

# Duniway Community Update

## 5/27/2011

Exploring the World through Words, Numbers, and the Arts  
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**NO SCHOOL - Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Have a wonderful Memorial Day! See you on Tuesday!

### From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

A few weeks ago our Duniway Community Council asked parents to participate in an electronic priorities survey to respond to areas that had to do with school programs, PTA sponsored events, forms of communication, beautification projects, etc. We had 218 people respond to the survey. The Duniway Community Council and I have had a chance to review the results and I have attached them to this update for you to review as well. Here's a quick overview of some areas that stood out:

When asked how to spend additional FTE the survey responses showed that 45.9% said they would like to see it spent on a technology teacher and 42.6% listed adding a literacy support teacher for primary students as indicated by their first and second priority choices (question 2). When looking at our enrichments program designations at the minimum level results indicate an incorporation of technology with our P.E and Music enrichments (question 1). When asked what areas for enhancement for school beautification projects, survey responses show that playground enhancements / new playground structures and pavement reduction are priorities (question 3). Questions 4 and 5 displayed results about PTA programs where you were asked to check 'all that apply' so please refer to the data displays below for details on responses to these questions. Finally the last question highlighted effective methods for communication with a strong response for the Duniway Community Update.

On another note, I am moving through the hiring process for our first grade vacancy. The position posted first for internal PPS contracted teachers to apply. This posting has now closed and I have been paper screening several applicants and am forming my interview team of teachers and parents as well as contacting applicants for interviews. I am not surprised to find that we have several people who want to come and work at Duniway ☺ We will interview several candidates next week in search of a great match. I will keep you posted on our progress with hiring. As you may know this year I was able to hire a new kindergarten teacher (Ms. Doern) and library assistant (Ms. Zumwalt). It is very important to me to have a balance between staff and parents to assist me with interviewing candidates for our vacant positions. I asked parents to serve on both of the previous interview teams and will be asking three parents to be on the interview team for the first grade position. When selecting parents I usually ask those who have students who are or will be in that

grade or have a background / experience in that area if a specialty area (like library for example). Having multiple lenses at the table for new hires to our school is important to me.

Have a wonderful extended weekend and keep your fingers crossed that the sun will return,

Dr. Hahn

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## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Last Day for Boys & Girls Club**

Remember - **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** is the last day that the Boys & Girls club will be open for the rest of this school year. They are closing down to prepare for their summer programs.

**OAKS Testing**

The window for OAKS Testing has officially closed. All third, fourth, and fifth graders received their final reports for the year on Thursday. If you have not received one for your child, please ask them about it and look inside their backpack!

**Duniway Writing Celebration**

You are cordially invited to join us for our Duniway Writing Celebration on **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Come see what we've been doing in writing this year! Prepare to be amazed by what we've learned and accomplished!

All visitors please enter through the cafeteria and sign in at your oldest child's class table to receive a visitor's badge. This will be your pass into and around the building.

Visit classrooms and hallways for your 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students from 2:15-2:35  
Visit classrooms and hallways for your K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from 2:35-2:55

- 🌀 Listen to students read their stories
- 🌀 Observe pieces of writing in progress.
- 🌀 Read about grade level expectations.
- 🌀 Write compliments for our writers.

Kindly help us monitor the safety of your children by having them remain in their own classrooms while you visit other areas of the building.

### **Volunteer Recognition**

We would love to recognize our amazing volunteers with a reception to be held in your honor on **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 am in the library. Refreshments will be served and you will be entertained by a student performance in the auditorium at 9:00. We so appreciate all that you do for the students, teachers and families at Duniway.

### **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. A modified draft budget is available for download here:  
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/277.htm>  
Free childcare will be available. Please join us!

### **Fund Run Update**

More than 300 students returned their Fund Run pledges by the due date. Great job! The winners of the May 25th random drawing are posted on the main hall display case. Prizes for the drawing will be delivered to teachers today. Mr. Miles' 4th grade class has raised the most money for Duniway's cultural arts program and has earned a pizza party. Well done, Miles' class! The student who raised the most money this year is Sophie Marcus! Sophie, a 4th grade student in Cudjoe's class, will be awarded the iPad. Congratulations, Sophie! Last of all, thanks so much to all Duniway students and families for your hard work and generous contributions. Your efforts and generosity ensure a continued rich and varied cultural arts experience for Duniway students! Any remaining pledge money can be turned in to teachers or placed directly in the Fund Run mail slot. Thanks again, Duniway families!

