



Duniway Community Update

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REMINDER: NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!
M & T - Conferences W,Th,F - Thanksgiving Holiday

SCHOOL NEWS

Here's what is happening in . . .

Second Grade

The 2nd grade team is busy planning our field trips for this winter and spring. We will be going to the Northwest Children's theater and Franz Bakery in the winter. This spring we are off to Oxbow Park.

Earlier this year we had Joan, a guest speaker, from a program called Talk About Trees. All 2nd graders learned about broadleaf and coniferous trees. They touched cones, pods, leaves and wood cookies to count rings. They heard stories. We also all the opportunity to make hand made paper.

We continue to work on the new math program and are all currently creating problem solving math story problems utilizing the science material about varieties of ants. Our writing program continues with many types of writing opportunities. Our 2nd grade focus for mechanics is on capitals and punctuation.

Math + Technology = IXL!

Thanks to your generous support of our PTA fundraisers, our school was able to purchase a year-long, school-wide site license to the IXL Math Website. The website allows students to practice the skills they have learned in the classroom and also challenge themselves with new skills. All Duniway students are able to use the website at school and at home. (Check with your child's teacher for your student's user name and password.) So far, Duniway students have logged 250 hours of math practice, and answered nearly 40,000 math problems! Way to go Duniway Dragons! Keep up the great work.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent-Teacher Conferences are next week

We look forward to seeing you at conference time next week. Attached to this email is a handout from Portland Public Schools entitled *Tips for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference*. It includes helpful information parents may want to consider prior to meeting with their child's teacher next week.

Chess Club news

Ben Harding (5th Grade) was the winner of the "under 1200" rating section of the Oregon Class Chess Championship held November 13. It is organized by the Oregon Chess Federation. Ben has been playing since Kindergarten and is a long-time member of the Duniway Chess Club. Congratulations!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to the incredibly generous Duniway community for all of the donations toward Haiti's home health bags. The bags are a useful gift for the patients that we see in the clinic and they are very much appreciated. We saw 760 patients last week and all of them received a health bag thanks to your amazing contributions. Thanks again, Pilar Buerk.

PTA Update

The November PTA meeting took place at 3:30 p.m. November 8, 2011. Next month's meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, **December 13**, 2011 in the Duniway library. Free child care is always provided. In December there will be a discussion regarding PTA and PTO and which provides the better model for Duniway. Check the Duniway website prior to the meeting for additions to the agenda. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Highlights from November's PTA Meeting:

- * Dr. Hahn provided information regarding Duniway's operating budget for the 2011/2012 school year. She also discussed Duniway's Modernization Committee and their goals, including a covered playground area. Bricks will be sold after the first of the year, to support this project. More information to come.
- * Colette Livermore from Loaves and Fishes spoke to the group about all the wonderful programs they have for seniors. If you have a senior living nearby that may need assistance, please let them know about this program. FeedSeniors.org.
- * Duniway's new librarian Daniel Menche spoke about the exciting changes in the library. He needs volunteers in many areas from shelving books to decorating the space. Stop by the library to chat with Daniel and volunteer your assistance. While there, check out the beautiful new rug, generously donated by one of our Duniway parents - thank you.
- * Robert McCullough, Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association President spoke about neighborhood concerns including increased railroad traffic and T-Mobile's intent to install a cell phone tower on one of our neighbor's property. More information available at eastmoreland.org

Duniway "Community Giving Project"

The Duniway school community is once again coming together to support our own families that are in need. We will deliver a food basket and gifts to families in hopes of making the holidays a bit merrier. You can help in one or more ways!

- Donate canned food, a ham or 10-15 pound turkey. (Please inform the office if you want to donate a ham or turkey)
- Purchase a gift. Snowmen with gift ideas will be posted outside the office. Wrap, tape the snowman label to the gift and deliver it to the office. You can choose an individual or adopt a whole family!
- Hate to shop? Donate SCRIP, cash, or checks made out to Duniway School, and volunteers will do the shopping.
- And if you love to shop - volunteer do help out with that!!!

There are loads of ways you can make a huge difference in many lives. If you have questions, want to adopt an entire family or need more gift ideas, please contact Dena Marquez-Stock at 503-319-5133 or denasm@stmaryspdx.org.

*** Please have all donations at school no later than Tuesday, December 13th***

Canned Food Drive

Part of our Community Giving Project, is giving our families food for the holidays as well. We will be collecting non-perishable foods outside classrooms from now until December 13th. Great ideas include things for a hot meal, like spaghetti sauce and pasta and soups. Staples like peanut butter, jelly, tuna and vegetables. Food baskets will then be supplemented with the holiday basics like stuffing mix, potatoes and fresh fruit. Thank you for helping our families during this joyous season.

