

Duniway Community Update

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** Report cards are being sent home today, Friday, April 1st with your student.
Don't forget to check those back packs!

From the Principal's Desk

Duniway Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable spring break last week. I'm still not sure what to make of the weather but it is apparent that the students have enjoyed their time outside in warmer temperatures the last few days. The weather is just one indicator that Spring is upon us. Spring also brings the conversations about end of the school year activities and looking ahead to next Fall.

Over the next few months I will be working closely with the staff on a variety of items that relate to bringing the year to a close as well as planning ahead for next school year. In May at our late opening Wednesday professional development meeting we will be reviewing our school wide student achievement data to see if we met our identified school improvement goals for this year. We will also review data to see if we were able to close our achievement gap, meet the District milestones, and celebrate our work in moving all students forward from where they were last September when they walked through our doors. As a staff we will work collaboratively to reflect on our staff development trainings this year and develop our draft professional development calendar for next year. We know that much of our time will be spent learning more about how to implement the new math adoption in addition to continuing our work in Writing, differentiated strategies and equity and achievement.

The month of May will bring many interesting factors to our decision making matrix of events as well as staffing levels and budget allocations. As we move into May and June I will keep you posted on the information I am receiving from the district in these areas and how they may enhance or impact our existing programs and staff.

Warmly,

Dr. Hahn

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Blazers vs. Dallas/Go Team-Go Green!

The Positive Behavior Committee would like to invite you to a fun evening out to watch the Blazers vs. Dallas at 6:00 pm on **April 3rd** at the Rose Quarter. The Blazers have reserved 100 seats for our Duniway community to sit together and cheer our team on. The tickets are \$28.00 each and the Blazers will donate \$5.00 of each ticket purchased to the Duniway Peace Garden. You'll need to preorder your tickets by calling Graham Clancy at the Portland Trail Blazers-503.234.9291. If you have questions please contact Julie Aquilizan at jaquiliz@pps.k12.or.us or leave a message at 503.916.6343-ext. 76509.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week HELP STILL NEEDED!

Thanks to all of you who have so graciously agreed to contribute to the teacher and staff lunches **April 4-8**. We still have a few spots open and could really use just a little more help. Please sign up on the big board by the office, or email Jennifer Bamer (jabamer@comcast.net) or Marci Davis (marcikdavis@gmail.com) if you are able to contribute any of the following:

Monday (Soup and Salad Day) - 1) crockpot of bean soup; 2) onions, peppers, eggs, and beets; 3) radishes, tomatoes, cucumbers, avocados; 4) Starbucks Double Shots
Tuesday (South of the Border Day) - 1) greens, tomatoes, olives, onions, peppers; 2) your choice of a Mexican dish or snack; 3) 2 bags of ice
Thursday (Italian Day) - 1) fruit tray; 2) green salad; 3) chocolate mousse
We still need helpers with set-up and clean-up on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - this is a fun opportunity to chat with the teachers and staff. Thanks for considering!

Shape Up Across Oregon

Your child will be bringing home a Shape Up Across Oregon map this week. This is a voluntary program put on by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. Each child, if they choose, will have the opportunity to track their physical activity throughout the month of April by working their way, 700 miles, across an imaginary route through Oregon. All children who complete the route during April will receive a certificate signed by the governor, with the chance (30 kids at Duniway) of having their name drawn for a small prize.

