

Duniway Community Update

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Spring Dance TONIGHT - 6:30-8 pm in the Cafeteria

From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

Each year at this time we begin planning for the upcoming school year and last week I shared some preliminary staffing information with you. The information I shared outlined any reductions or eliminations in staff positions as well as highlighting information on any vacancies and the security of our enrichment programs. Receiving my FTE allocation from the district is the first step in the staffing process for me, which is then followed by several sequential steps that include but are not limited to any posting of vacancies, incoming staff transfers, possible hiring, analysis of enrollment projections, determination of classroom allocations, balancing of class sizes and schedule planning in accordance with contracts. Throughout this process I will keep you informed of my steps as we near the end of school so you don't have to wonder or speculate as to our programs or configurations for next year. I will keep you posted when the information is complete and available to share.

For the 2010-11 school year the Duniway Foundation helped to support our staffing by funding 1.45 FTE. (A 1.0 FTE is equivalent to a full time certificated position). This year your contributions to the Foundation increased. This increase resulted in enough money to fund 1.73 FTE for next year (a .28 increase from what was funded this year). This is wonderful! Please keep in mind, as shared in the update last week, that we did have some staff position reductions and eliminations as a result of my reduced staffing allocation from the district. The Foundation allocation supplements my district staffing. Any allocation from the Foundation is extremely helpful so that I do not have to make as many staffing position reductions or eliminate positions because I can supplement them with funds from the Foundation, avoiding additional cuts.

In review of our student achievement data, projected class sizes (as based on my projected enrollment), student support needs and a few other factors I am happy to share that the Foundation will continue to fund the 1.45 positions, as they did this year, in addition to the .28 FTE mentioned above. This .28 FTE will be used to bring back most of the .3 FTE reading support teaching position that was eliminated in staffing cuts last summer. The staff and I are thrilled that we will be able to bring back the reading support teaching position and we thank you for your generous donations which made it possible!

Now perhaps you have read this far and in the back of your mind you are still thinking about what I shared last week—that due to projected enrollment numbers we will be adding a fourth first-grade classroom. Perhaps you were even wondering what

that means for the other grades and if we will still have three classes at each grade level. This would be the next step in my staffing process and I am currently reviewing several pieces of data in addition to the projected enrollment outlined by the district formulas. I look at several other factors that may not show up in this projection so that I can get as close in my class designations and as low as possible in my class sizes. I put a lot of thought and energy into this in an effort to prevent major changes taking place after school starts in September.

Thank you for your patience as I work through this next step in the process, knowing that when I can I will share additional information with you. Because I have to plan on projections when it comes to enrollment (not actual) there are always minor changes that take place over the summer with regard to the number of classes or designation of classes (straight grades or blends for example). At this time I am still number crunching my enrollment numbers to compare with my projections before sharing if there will be any changes in the number of classrooms at each grade level and if so, what grade level. We do have a lower projected enrollment in the intermediate grades for next year. However, I am happy to report that in my initial planning I do not foresee any intermediate class size larger than 27 for next year. Of course there are factors outside of my control such as people moving into the neighborhood which could alter this projection. I keep a watchful eye on this all summer through October 1st. Again, when appropriate I will share updated information with the school community.

As with any school item please feel free to give me a call if you have questions as I would like to discourage any misinformation that may inadvertently get circulated. Thanks again for your outstanding effort to help us raise funds so that we can continue our great programs funded by the Foundation and PTA that strongly support our students, staff and community efforts.

Enjoy the sunny weather,
Dr. Hahn

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEW

Annual Duniway Carnival Needs YOU

Join us for the annual Duniway Carnival, on Friday, **June 10**, from 5-8 p.m. This is an amazing evening for our school and neighborhood; a year-end party for families to enjoy following a couple of hours after the end of the Duniway Parade.

We need volunteers to make the carnival happen; nearly 50 people per hour between 4:30-8:30 p.m. We love the help of grandparents, older siblings, and even our own 5th graders can help make our carnival run.

Signing up is easy! Just go to http://www2.mysignup.com/duniway_carnival_2011.

Locate the time and event you can help with, and provide the required information so we will know you'll be there, and show up on June 10th.

Also needed are volunteers to sell tickets before and after school Wednesday through Friday, June 8-10. Contact the co-chairs directly for these shifts.

If you have questions, please contact the Spring Carnival Committee chairs. Let's have fun together!

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Fund Run

The target date for turning in Fund Run proceeds is **Wednesday, May 25th**. All students who turn in their pledges on or before Wednesday will be entered in a random drawing for some great prizes: Portland Winterhawks tickets, Mt. Scott Pool passes, OMSI and Zoo passes to name a few.

Thanks so much to all the parents who volunteered to help on the day of the run! You Made everything run smoothly and your presence made the students especially enthusiastic about running. A big thank you to Jim Rovello for the fabulous music and continuous encouragement for the runners! And thank you to Mr. Donahoe for keeping the event on track and for inspiring kids to meet fitness goals throughout the year.

Ms. Cudjoe's 4th grade class takes the award for running the most laps: **320 in all!** Last of all, congratulations to the girl and boy from each grade that ran the most laps! (Note there are a number of ties.)

- Kindergarten: Eliza Buerk, Adele Avenoso and Elliot Williams
- First: Claire Denning, Serena Nebert, Nina Hawley, Lena Walker, Mia Kritzer and Tobias Schenk
- Second: Eliza Gronke and Will Halsey
- Third: Julia Carr and Nicholas Brink
- Fourth: Sophie Marcus and Alex Hart
- Fifth: Rowan Halsey, Hudson Naze, Andy Krueger and Rees Kyle

Great job running, everyone!

The final Walk + Bike Day is Friday, May 27th

Let's make the final walk + bike of the school year a huge success! If you need to drive, please park away from the school to create a "traffic free" zone around the school.

To celebrate the Walk + Bike May Challenge, please join us on Sunday, June 12th at the Cirque du Cycling Mississippi Avenue Street Fair. There will be games, activities, awards, and a family friendly bike ride and walk. For more info, check out the website at www.cyclingcircus.com.

Thank you for supporting Walk + Bike.

Last day for Boys & Girls Club

The last day that the Boys & Girls Club will be open this school year, is **Friday, May 27th**. They will re-open again for their summer sessions in mid June. Call the club for details.

PTA Meeting Tuesday, June 7th

7:00 pm, Duniway Library

At this additional PTA meeting we'll continue our discussion of the 11/12 PTA budget.

Drafts are online here: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/277.htm>

Free childcare will be available. Please join us!

PTA chair positions for next year

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)

Yearbook assistant (with Holly Nelson)

Take and Make for Moms

Join us for the first session of "Make and Take for Moms." A relaxing evening in the Duniway Library crafting, chatting, and visiting with other moms while making something lovely for yourself. Led by Monica Marie, (Professional Artist and Duniway parent) we'll be learning how to make Jewelry from Glass tiles and Decorative papers, photographs and recycled magazines. This could be the escape you've been looking for and the start of something fun. Don't miss it!

Tuesday **May 31st**, 6:30 - 8:30, \$20.00. Pre-registration required.

Go to this link for a registration form: <http://www.mediafire.com/?h8lo0bv73x0v073>

Questions: Kaul.us@comcast.net

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Wed. 5/25 Deadline for Foundation/Site Council Election
Thur. 5/26 Safety Patrol Picnic 10-1:30
Fri. 5/27 Final Walk + Bike Day
Last Day that Boys & Girls Club will be open
Thur. 6/2 New Kindergarten Families Bingo Night 6-8 pm

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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