey for input to be considered as we look at potential changes at our school. I wanted to let you know that the survey is in the works. The survey will have a few components including but not limited to academic program prioritizing along with fundraising alignment. The DCC is meeting next week to begin selecting the questions, then, building a rough draft of the survey. Our plan is to finalize the survey at our April meeting and get it out to parents via a link in this Duniway Update soon after. Stay tuned for more information regarding our survey development and the plan for sharing the results.

Warmly,

Dr. Hahn

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Project Second Wind

The Duniway community exceeded our goal in the Project Second Wind food drive. We collected, in food and cash donations, over 4600 pounds of food. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's food drive to benefit the Oregon Food Bank a big success.

Destination Imagination

Good luck to our three Destination Imagination teams as they participate in the regional tournament this Saturday at Rex Putnam High School! Have fun!

Scholastic Book Fair

Duniway is hosting its 3rd annual Spring Scholastic Book Fair **March 15-17th** in the south gym! Come visit our carnival themed fair next Tuesday (3/15) & Wednesday (3/16) after school from 2:30-4:30 and Thursday (3/17) from 2:30-5:30. Get some books to keep the kids happy during Spring Break and as a bonus this year, spend \$20 or more and be entered into a raffle to win one of 2 family roller skating packs to Oaks Par, or one of the five \$5 certificates to Nectars Frozen Yogurt Lounge! What a great way to start off Spring Break! Chances seem pretty high - Good Luck!

To volunteer, please contact Maple Loew at www.maple79@earthlink.net or call 503-353-3012. We need help in setup/take down, running the fair and we are looking for someone who might want to chair this wonderful event next spring!

Great Auction Parties still available!

You can sign up **NOW** for the auction parties that still have availability. The auction sign up's are available in front of the office throughout the day. Please pay at point of sign up. Thank you!

OMSI Submarine Overnight- Hosted by Dr. Hahn! We still have availability for this adventure in science happening **Friday May 6th**. This event for kids grades 3-5, includes a Bon Voyage pizza party, special Duniway T's, bus transportation to OMSI,

Planetarium Show, Submarine tour and exploration, Sub-in sleepover, and breakfast in the morning! \$125 per child. Chaperones: Nina Levine, Morgan Whalen, Kathleen Taylor Questions? Please contact Corrine Lyons lyons5@comcast.net

Duniway Families Retreat at Mazama Lodge! Enjoy the beauty of Mt. Hood at The Rustic Mazama Lodge with other Duniway families. Hike and explore with the kids, play board games or relax by the fire. All meals and overnight bunk style lodging included for **\$30 per person!** This overnight on the mountain happening October 22nd, still has room for about 7 more families. If you have already signed up, please encourage your friends to join! If you have questions about this event please contact Jenny Dempsey Stein at jenny@aracnet.com or check out the Mazama website at <http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C184/>

Duniway Day at the Movies! Back by popular demand, Duniway families have the Moreland Theatre all to ourselves **Friday March 18th** at 10:00 a.m. (no school)! A great way to kick off Spring Break! Come see "Gulliver's Travels", with 200 of your closest Duniway friends! Popcorn and a drink are included for only \$10 pp.

Pool Party at Eastmoreland Racquet Club! Kids in grades 3-5 can party with their friends this summer at the club pool! Party games led by a lifeguard, poolside lunch and more! (\$50) Sunday, August 28th

Mom's Back to School Brunch- When the kids go back to school after a long summer break, Mom's celebrate! Enjoy a lovely champagne brunch while the kids are at school on Friday September 9th. Only a few spots left! \$40 per person. Friday, September 9th.

Poker Party! Know when to hold 'em? Sign up for the ever popular Poker Party, happening Saturday April 9th (\$50 pp). Price includes scrip for play, 2 drink tickets and appetizers. Hosted by, Chris Thomas at The Sellwood Public House.

"Greek to You" Summer Party! This summer evening party, happening August 20th, is going all Greek, but togas are not compulsory. Enjoy the warm hospitality and culinary talents of the dream team party hosts: Leritz, Van de Lindt, Karbowitzs, Cole and Cole. (\$75pp)

Corkscrew Wine Tasting Party- Enjoy a wine tasting at Corkscrew and appetizers by Eastmoreland Market, happening October 24 @ 7p.m. Very limited availability, get on the guest list for only \$35 per person.