Thank you, Mr. Donahoe

Duniway Plant Sale

Duniway is holding a plant sale to help support the Courtyard Garden. Order forms are being sent home on **Friday, April 1st** and orders are due **Friday, April 15, 2011**. Please make checks payable to Duniway Elementary School. Order forms along with cash or checks should be turned into the plant sale box in the office. Plants will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 12, 2011 on the blacktop on the NW corner of the school from 2:00-4:00pm. Questions? Email Ben Morelli or Laura Canfield
bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com laura.canfield@gmail.com

Parent Training Opportunity

Topic: Learning more about Bullying and Harassment

Presenter: Dr. Sara Hahn, Principal

When: **Thursday, April 7, 2011**

Where: Library

Time: 7 - 8 PM

Who: Duniway Parents with a student in grades K-5

Focus: This initial training will review the definitions of bullying and harassment along with the key elements of both. Parents will learn more about direct and indirect bullying, effects of bullying on students, why kids bully and myths. We'll spend time in a collaborative session discussing school wide bullying prevention, and how we communicate clear expectations and consequences around bullying behavior along with an update on the work staff are currently engaged in when working with students.

Childcare will be available

OMSI Submarine Overnight

Last chance to register is Friday April 8th!

This adventure in science, hosted by Dr. Hahn, is an amazing opportunity for kid's grades 3-5! The fun begins **Friday May 6th**, with a Bon Voyage pizza party at Duniway, special Duniway T's for all participants, bus transportation from Duniway to OMSI, An Amazing Planetarium Show, Submarine tour and OMSI exploration, Sleepover on the Submarine, and breakfast in the morning! Cost is \$125 per child. Chaperones: Nina Levine, Morgan Whalen, Kathleen Taylor

Questions? Please contact Corrine Lyons lyons5@comcast.net

Thank you for supporting the Auction parties! All proceeds benefit the Duniway Foundation which supports our Music, P.E., and Library programs. ☺ Sign-up's available in the main hall in front of the office. Please pay Lynn at point of sign up.

Irrigation Installation, April 9

Next weekend, **Saturday April 9th**, we will be installing irrigation in the Courtyard Garden. The following weekend, **Saturday April 16th**, we will be building the garden beds and potentially constructing our 4-bin composter. We will meet at the school at 8 am on both days and will work for 3-6 hours. Volunteers are welcome to show up at any time. Work gloves and earplugs will be provided. All of the tools for irrigation installation will also be provided. We may need some tools for the wall and compost Bin construction; check next week's bulletin for an update on this.

Ideally we will have 6-10 adult volunteers on April 9th. The work party on April 16th will be able to accommodate more volunteers and their children. On April 9th there will be a concrete saw in operation and it would be better to leave the kids at home. Please RSVP to Ben Morelli at bnjmnmorelli@gmail.com so that we can get an idea of attendance. Bring snacks as we will not be able to provide food.

Class Pictures

Tuesday, April 12th will be class picture day at Duniway.

Group photos will be taken of each class along with their teacher. As with the individual pictures taken in the fall, class photos can be viewed online at **3 Like Minds Photography** before placing your order. There will be two photos to choose from for each class (or order one of each!). Order forms and directions for viewing online will be sent home with students on picture day.

Rejuvenating Playground paint job

It is about time to give the Duniway playground a face lift. Kerri Cheney has been working with PSU student involvement to coordinate a service project where PSU students repaint the Duniway playground. In addition to repainting many of the playground lines we will be adding a large conflict wheel to help resolve playground disputes. Other fun figures may also be added to encourage creative play depending upon supplies secured. This project is dependent upon weather, but PSU is aiming to Paint on **Saturday, April 23rd**.

Starting **Monday, April 4th** we will be running a change drive in every classroom to help fund traffic grade latex paint. So please empty those change jars and donate to a good cause. We will need 2 or 3 parent volunteers to help oversee the student workers. We would also love to see a parent donate the use of their pressure washer to clean up the area prior to painting.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kerri Cheney at kcheney@pps.k12.or.us. Be on the lookout for further information in upcoming bulletins!

Destination Imagination

Duniway's three Destination Imagination teams -- The Lizards, The I-di-as, and the BrainTeasers -- performed fabulously at the March 12 Regional Tournament in Milwaukie. Congratulations to the BrainTeasers for being invited to the State Tournament in Corvallis on April 9! Go BrainTeasers!

