



# Duniway Community Update

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### From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

In addition to our existing programs and parent committees we have two new Duniway parent committees this year; the School Modernization Team and the Multicultural / Multiethnic Parent Committee. Each team has a specific focus and exciting opportunities to share with parents as the year progresses and I wanted to take a moment to share a quick update on the current developments from both teams.

First, the School Modernization Team, comprised of over twenty parents, brainstormed a detailed list of school needs and then worked collaboratively to prioritize these needs recognizing that short and long term planning will need to take place for the identified projects. After much discussion the SMT has prioritized their work into a top ten list, with the first four items including: covered play area, development of the NW blacktop area, covered bike parking, recycled tire / mat for under the play structures. Additional items that the team agreed on but still need to prioritize include: portable computer labs for students, additional play structure elements, new trees, swings and a few other items that may be covered by the district (thus not making our list). These items align with the survey results we received last Spring from parents who identified playground improvements and concrete reduction as the top two choices for school beautification or modernization projects. I am working with the team on the funding sources for these projects so stay tuned for more information from the SMT.

Next, the Multicultural / Multiethnic Parent Committee. This committee formed late last Spring with the focus to integrate more culturally and ethnically diverse learning opportunities for students and families that highlight the different cultures and races we have at Duniway. As shared in the newsletter last week our demographics data notes that close to 17% of our student population is ethnically diverse, and we have a variety of cultures evident at Duniway as well. The parent committee is planning events that represent several cultures and learning that will take place in the classroom as well as through family events. The first family event being planned is a Multicultural Celebration which will take place on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars! This will be an evening event filled with a variety of culturally diverse food, entertainment, art and activities from several different countries and cultures. A Duniway multicultural cookbook is even in the works for this event (more details to follow). A special thanks to the parents on both committees for their amazing ideas and talent to get these projects and events moving forward.

Warmly,

Dr. Hahn

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Here's what is happening in . . .

### First Grade

First graders started the year with sorting, graphing, counting, adding and subtracting bugs. Now, we are counting crab legs by 10s and sea star arms by 5s! We even made our own crabs and sea stars. First grade math is fun!

### Fifth Grade

The 5th graders were really excited to finally go to STARBASE. Each class has completed one of their 5 missions out to the STARBASE facility. The first day was filled with activities from launching a pop rocket to identifying the properties of air to programming a Lego robotic. The STARBASE program is designed to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through hands-on learning. This is Duniway's 5th year participating in the program.

### Ms. O'Shea's Fifth Grade Class

Ms. O'Shea's class is working on their imaginative writing piece which has a magic component. They are completing their unit studies of the Native American Tribes from *History Alive* and looking forward to their next Starbase science class. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* is our class novel and students are working on individualized book projects for first quarter. Unit Two of Reading Street is nearly complete as well. All are enjoying problems solving, making arrays and playing the math games to reinforce multiplication topics in Bridges Mathematics.

### New format

Hope that sending the newsletter as a PDF works well for everyone!! Again, thanks to Ken Avenoso for helping us learn how to do that! If you are still having trouble with the format, please let Lynn in the office know so that we can try something different if necessary.

### Destination Imagination

Flyers regarding signing-up for Destination Imagination were sent home on Monday and are due today. If your child is interested in DI but has forgotten to turn in the form, please turn it in no later than Monday morning, **October 31**. If the form has been misplaced, you may email Kim Johnston at [kkjohnston@pps.net](mailto:kkjohnston@pps.net) by Monday at 9:00 am. Include your child's name and grade level, as well as your name and phone number. Ms. Johnston will contact parents early next week.

### Last Call for Toothpaste for Haiti

On Monday (**10/31**), the fifth graders will wrap up our collection of supplies to send over with Duniway parents to Haiti's Mountain Top Mission Clinic. At this point we are still in need of large tubes of toothpaste. The kids will come by classrooms to collect any last donations Monday afternoon. Thank you for your generosity!

