

Duniway Community Update

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From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

Each year I have the opportunity to share some school demographics and programmatic information with parents through the State of the School Review. At the October PTA meeting I had a chance to present our current data to parents and thought it might be helpful to put some information in the Duniway Community Update in case you weren't able to attend.

In review of our school enrollment we currently have 425 students with close to 25% of our population being transfer students (remaining 75% live in the Duniway neighborhood). Our student data, when analyzed by Race, shows that 82.8% of our student population is Caucasian, 17.2% are ethnically diverse and inclusive of Hispanic, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander and multi-ethnic students. At this time we have 14.8% of our students identified as TAG, 8.9% receive special education services, and 15.8% of our students are economically disadvantaged.

As you know the OAKS state assessment is administered to third through fifth grade students and our final data displayed below shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded the State grade level benchmarks last year:

Grade	Reading	Math	Science	Writing
Grade 3	98% (74% exceeded)	100% (77% exceeded)	N/A	N/A
Grade 4	96% (75% exceeded)	85% (74% exceeded)	N/A	68% (6% exceeded)
Grade 5	97% (66% exceeded)	80% (49% exceeded)	97% (61% exceeded)	N/A

This year we will continue to have one of our school improvement plan goals focused on Writing. Details about what we plan to do as a staff and school community around improving Writing is explained in detail in our school improvement plan. The site council, comprised of four parent, four teachers and the principal (Me ☺) are putting the finishing touches on the SIP and it will be available in the school office and our Duniway website soon for parents to see. We will let you know through the update when it has been finalized and posted.

Warmly,
Dr. Hahn

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE Movie Night in the Duniway Auditorium

Tonight!!!! Friday, October 21st at 6:45 p.m. (Doors open at 6:35 p.m.) Night at the Museum will delight the kiddos with an ancient curse that causes the animals and exhibits to come to life and wreak havoc. No food, candy, or drinks are allowed in the auditorium and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Chinook Book orders are due today!

Last chance to order the 2012 Chinook Book. Extra order envelopes are outside of the auditorium and books are \$20, mobile app \$10 or both for \$25.

We have an order with no name on it, someone who sold to White, Albright, Kagar & Lewis. If you recognize this, please contact Rossana at trizana@live.com.

This fundraiser benefits our PTA.

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper orders due today!

Thank you for your participation!!! Please contact Ann Leitheiser at aleit31@yahoo.com or 503-333-7531 for questions or assistance.

Parent Handbook

Check your student's backpack this week for a copy of the 2011-2012 Parent Handbook. It went home with 'the oldest student' only, so each family should receive just one copy. It is purple this year, has lots of new and updated information.

Publicity Denial

Within Duniway there are many opportunities where student pictures may be used, i.e. the auction DVD, classroom and school newspapers, the Duniway website, student yearbooks, music concerts and the talent show etc. If you **DO NOT** want your child(ren) to be photographed under any circumstances, please stop by the office and ask for a Publicity Denial Form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Our Duniway Foundation is beginning to work on their yearly video to show at the Auction in February.

Safety Patrol

Just a reminder, if your student has safety patrol duty in the morning and is not able to make it, please have them call another trained 5th grader to substitute for them. All safety patrolers have been given a list of the 67 trained 5th graders. Thanks for your help.

Email addresses

You should be receiving your weekly Update via email each Friday. You can also find it on the school website under 'Newsletters'. If you are NOT getting it (hopefully you will get a hard copy from the office if you are not getting online), please be sure we have your correct email address or that it is not going to Spam.

Also, a good thing to remember with the new directories coming out soon - PLEASE respect the privacy of our families and DO NOT use email addresses for solicitation purposes. We only put those addresses out to make it easier for our families to communicate.

Toothpaste, Washcloths, Haiti, Oh My!

Thank you to all who have donated needed supplies to send over to the Mountain Top Mission Clinic in Haiti. We are still collecting supplies and have a ways to go to meet our goal. We are in great need of large tubes of toothpaste and washcloths. The fifth graders will continue to collect these items next week. Thank you!

Clay Classes Need Help Next Week!

It's been an exciting month of clay!

Volunteers are needed for each class to help prep clay and assist Kari in the art room. Clay lessons and the clay schedule are available on the Duniway website under the Duniway Art Program lesson plans.

Assistants needed for next week:

Monday, October 24th
9:00 - 10:00 - Barkhurst

Tuesday, October 25th
9:00-10:00 - Doern
10:30-11:30- Cudjoe

Wednesday, October 26th

Thursday, October 27th
9:00-10:00 - Walsh
10:30-11:30 - Calvillo

Friday, October 28th
9:45-10:45 - Bertelsen

9:00-10:00 - Cheney

10:30-11:30 - Miles

Please email Monica Harding at monicalynnharding@msn.com if you are available to assist Kari on any of the days listed above.

Destination Imagination

Does your child enjoy working in small teams to find creative solutions to problems? Destination Imagination is a program that fosters creativity and innovation, cooperation and teamwork, student-choice, child-generated solutions, and fun. Duniway has sponsored highly-successful teams for the past several years. If you are interested in learning more about the program, check-out the www.oregondi.org website and click on the Metro Region. There are grades K-2 teams and grades 3-5 teams, with about 5 to 7 students per team. Depending on the number of students per team, the cost per child will be about \$50-70 (less for the K-2 teams). Parents are needed as team managers; this is an essential element of the program. Look for a flyer to come home on **October 24** with information on how to join a Duniway team.

