



Duniway Community Update

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REMINDER: NO SCHOOL:
Thursday, November 10th - Teacher Planning Day
Friday, November 11th - Veteran's Day

From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

This year Portland Public Schools moved to one K-12 school calendar which is now on a quarterly system. The move to the quarter system is new for Duniway staff (we were previously on trimesters) and brings a few changes I wanted to highlight for you as we look at first quarter reporting and upcoming parent teacher conferences. The largest change is that the first quarter reporting takes place now, in early November, with conferences to follow two weeks later. In the past Fall conferences were followed by first trimester report cards and some teachers shared or reviewed the report card with parents at Fall parent teacher conferences. This year staff will not be sharing report cards at conference time, and this may be a change for parents.

With the transition to the quarterly calendar PPS District level administration, (in partnership with the teacher's union), have agreed that K-5 teachers will share student progress at conferences with parents but will not complete the first quarter report card. I wanted to let you know about this change in the event you were planning on receiving a report card for this first quarter. It can be expected, however, that Duniway teachers will continue to provide parents with a complete understanding of how their child is and has been performing academically and socially as well as identify areas of strengths and areas for improvement to keep parents informed. Duniway staff is prepared to answer questions that parents may have about our curricula, assessments, and individual student progress. Parents will, however, receive three report cards during this school year for the second through fourth quarter reporting periods. In the event you have questions about your child's progress throughout the year please contact your child's teacher and schedule a time to meet and discuss your questions.

We look forward to seeing you at conference time later this month and encourage you to contact your child's teacher with any additional questions about your parent-teacher conference.

Warmly,
Dr. Hahn
Duniway Principal

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

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***

The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here!

Come to the book fair and support the Duniway PTA. 25% of proceeds comes back to the school. The book fair is next week, **November 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th**. The hours are Tuesday and Thursday 2:30 to 6 pm, Wednesday 8 to 8:45 am and 2:30 to 4:30 pm and Friday 2:30 to 4:30 pm. When you're at the fair, look for the Classroom Wish List Board. Your child's teacher will have selected some books to update the classroom selection. Also look for the One for Books collection box. It will be in the office before the fair and will be at the register during the fair. By donating your change you can help purchase new books for our library.

You can get information on the fair or peruse available books at our fair website: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/duniway>. **New this year is an on-line book fair. You can forward the link to any family or friends who may be interested and they can purchase books.** The proceeds will benefit Duniway and the books will be shipped for free to your child's classroom. A great idea for relatives who may want to buy your children books for the holidays! The link is <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2895387>.

Finally there are still volunteer spots available. Please contact me if you have 2 hours in the afternoon next week to help. Also, contact me with any questions, stephanie.b.shanley@intel.com. See you all at the fair.

Pizzicato and Staccato Gelato Fundraiser

Raising money for education has never been so easy, or delicious!!! On Tuesday, **November 15th** get your dinner at Pizzicato and then enjoy fabulous treats at Staccato Gelato in Westmoreland! 20% of the daily gross sales will be generously donated to Duniway Foundation to help fund teaching positions and student enrichments. See the attached menu.

If you pre-ordered pizza, pick it up in the cafeteria at 3:00 p.m. on November 15th!

Even more Gelato!

Staccato Gelato is in the spirit of giving even more to Duniway! Make your Thanksgiving celebration even more delicious, with specialty gelato flavors to top your pumpkin pie, or to serve solo. All flavors offered are sold in both pints and quarts, making it easy to sample several flavors (dairy-free and vegan options too!). Staccato Gelato will give Duniway 40% of their pre-order sales from this event. As you know...the more you buy, the more Duniway receives for funding teaching positions and student enrichments. Order forms are attached to this email and orders are due by **November 14th** to the Duniway office.

Art Program News

Do you have extra time at school before volunteering? Before pick-up? After drop off? The Art Committee could use your paper cutting skills! On the bulletin board above the paper cutters are samples of what needs to be cut and the quantity needed. If you can give 5 minutes or an hour, any bit of time would be helpful! Reminder: There is a Classroom Art Coordinators meeting on **November 16th** at 9:00 after drop-off in the art room. Coffee will be served!!!

