

Duniway Community Update

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Fund Run Pledge Forms Due Monday, May 9

Please remind students to turn in their Fund Run pledge sheets by **Monday, May 9th** to be eligible for the first prize drawing. Prizes include mini basketball hoops, beach towels, stainless water bottles, a baseball bat and athletic socks!

Extra pledge sheets can be found in the forms organizer in the main hallway outside the auditorium.

The Fund Run takes place on **Friday, May 13th**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the day of, please contact Britney Gress at 503/235-3525 or patandbrit@hotmail.com.

The schedule is as follows:

3rd grade

Warm up: 9:35-9:45

Run: 9:45-10:15

1st grade

Warm up: 12:20-12:30

Run: 12:30-1:00

Kindergarten

Warm up: 10:30-10:40

Run: 10:40-11:00

4th grade

Warm up: 1:05-1:15

Run: 1:15-1:45

5th grade

Warm up: 11:05-11:15

2nd grade

Warm up: 1:50-2:00

Run: 11:15- 11:45

Run: 2:00-2:30

PTA Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 7pm

At this last PTA meeting of the year, we'll discuss and vote on the PTA budget for next year. You can view the draft 11/12 budget online here:

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/277.htm>

We'll also vote on a slate of PTA officers for next year. Free childcare will be available in the cafeteria. Hope to see you then!

Late Opening, Wednesday, May 11th

Just a reminder: next Wednesday is our final Late Opening for the school year. School starts 2 hours. The first bell will ring at **10:45**. Buses will run **2 hours late**. No breakfast will be served. Half-day kindergartners will come at 10:45 and stay until 3:00. Please send a lunch or sign up for hot lunch. If you need childcare, please speak to DAS at 503-774-9963.

Spring Plant Sale Delivery

The plants from this year's plant sale will be available for pickup from 2-4 this coming **Thursday, May 12**. The orders will be fully sorted and arranged by last name. We do not have the facilities or staff to care for these plants after that date, so please pick them up! Plants will be located in the northwest lot near the bike racks. The order will be delivered at 11 am and we could really use some volunteers to help unload and sort the orders. Please email Ben Morelli, bnjmmorelli@gmail.com, if you can be available to help.

Vote by May 17th

Please read the attached Portland Public Schools Family Advisory flyer that is attached to this email. It is in reference to the May 2011 Election and the Portland Public Schools construction bond measure.

Special Education PTA of Portland Public Schools

We're a network of parents, educators and community members working together to improve the education and well being of students with disabilities in their schools, homes and communities. We're district wide and focused on students in K-8. We host bi-monthly meetings with guest speakers addressing a variety of topics relevant to students with disabilities who receive special education services.

Please see the attached flyer for their May General Meeting to be held at Beverly Cleary Fernwood on **Tuesday, May 17** from 6:30-8 pm. They will be hosting Jennifer Jackson, interim director of Special Education for PPS who will be giving an update on the budget, restructuring of classrooms, and the search for a new director, followed by a Q & A.

Art Volunteer Luncheon

Save the date!! All Art Volunteers are invited to a "Thank You" Potluck Luncheon on **Friday, May 20th** from 11:00am - 2:00pm. We will send an invite with location details but do not want to exclude anyone who helped this school year with art including show prep, set-up, take-down, clay/kiln support, teaching, assisting, lessons, cleaning/inventorying supplies, cutting paper, etc. We know that the Applied Arts

Program involves an army of dedicated volunteers who are not always recognized or fully appreciated. Please join us to celebrate this remarkable program and our Duniway arts community. Contact art@duniwayelementary.org for more information on the luncheon or for opportunities to volunteer and join our community. There are also lots of opportunities to help organize and clean-up the art room before the school year adjourns.

Duniway Spring Dance

Save the date for Duniway's annual **Spring Dance** to be held on **Friday, May 20th** from 6:30-8 pm. Please mark your calendars to attend this fun and free family event! Mr. Donahoe will be leading our kids in dances they practice in PE, Campbell Salgado Studios will be back with their photo studio and a few of our wonderful 5th graders will be our DJ's. It's an event not to be missed!

If you are interested in volunteering (selling snacks, glow necklaces or keeping kids out of the hallways), please contact Monica Harding at Monicalynnharding@msn.com

In other art news

Your child's art portfolio and 3D art should be available to take soon if they haven't already. The art work displayed at our show last week was only a fraction of the body of work Duniway students produced as part of the art program. Please look through each portfolio to make sure all contents belong to your child. We have a handful of pieces that were apparently misfiled and the artists will be anxious to get their creations back. Thanks for your help with this!!

Walk + Bike May Challenge

Duniway has signed up to participate in the fourth annual [Walk + Bike Challenge](#), a friendly competition aimed at encouraging more kids and families to use active transportation to travel to and from school and throughout the neighborhood during the entire month of May.

The outdoor yellow signs will be posted weekly to designate every Friday as a Walk + Bike Day. If you can do it every day in May-Great!

What if you need to drive? Please park one or more blocks away from the school and walk or make arrangements for your child to walk with friends or establish a safe route to school and drop off your child 1-4 blocks so they can walk by themselves or with others on their route. Thank you for supporting Walk + Bike.

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. Please take the time to put your child's LAST name on all items that are brought to school that have the potential to become lost. 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.

Teacher Appreciation Week items remain in library

Those of you who generously contributed to Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week may have noticed that your kitchenware has a gap or two. Many items remain in the library, including a platter, a mixing bowl, some storage containers, and many serving

pieces. Please visit the library soon and check the area by the sink to see if you can help clear out the clutter. Thanks!

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) if you'd like to volunteer or have suggestions for homes to include on the tour.

Thanks for your support!

Cleveland Soccer

Cleveland's Girls Soccer Team is once again hosting a spring soccer training camp for 3rd-8th graders. Here's the scoop:

Date: Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15

Time: 10:00 AM - Noon

Location: Cleveland field

How to Register: **No later than May 14**, download and complete the registration form AND mail the following information to jblattne@pps.k12.or.us

- Athlete's name
- Current school/grade
- Address
- Home phone number
- Emergency contact name
- Emergency contact phone number

Community Earthquake Preparedness Meeting

On **May 11th 6:30-7:30p.m.** at the Woodstock Library Community room, J'aime ona Pangaia will be sharing information on how to get *your* block and selves prepared for a large subduction earthquake. For more information, please contact J'aime at ona_pangaia@comcast.net

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Mon. 5/9 All 4th graders field trip to Philip Foster Farm 9-1:30

Tue. 5/10 PTA meeting 7 pm

Wed. 5/11 **LATE OPENING** - School starts 2 hours late

Fri. 5/13 Fund Run

Tue. 5/17 Spec Ed PTA meeting at Beverly Cleary Ferwood 6:30 pm

Wed. 5/18 3rd Grade Portland Play 6:30 pm
Fri. 5/20 Spring Dance 6:30-8 pm

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

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