Final Friday WALK + BIKE Day

Friday, October 28th. Fall is a beautiful time of year to kick up some leaves on your way to school. 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!

5th Grade Fundraiser

The 5th grade is selling stunning Northwest-grown evergreens for the next 3 weeks (look for the bright green flyer sent home on Monday). We will be selling wreaths,(22" and 30"), garland in 12' and 25' lengths, and a swag. We will also have the 22" wreath available to send UPS to your friends and loved ones. Help the 5th grade and support this fundraiser! Orders are due **November 4th**.

PTA Updates

A new time:

Please note that the November PTA meeting will take place at **3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011**. The time will alternate monthly between 3:30 and 7:00 so that all parents will have an opportunity to participate. Free child care is provided. Check the Duniway website prior to the meeting for the agenda.

Summary of October's PTA Meeting:

Dr. Hahn provided a school update, including current enrollment (425), demographics, current staffing, OAKS assessment results & comparisons with previous years. She reported that Duniway received the highest rating of "Outstanding" on the Oregon State Report card!

We also heard updates from the Advocacy Committee, the Green Team, the Art Program, and the Home Tour. Come to a meeting and learn about volunteer opportunities.

We still need committee chairs:

Duniway's talent show is popular and a lot of fun. It is scheduled for February 17, 2012. Please keep the tradition going by volunteering today.

Last year's Fund Run was a huge success. We raised over \$20,000 (we averaged \$10,000 in past years). We need a committee chair to keep the momentum going. If you would like additional information about being a part of these or any other events, please contact Ilka Bailey ilkabailey@hotmail.com

Duniway Foundation News

Pizzicato and Staccato Gelato Fundraiser

Dining for Duniway is back! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **November 15th** and plan on eating at Pizzicato Restaurant and 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. Take the family for dinner, dessert, cater into the office for lunch, grab a quick salad, or buy gift certificates for the holidays coming up! Want to avoid the crowds, or don't have time to dine-in? Easy!! Order your pizza in advance (menus/order forms will be available MONDAY) and pick it up at school at 3:00 p.m. on November 15th! The pizza's come 'half baked' and are easily finished off to restaurant quality in your home oven. Raising money for education has never been so easy, or delicious.

Home Tour Boutique

The Duniway Holiday Home Tour Boutique is looking for vendors! The Boutique will be held this year on **Friday, December 2** from 10 am to 7:30 pm in the Duniway gymnasium in conjunction with the Holiday Home Tour. It will feature the wares of over 40 local artisans and merchants. We strongly encourage members of the Duniway community (including students!) to apply to be vendors as this year's Boutique.

Please contact Katrina Marshall at marshkitten@yahoo.com by October 31 if you would like an application or have questions about the Boutique or the vendor process.

Home Tour Angels needed

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Duniway Holiday Home Tour on Friday, December 2nd. This is the PTA's largest school fundraiser and will feature 5 lovely homes in the area. We need **over 60 volunteers** the day of the event (you can choose morning, afternoon, or evening shift) to serve as home tour "angels". Angels are assigned to work in one of the houses to serve as greeters, direct the flow of traffic, and answer questions. It's a fun and easy job - grab a friend or two and do it together! Contact Home Tour Volunteer Coordinator, Melissa Jacobson at mmjacobson4@msn.com to sign up.

Youth Fitness & Tumbling

Gail Bruner is once again offering tumbling classes after school at Duniway. Students Develop strength, agility, coordination and balance with tumbling and circuit stations. It's a great noncompetitive way to build self-esteem, learn handstands, cartwheels and front handsprings. The Fall session is 8 weeks of classes, no class Nov. 22nd. Order forms are available in the hall outside of the office.

Tuesdays 3:05pm - 4:00pm Oct. 18th - Dec. 13th. \$85 (ages 7 - 12)
Questions, contact Gail: info@tumblevillestudios.com or 503-841-1460
Tumbling video at www.yogavillestudios.com

Sellwood 5K

The Sellwood 5k is a family friendly run/walk that benefits the Foundation at Sellwood Middle School. The event takes place on **Sunday October 23rd**. Registration forms are in the parent information area across from the office. For more information please contact Lanell Nolf at lanellnolf@gmail.com

Monster March Hits the Streets

Make sure to strut your ghoulish stuff in Westmoreland's annual family Monster March on **Sunday, October 30th**, 3:00 p.m. The free march happens rain or shine and loops through Westmoreland beginning and ending at Llewellyn Elementary School. Check out the new website at www.monstermarch.com. Fun Monster March t-shirts and totes are available for purchase this weekend only--Saturday, Oct. 22--at 1904 SE Lambert. Sales proceeds will go to local school foundations.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

- Chinook Book orders are due now!
- Innisbrook Fundraiser orders are due now!
- 10/21 Free Movie Night - 6:35-8:30 pm
- 10/23 Sellwood 5K
- 10/28 Walk/Bike to school day
- 10/30 Monster March
- 11/4 Wreath orders are due
- 11/8 PTA meeting 3:30
- 11/15 Pizzicato/Staccato Gelato Fundraiser

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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