### **Sign up for a shift at the Duniway Carnival today!**

The annual Duniway Carnival is on **Friday, June 10**, from 5-8 p.m., a fun and family friendly celebration for the whole community. There are nearly 200 shifts to cover to make this is safe and fun event, but only about 20% are filled right now. Every game and activity needs helping hands; can you give an hour from your evening? Volunteers can be parents, other involved adults, grandparents and older siblings (middle and high school). Signing up by following this link:  
[http://www2.mysignup.com/duniway\\_carnival\\_2011](http://www2.mysignup.com/duniway_carnival_2011).  
There are many jobs; every one is necessary! Find the one (or more!) that you like best.

Available to sell tickets on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday? Advance tickets are the best value (3/\$1 in advance; 2/\$1 at the carnival). To sign up for one of these before or after school shifts, contact Elizabeth or Kathy. Thank you, Duniway community! Elizabeth Manwaring, [elizabeth@saintmaine.com](mailto:elizabeth@saintmaine.com)  
Kathy Landis-Kays, [klkays@msn.com](mailto:klkays@msn.com)

### **Mr. Donahoe needs a few volunteers**

I need a few volunteers to help fill in 175 student names onto Shape Up Across Oregon certificates - after school this coming week for 30-45 minutes is all I need. Please email me if you can help out at [pdonahoe@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:pdonahoe@pps.k12.or.us) Thank you!

### **Heavy Metals Test on Garden Soil**

Our garden soil is safe for planting all types of vegetables! The Green Team recently had the soil in the courtyard and along the south wall tested for nutrient content and heavy metals. We tested for lead, chromium, cadmium and nickel. The level of all these contaminants was well below the recommended safety threshold. The nutrient test results will be used to fertilize the garden and to establish a baseline for long term monitoring of soil health. This data could contribute to great science, math and health lessons. If anyone is interested in more specific information please email Ben Morelli at [bnjnmorelli@gmail.com](mailto:bnjnmorelli@gmail.com).

### **Duniway Composting Program: We need brown material!!**

This past weekend our AmeriCorp volunteer worked with George Quillen, a local contractor, to build a beautiful four-stall compost bin. After months of taking food scraps off-site we can finally begin to compost on school property and involve the kids. We need leaves or other brown material to get us started however. If you have some dry yard waste lying around we would really appreciate some of it. Please email Ben Morelli, [bnjnmorelli@gmail.com](mailto:bnjnmorelli@gmail.com), with questions or to arrange a time when the material can be dropped off.

### **PTA Chair positions open 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)

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.

### 2011 Duniway Holiday Home Tour

The December 2, 2011 Holiday Home tour needs you! The tour is a major fundraiser for Duniway, and helps support the enrichment programs that make our school the special place it is. We are looking to fill several committee positions, including graphic design, home descriptions, holiday boutique, raffle, and volunteer coordinator, as well as general tour support.

We're also actively looking for neighborhood homes to feature on this year's tour. The tour is a great way to involve our Eastmoreland neighbors in the continued success of our school, so please let us know of anyone in the neighborhood who may be interested in putting their home on the tour.

Please contact Michele Delaney (503.774.4176 or [mdelaney@insigniahealth.com](mailto:mdelaney@insigniahealth.com)) if you'd like to volunteer or have suggestions for homes to include on the tour.

Thanks for your support!

### DAS Summer Camp

Wondering how to add some extra enjoyment to your child's summer months? DAS is offering ten weeks of fun Summer Camps to children between 4 and 10 years old. Each week has a different theme. Sign up for one week, or for all ten! Spaces for some weeks are almost filled, so make your plans soon. Check [www.duniwayasc.com](http://www.duniwayasc.com) or stop by Room 5 for a brochure with the details.

### 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](mailto:Kaul.us@comcast.net)

## Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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| Mon. 5/30 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Memorial Day                                   |           |
| Wed. 6/1  | Writing Celebration at school - 3-5 grades                        | 2:15-2:35 |
|           | K-2 grades  | 2:35-2:55 |
|           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Writing Celebration 6-7 pm in the cafeteria |           |
| Thur. 6/2 | New Kindergarten Families Bingo Night 6-8 pm                      |           |
| Mon. 6/6  | Foundation meeting 7 pm   |           |
| Tue. 6/7  | Volunteer Recognition 8:30 am in the library                      |           |
|           | All kinder classes - Crystal Springs 9:30-12:30                   |           |
|           | PTA meeting 7 pm  |           |

Thur. 6/9 5<sup>th</sup> graders - Paradise Trail 8:25-4:00  
3<sup>rd</sup> graders - Pittock Mansion and Washington Park 8:50-2:30  
Fri. 6/10 Duniway Parade 2:15  
Duniway Carnival 5-8 pm

Duniway's calendar is available online:  
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/203.htm>

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