TAG Update

TAG Nominations -- The TAG office is in the process of making final decisions about new TAG identifications. Parents whose students were tested should be receiving notice directly from the TAG office within the next week or so.

Auction - huge success!

Thanks to all of the hard work of many people and the generosity of our Duniway community, the auction made \$125,000 (net). If records are accurate, that is the second highest number in the history of the auction so THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Talent Show DVD

There have been some technical difficulties with the talent show DVD. When the filmmaker was transferring some of the footage onto his hard drive, the drive crashed. The failure was a mechanical one, meaning that parts of the hard drive need to be replaced. In an effort to save the film, we sent it to a data recovery company. The company has tried two different times to replace damaged heads in the disc, and each time has been unsuccessful. They are going to attempt resuscitation once more by installing yet another set of heads and running the data backward. While I was hopeful about a week ago, now things aren't looking so good. This new attempt should take about another week. After that time I'll let everyone who ordered a DVD know that either a miracle has happened or that the PTA will be

refunding your money. I'm terribly sorry about this catastrophe. If you need to talk to me, I can be reached at susanmach@comcast.net, or 503-502-4413. Humbly, Sue Mach.

Sellwood Garden Tour

The annual Sellwood Garden Tour in Eastmoreland, Westmoreland and Garthwick neighborhoods, including the garden of "Oregonian columnist Dulcy Mahar", will take place on **Sunday, May 22, 2011** from 11 am to 4 pm. The tour includes 6 gardens; 3 of which have never been on the tour before. Notable garden professional, Jane Combs, designed the hardscape for a cozy garden, identifying spaces with use of clumping birches and other trees. This garden also includes a covered outdoor living and dining room all surrounded by a lovely assortment of plants and trees. Another garden incorporates a designed outdoor space for dogs and an area for chickens - popular in many Portland neighborhoods. Yet another garden, 10 years in the making, features an elegant and efficient use of living space, re-designed lawn, raised planting beds, a hen house and more. Each garden is unique and offers a broad panoply of options for your own garden.

The Garden Marketplace, an open-air market on the grounds of Sellwood Middle School will offer plants, garden inspired art, entertainment and garden advice from KEX radio Garden Doctor Dave Etchepare. Proceeds support educational programs at Sellwood Middle School. Tickets cost \$20 and go on sale April 20, 2011. They will be available at Dennis' Seven Dees locations at SE Powell, Lake Oswego and Cedar Hills; New Seasons Market at 1214 Tacoma in Sellwood and Eastmoreland Market and Kitchen at 3616 SE 36th Ave. For more information, go to www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/sellwood or contact Brenda Niman at 503-544-9504

4th of July Parade

Keep the 4th of July Parade Going Strong. Please step forward to help direct the neighborhood's long-standing 4th of July parade tradition. New leadership is needed to organize this fun event. If solo isn't your thing, grab a friend on your block to join you! This is truly a home-grown event underwritten by the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association. Lots of neighbors step forward on the big day to help. Help keep the family fun happening on our streets by contacting Rebecca Brandt at 503-774-6436.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Sun 4/3	Blazer Game
M-F 4/4-8	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
Mon 4/4	'Change Drive' begins today Foundation Meeting 7 pm
Tue 4/5	4 th graders - Fort Vancouver field trip 9-1:30
Wed 4/6	5 th graders - Biz Town field trip 9-2:30
Thur 4/7	Parent training on Bullying & Harassment 7-8 pm in the Library
Sat 4/9	Irrigation Installation starting at 8 am
Mon 4/11	5 th graders - Biz Town field trip 9-2:30
Tue 4/12	Group pictures taken at school today PTA meeting 7 pm
Wed 4/13	LATE OPENING - School starts 2 hours late
Fri 4/15	Plant Sale orders due Cornet's class - Zenger Farms field trip 9-2 5 th graders visit Sellwood 10-11

Duniway's calendar is available online:

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

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