

Duniway Community Update

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PTA's Free Movie Night - Tonight!!! Doors open at 6:35 pm
Come see **Fantastic Mr.Fox**. Please remember: no food, candy or drinks are allowed in the auditorium and children must be accompanied by an adult.

From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

We are approaching the end of our first round of OAKS State testing and it has been wonderful to use our updated computer lab to administer the test this year. Testing has been smoother for students and easier for teachers, which has saved us a lot of time. Preliminary reports for all students who took the test (grades 3 - 5) look wonderful! You may recall that in November, 2010 PPS sent out a family advisory memo informing parents that the Oregon State Board of Education recently raised achievement standards for math skills which means that our students taking the OAKS will need a higher test score to meet State standards this year. The memo shared, "this change will result in students having lower ratings and schools having lower percentages of students meeting standards."

While this may be the case, I want you to know that it is our expectation as a staff to reach for the stars in supporting all students to strive to exceed the standard, regardless of how high. Our focus is beyond any obstacle or challenge, like an increase in the standard, and rests on getting our students where they personally can be. Teachers are carefully monitoring all scores, especially in math, and making any necessary adjustments to their instruction so that students can strengthen their skills and work to surpass their previous score. By making these adjustments we can move students from not meeting to meeting, or meeting to exceeding, or those who previously exceeded to attaining a higher score. We are also keeping parents informed of their child's score after each round of testing by sending home a testing letter. Depending on when a child's class completed the first round of testing will determine when parents receive the letter. Nonetheless, every third through fifth grade classroom will have letters out to parents for this first round before spring break. Our focus is for all students to demonstrate growth and do their personal best. Of course we use a variety of measures to monitor progress throughout the year in the different content areas through formative assessments and it is important to keep in mind OAKS is a summative assessment and another piece of data for teachers to use. However if you are interested in learning more about what is being done in your child's classroom with regard to OAKS testing or have questions about the new math standards please check with your child's teacher.

Warmly,
Dr. Hahn

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Just a reminder:

The flu and cold season is upon us ☹️. If your child is going to be tardy or absent, please don't forget to call the Childwatch number any time before 9:15 am at 503-916-3625. After that time, you will need to call the office at 503-916-6343. We need to know the date, teacher's name and reason for the absence (appointment, illness etc). If you are going on vacation, please be sure to let the office know as well as the classroom teacher.

Any time a student is in the system as 'unexcused', the District auto-dialer will call your home.

Brownie mixes for sale

The children of Ms. Mildenberger's class created Sand Art brownie mixes for the auction. We still have several available for purchase. Please make a donation of \$10.00 to the Duniway Foundation and take home this delicious mix of sweets to bake with your kids! Each jar of brownie mix is decorated by the children and comes with instructions on how to mix and bake! If you were unable to attend the auction this is a great way to be involved. The brownie mixes will be available in the front office.

PTA Meeting

Please join us this Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the library for the monthly PTA meeting. Ideas and opinions on how we can best support our school community are always welcome! Free childcare is available in the cafeteria. See you there!"

Late Opening date correction

An incorrect Late Opening date was printed on the Nutrition Services K-5, K-8 menu calendar for March. The Late Opening was listed on the menu calendar as Wednesday, March 16th. The correct date for the Late Opening is **Wednesday, March 9th**.

Auction Parties Second Chance!

You can sign up **NOW** for the auction parties that still have availability. The auction sign up's are available in the cafeteria before school, and in front of the office throughout the day. If you will be coming to the PTA Movie night (**Tonight - Friday the 4th**), you can sign up and pay for parties then too. 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

Mazama Lodge Family Night! 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**, has limited availability. 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 "Gullivers Travels", with 200 of your closest Duniway friends! Popcorn and a drink is included for only \$10 pp.

Pool Party at Eastmoreland Racquet Club! Kids 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: Lertz, 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. ☺

Destination Imagination

Our three Duniway Destination Imagination teams will be participating in the regional tournament at Rex Putman High School in Milwaukie on **Saturday, March 12**. If you want to come cheer the teams on and want to learn more about DI, you are invited to attend. Good luck, Teams! Have a lot of fun!

The Lizards -- Jeremy Clark, Colby Davis, Cole Leckey, Daniel Passmore, James Adams, Nash Kelly, Walker Meili; Jamien Leckey, manager.

Brainteasers -- Mary Burke, Henry Slatore, Andy Krueger, Zack Smith, Austin Denning, Ben Richardson, Lindsay Hausafus; Chris Slatore and Elizabeth Brownhill, managers.

Duniway I-di-as -- Willa Bixby, Deigo Gutierrez, Tom Wagner, Noah Clark, Mitchell Rose, Madeleine McIntyre; Janet Bixby, manager.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found is bursting at the seams. Please stop by and check to see if you can claim any missing items. We will be making a clean sweep of the racks before spring break on **March 16th**. Any and all unclaimed items will be collected, washed and sent to the PTA clothing closet located at Marshall High School. Please remember to put your child's LAST name inside all coats/sweaters/sweatshirts/on lunchboxes/water bottles etc. as all attempts are made to return lost items to their owners. We are unable to tell which “Mary” or “Michael” an item belongs to.

Parent Training Opportunity

Topic: Learning more about Bullying and Harassment

Presenter: Dr. Sara Hahn, Principal

When: **Thursday, April 7, 2011**

Where: Library

Time: 7 - 8 PM

Who: Duniway Parents with a student in grades K-5

Focus: This initial training will review the definitions of bullying and harassment along with the key elements of both. Parents will learn more about direct and indirect bullying, effects of bullying on students, why kids bully and myths. We'll spend time in a collaborative session discussing school wide bullying prevention, and how we communicate clear expectations and consequences around bullying behavior along with an update on the work staff are currently engaged in when working with students.

Childcare will be available

Ballot measures information

A brief description of the two ballot measures is available here:

http://inside.adminconnection.pps.k12.or.us/.docs/pg/400/rid/15357/f/02_28_11_School_newsletter_item_on_two_levies.pdf

-- A school-by-school listing of proposed facilities work is posted here (you can pull out information about your school):

http://inside.adminconnection.pps.k12.or.us/.docs/pg/400/rid/15356/f/01_12_11_Narrative%2C_Work_by_School_SO.pdf

3-8th graders Soccer Camp

Work closely with Cleveland Woman's soccer Team as well as Cleveland women's coaching staff on skills to become a better player while having fun. The camp is from May 14-15 and the sign up sheets are on the parent table in the hall across from the auditorium.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

- Mon 3/7 Foundation meeting has been canceled
(next scheduled meeting is April 4)
- Tue 3/8 PTA Meeting 7 pm
- Wed 3/9 LATE OPENING - school starts 2 hours late
- Fri 3/11 Transfer process closes
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- 3/15-17
Tue - Thur Scholastic Book Fair
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- Fri 3/18 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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