WALK + BIKE Final Friday of the Month

Friday, November 18th. It's time to do the turkey trot across the Eastmoreland lot. The final Friday of every month is a designated Walk/Bike day (or every day that you can!). If you need to drive, please park 1 or more blocks away from the school and walk. Creating a traffic free zone around the school increases safety, reduces pollution, and kids get a bit of exercise. Have Fun!

We want your recipes for the Duniway Cookbook!

The cookbook is one way for us to celebrate family, fun, food and the different traditions and cultures that come together at Duniway.

You can submit a recipe or two by emailing Duniway.cookbook@gmail.com by **December 12**. If emailing is inconvenient for you, 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

Also, if you know something about food, meals, markets, etc... from different locations in the U.S. and around the world, please share a fun/interesting fact and we'll create a special section of the cookbook. Questions? Email Duniway.cookbook@gmail.com or phone Roberta at 503-956-5393

Introduction to Lego Robotics

If you have wanted to try building and programming a Lego Mindstorms robot, this is the workshop for you! Students will work in groups of two or three to build a Lego robot using a specified design, then learn to program it to complete simple tasks. This introductory workshop is for those with no or little experience, and is open to students in grades 3-5.

Dates: Session 1: Thursdays 3:05-4:25 January 5,12,19,26

Session 2: Thursdays 3:05-4:25 February 2,9,16,23

Cost: \$60 for either session or \$100 for both sessions

A minimum of 6 students is required for each session to be held. Registration for both workshops must be completed by December 16. Look for registration forms soon.

This would be an excellent opportunity for those interested in being on the Duniway Lego Robotics team next year!

Questions? Please contact Valerie Wildman at 503-775-6234 or

vjwildman@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!"

Cleveland Foundation Raffle

Winter is here... but your dreams of sunshine can be fulfilled!

Don't let the cold and rainy season get you down. The white sands and clear blue waters of Maui beckon, and they can be yours! All you need to do is buy a Cleveland High School Foundation raffle ticket, and the dream can become a reality! **Only 500 tickets will be sold.** Tickets are \$20 each, and the lucky winner will receive a trip for 4 to Maui. The drawing will be held at the Cleveland Auction on March 3, 2012, but you do not need to be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Cleveland Foundation, which raises funds to support teaching positions that might otherwise be reduced or eliminated. Interested? Tickets are available at the Eastmoreland Grocery on 36th and Knapp, or contact Carol Samuels at csamuels@snwsc.com. Aloha!

The Ski Bus is back!

Need a break midweek? Looking for a fun way to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with friends? Join us on the Midweek Ski Bus to Mount Hood Meadows. Every Wednesday in January and February, we host an adult luxury ski bus to the mountain and enjoy great downhill skiing from 9am to 4pm. We leave the neighborhood at 7:30 am and return around 5:30 pm.

We have a Season Opener for you to come and check us out on Wednesday, December 7th. Call Brenda Saling for more information at 503-232-2139.

We want to ski with you! Brenda Saling, Monica Harding and Kristin Krueger

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

- Thur 11/10 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
Fri 11/11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- Mon 11/14 Beginning of the Community Giving Project
Gelato Thanksgiving order forms due today
- Tue 11/15 Pizzicato/Stacato Gelato Fundraiser:
Pick up pre-orders in the cafeteria at 3:00
Book Fair in the south gym 2:30-6 pm
- Wed 11/16 Book Fair 8-8:45 am & 2:30-4:30 pm
Art Coordinator meeting 9 am in room 27
- Thur 11/17 Calvillo & Levine's classes - Starbase 9-3
Book Fair 2:30-6 pm
- Fri 11/18 Walk/Bike to School
O'Shea's class to Starbase 9-3
Book Fair 2:30-4:30 pm
- Mon 11/21 NO SCHOOL - All day and evening conferences
Tue 11/22 NO SCHOOL - All day and evening conferences
Wed 11/23 NO SCHOOL - Office closed
Thur 11/24 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
Fri 11/25 NO SCHOOL - Holiday

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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