### Wreath Sale

The 5th grade is selling stunning Northwest-grown evergreens for one more week! 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**.

### **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 the 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 were sent home with each student and are available in the front hallway) and pick it up at school at 3:00 pm on November 15th! The pizza's come 'half baked' and are easily finished off to restaurant quality in your home oven. All salads have dressings on the side.

\*\*\*\*If you are preordering for delivery or pick-up, Pizzicato cannot accept 1/2 & half orders or build-your-own-pizzas. Orders must be in whole pizza quantities. Please fill out the order form on the back of the menu and submit with your payment (make checks out to Duniway Foundation) no later than Nov 7th. We will return your order form before the event date so that you have the record of items you ordered when picking up or for delivery at school.

Menu and order forms are also attached in this email. You can send it to Ann Leitheiser @ aleit31@yahoo.com as long as payment is submitted to office box accordingly.

Please contact Ann Leitheiser for ordering information or Lisa Girard for general Dining for Dollars event information.

Raising money for education has never been so easy, or delicious!!!

### **School directories**

Yes, they are coming soon! Just a reminder: as soon as they come in, they will be handed out by classroom to the oldest child in each family. Students with two households will receive 2 copies. If you would like a second copy for yourself, they will be available in the office for \$5. An announcement will come out when they arrive so that you can be sure to check your student's backpack!

### **Lost & Found**

The Lost and Found racks and boxes are really filling up. Please take a moment to stop by and check to see if your household is missing anything. Unclaimed items will be cleaned and donated to the PTA Clothing Center at the end of this grading period.

### **Home Tour drawing winners!**

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Home Tour Drawing Contest:

Kindergarten: Lila Jones

1st Grade: Wesley Shipsey

2nd Grade: Simone Guite

3rd Grade: Riley Thayer

4th Grade: Mitchell Rose

5th Grade: Camille McCullagh

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries - we have many fantastic artists at Duniway!

### Holiday Home Tour Volunteers Still Needed

We've had a good response from volunteers, but still need about **15-20 more angels** for the Holiday Home Tour on December 2nd. We are especially in need of angels during the evening shift from 5:30-9:15pm. The houses always look beautiful in the evening and it's my favorite time of the tour. Day time shifts are open as well. Please consider volunteering your time for this important Duniway event. Contact Melissa Jacobson, Home Tour Volunteer Coordinator, at [mmjacobson4@msn.com](mailto:mmjacobson4@msn.com) if you are interested.

### Auction News:

"The Black & White Ball", Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Duniway Auction, March 2, 2012

**Auction Website Volunteer needed-** The Auction Committee is hoping to find a parent or community member who would like to help set up the auction website that will be linked to our Duniway home page. This website will be set up through Greater Giving Software (our auction database). We are trying to go paperless this year! Invitations, ticket sales, seating requests and more will now be **on-line!** Going green will save us A LOT of money, but we need a computer savvy volunteer to help get this off the ground. If you are interested, we want to hear from you! Please contact Corrine Lyons at [lyons5@comcast.net](mailto:lyons5@comcast.net)

**Procurement-** Our procurement team is full steam ahead and donations are beginning to come in! We love your ideas! If you have a business contact or a personal donation idea, please contact JoAnne Cheechov at [jocheechov@yahoo.com](mailto:jocheechov@yahoo.com) or Kristin Cole at [coleducks@comcast.net](mailto:coleducks@comcast.net)

### 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](http://www.monstermarch.com).

### **Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Sun	10/30	Monster March
Mon	10/31	Happy Halloween!
Thur	11/3	Calvillo & Levine's class - Starbase 9-3
Fri	11/4	Wreath orders are due today O'Shea's class - Starbase 9-3
Tue	11/8	PTA Meeting <b>3:30</b> in the auditorium
Wed	11/9	End of grading period
Thur	11/10	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher Planning Day
Fri	11/11	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Veteran's Day

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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