Parties with less than 10 spots open:

V.I.P Bowling with Dad at Grand Central Bowl- October, 16 from 2:30-4:30 (\$35pp)

Flip Flops & Lemon Drops (women only) - Saturday, June 11th (\$50pp)

The Amazing Race- June 18 (\$75pp)

Jewelry Making Party at Collage- Sunday March, 13th from 1-3 (\$20pp)

Teachers and student kickball tournament- **grades 3-5** Sunday May 1st (\$20pp)

Thank you for supporting the auction parties! All proceeds benefit the Duniway Foundation which supports our Music, P.E., and Library programs. ☺

Blazers vs. Dallas/Go Team-Go Green!

The Positive Behavior Committee would like to invite you to a fun evening out to watch the Blazers vs. Dallas at 6:00 pm on **April 3rd** at the Rose Quarter. The Blazers have reserved 100 seats for our Duniway community to sit together and cheer our team on. The tickets are \$28.00 each and the Blazers will donate \$5.00 of each ticket purchased to the Duniway Peace Garden. You'll need to preorder your tickets by

calling Graham Clancy at the Portland Trail Blazers-503.234.9291. If you have questions please contact Julie Aquilizan at jaquiliz@pps.k12.or.us or leave a message at 503.916.6343-ext. 76509.

Hug a Teacher!

...or at least sign up to help make Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week special for them! Once again, the PTA's Teacher Appreciation team will be hosting meals for the teachers and staff every day of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which we'll be celebrating **April 4-8**. There are plenty of ways to contribute - make a special dish, purchase accompaniments or beverages, or help with set-up and clean-up, for example. For a full roster of options, check the big sign-up board by the office every day next week (**March 14-17**) and the week following Spring Break (**March 28-April 1**), or contact Jennifer Bamer (jabamer@comcast.net) or Marci Davis (marcikdavis@gmail.com) if you aren't able to sign up in person. Let's make sure the Duniway teachers and staff feel the love!

Upcoming Green Team meeting

This coming Monday, March 14th at 6:30 pm the Green Team will be holding a meeting at Laughing Planet at 4110 SE Woodstock. We will be discussing Earth Day, next steps in garden plan implementation and a Jr. Green Team after school club. The atmosphere is very relaxed and you are welcome to grab dinner and a drink during the meeting. Anyone and everyone are encouraged to attend. Please bring ideas and questions if you have them ☺ Ben Morelli - AmeriCorp 503-916-2000 ext 76520

Trucks needed!

Hi parents. The Green Team is hoping that a few parents out there have trucks that we can occasionally call upon to use. In the near future, we will need to haul away the depaved asphalt and other uses in the garden will surely pop up. Please email Ben Morelli at bnjmmorelli@gmail.com if you would be willing to volunteer some time and your trucks services to our gardening project.

Holiday Home Tour Needs You

We're looking for 2 or 3 people to coordinate this popular and festive fundraiser. There are leads already established for homes willing to participate in December's tour! You'll have plenty of advice from last year's chairs and you'll help Duniway by raising money for our students and staff. If you love the home tour and want to see it continue, please contact Christine Morita-McVey (c.moritamcvey@gmail.com) or Jenny Dempsey Stein (jenny@aracnet.com)

Spanish Language Classes-Spring 2011 Registration

Hola Amigos! The spring term for Spanish language classes begins in April and registration is now open. The program will continue the development of Spanish comprehension and language skills through books, music and hands on activities. Registration forms are located in the Spanish mailbox in the office and in the central hall, just outside the auditorium.

Lower Division Classes (K & 1st Grade) are Tues. & Thurs. Mornings from 8:15-8:45

Class Dates: April 7th through May 31st

Upper Division Classes (2nd-5th Grade) Wed. Afternoons 3:05-4:05 Class Dates: April 6th through May 25th

Class space is limited, enrollment will be in the order received.
Questions? Call Elizabeth Etchepare (503) 853-3551 Gracias!

Children's Theater Workshop

Greetings from the Lincoln High School Theater Department:

It's time for Lincoln High School's annual Spring Children's Theater Workshop. It will take place on Saturday, April 9 with registration is due **April 1st**.

Registration packets are available on the Parent Table outside the auditorium.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Tue 3/15	Scholastic Book Fair in the south gym 2:30-4:30
Wed 3/16	Scholastic Book Fair in the south gym 2:30-4:30
Thur 3/17	End of the grading period Scholastic Book Fair in the south gym 2:30-5:30
Fri 3/18	NO SHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
Mon 3/21 - Fri 3/25	NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!!!

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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