Thanks & Giving

'Tis the season to be thankful for the wonderful school we have! Show your thankfulness by donating to the **Annual Giving Campaign**. After all, Duniway is what it is largely due to great support from our parent community. To keep staffing at its current levels next year will require \$600 per student. If you cannot give \$600, please give what you can. Every bit helps! You can write a check payable to: Duniway Educational Foundation or give online at: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/duniway/> and click on "Donate to the Duniway Foundation." All donations are tax deductible. So far, Duniway families have contributed \$4,780. THANK YOU!

Lost & Found

Just a few days remain until the lost and found is cleaned out! All unclaimed items will be removed from school by 3pm on Tuesday **November 22nd**. During the week of conferences the lost and found rack and baskets will have a new home in the front hall. Please be sure to put your child's LAST name on all jackets, sweatshirts, fleece outer wear, backpacks, lunch boxes etc...! An empty lost and found rack is a happy lost and found rack. All efforts are made to return labeled items to kids.

Wreath Pick-UP

Wreaths will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, **November 30th** in the South Gym from 9:00 to 10:00 AM and from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Please remember to sign in at the office if you are picking up your wreaths during school hours.

Thank you for all your support in making this a successful fundraiser for the 5th grade!

Duniway Spirit Shirts are back!

This year we have ordered shirts in our new school colors: purple and silver. They will be on sale (no need to place an order this year) and ready for immediate pick-up on **November 30th** from 3:10-3:30 in the front hallway by the nurse's office.

Kid's size shirts are \$8 and adult size shirts are \$10. You may pay with cash or check (made payable to Duniway).

Sizes and availability are on a first come, first served basis, so don't miss out!

Holiday Home Tour News

We are still looking for volunteers to help with Home Tour ticket and Holiday Boutique sales on **December 2**, the day of the Tour. Boutique hours are 10 am to 7:30 pm; shifts are available throughout the day. We also need help with set-up between 8:45 am and 10 am. If you have time to assist with the Boutique, please contact Katrina Marshall at marshkitten@yahoo.com

Still looking for your recipes!

Work on the Multicultural Cook Book continues.

You can submit a recipe or two by emailing Duniway.cookbook@gmail.com by **December 12**. You can also drop off a copy of your recipe(s) in the school office.

Please make sure you include the following:

- Ø Name of recipe
- Ø Category of recipe (Appetizer/Snack; Beverage; Soup; Salad; Main Dish; Side Dish; Dessert; Brunch)
- Ø Ingredients
- Ø Directions
- Ø Tell us what makes the dish special for your family. For example, how did you get the recipe? Or, perhaps... Do you know what country or tradition it came from? Is it served on a particular special occasion in your home? Is it an everyday favorite? Is there some other dish that it is usually served with? What comes to mind?
- Ø Name(s) of student(s) submitting the recipe

Don't forget to share a fun/interesting fact about foods from your culture or about the recipe you are submitting. If you have any questions, you can email Duniway.cookbook@gmail.com or phone Roberta at 503-956-5393.

Box Tops and Labels for Education

Box Tops for Education have been submitted and we have earned about \$270 cash for Duniway! Thanks so much to everyone who took the time to participate. Now we start gathering for the Spring submission. TIP: As you dump your recycling in the big blue bins - give your boxes, cans, etc. a quick glance to make sure you haven't missed any participating labels. Then drop them in the hanging file just inside the main office. It's that easy! Let's beat what we were able to earn this fall. I will submit LABELS for Education in mid-December. We get double points for all labels submitted by the end of the year. Questions? Contact Elise Chrisman at theotherkin@comcast.net

"The Black & White Ball" March 2, 2012

Auction Website Coming Soon!

We are thrilled to announce that the auction is moving into the new millennium and going (almost) paperless this year! Our auction web page is currently under construction and should be accessible early December! You will be able to preview some of the exciting silent auction packages, view the live catalog, complete registration & ticket sales, request seating groups, sign-up for parties, view classroom art projects, purchase raffle tickets, and much more!

Donations

We are actively accepting donations from the Duniway community and beyond! Vacation homes, air miles, hotel points, event tickets, a service, gift cards, the ideas are endless! Maybe you or your business would like to sponsor the auction table

décor, entertainment, or one of the auction parties? There are so many ways to get involved! **All donations are tax deductible.** Contribution forms are available on the bulletin board near the main entrance. Please complete and return it to the auction box in the office. Questions or ideas please contact Corrine Lyons at lyons5@comcast.net

Silent Auction Baskets Need your help!

The Silent Auction Team is really excited about their list of creative, fun and practical baskets for the auction! In order for baskets to happen such as the "It's Magic" or the "Stock the Liquor Cabinet" or the "Antioxidant," we need your help. Our team has items on a wish list that range in price from \$1 on upward. Any level is thoroughly appreciated. So, if you are itching to contribute, but don't know where to start contact Kristin Cole (coleducks@comcast.net) or JoAnne Cheechov (jocheechov@yahoo.com) and we'll send you on a hunt for something everyone will enjoy and you'll get a warm fuzzy feeling when you see your name on the contribution list. Thank you!

Wine Wall Donations

We want your wine! When you are stocking up on wine for the Holidays, please consider picking up an extra bottle to donate to the auction wine wall. We also *gladly* accept re-gifted wine! We only ask that each bottle be valued at \$25 or more.

Our friends at 'The Bottle Shop', in Sellwood, are offering a 20% discount for purchases to be donated to the auction! All wine can be dropped off at school, in the office, in a concealed bag at any time. Or you can drop it off at Sarah Smith's house 7334 SE 28th Ave (basket on front porch). Questions? Please contact Sarah Smith at sarah@squidssuits.com

Dessert Dash

Do you make a decadent chocolate ganache, heavenly lemon bars, or to-die-for berry crisp? Bring it! We are looking for a few good bakers that are willing to bake and donate their favorite recipe to go LIVE during the Dessert Dash at the auction. If you are interested, please contact Molly Reed for details, at mollymariereed@gmail.com

Parties

Everyone loves a good party, and good parties are KEY to a successful auction! If you have a creative party idea that you would like to host, or if you are willing to sponsor food for one of our many auction events, please contact Patty Cole at colefam5@comcast.net .

Looking Ahead to 2013

We invite anyone who may be interested in chairing the 2013 auction to shadow our team this year. Our journey has been an amazing learning experience, incredibly rewarding, and most of all really fun! We have worked hard at building a "template" that will guide the new team through their first year while implementing their own creativity at the same time. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact us! Corrine Lyons lyons5@comcast.net , Trish Wenz tlwenz@hotmail.com , or Tracy Williams wilich@comcast.net

Cleveland Sundancers

"The 26th annual Day with the Sundancers dance clinic will take place **December 3rd**, 2011 at Cleveland High School for grades K-8th. Participants will learn a fun routine geared for their age level, as well as a kick routine. Registration forms can be found in the racks across from the office, or online at www.clevelandsundancers.com. We hope to see you there!"

Hello Sports Families

Academy Sports will be launching an exciting NEW (Co-Ed) Developmental Basketball League for 1st through 3rd graders starting in January 2012. The Academy League is designed to have a fun atmosphere and skill development for your beginning player, this new league will be coached by an experienced high school and professional coach. More information at www.academybaseball.net or 971-570-6507 Register by December 5th and receive early registration discount at a rate of \$90! After this date the price goes up to \$115.

Games will be played at conveniently located Imago Dei, SE 13th & Ankeny

- The league will be on Saturday for ten weeks starting January 7th thru March 17th. (no games on February 11th).
- This is a co-ed league for 1st through 3rd graders.
- 4 vs 4 (Each team will have four players playing at a time)
- Rosters will be small = 6 to 8 players per team to maximize playing time.
- 8 ft baskets
- Full court play with smaller court dimensions (playing cross-court on each Half court = two games at a time)
- Smaller Basketball (28.5)
- Warm-ups and skill development for 25 Minutes
- Games will be 40 Minutes: (2) 20 minute halves
- Time of commitment minimal: 1HR 15MIN per weekend
- Game times will be 1PM, 2:30PM, 4PM
- Sibling Discounts
- Each Player will receive a game t-shirt
- Website will have schedule of games with rosters
- Partial scholarships available (Please call for more information)

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

M & T 11/21-22 NO SCHOOL - All day and evening conferences
W,Th,F 11/23-25 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving !

Wed 11/30 Wreath pickup from 9-10 am and 2-4 pm in the south gym
Duniway T-shirts on sale from 3:10-3:30 in the main hall
Thur 12/1 Calvillo & Levine - Starbase 9-3
Fri 12/2 O'Shea - Starbase 9-3
Holiday Home Tour (10-3 & 6-9)
& Boutique 10-7:30 pm

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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