



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Welcome from the PSO President

Wasn't last week's Ice Cream Social fantastic? Jenna Smith did a great job planning the event and all those fun balloon decorations! **Thank you Jenna.** The cafeteria was full of new families during the New Student Orientation. We're happy to have new friends joining our Mary Woodward community. **Welcome!**

Opening Day packets should have come home this week. Please take a look at the PSO packet that includes the calendar for the year, committee descriptions and chairperson contact info. It also includes a Volunteer Interest Form. Please indicate which committee(s) you are interested in, and consider committing to the **2 hour pledge.** We count on help from the parents to make our events successful all year long.

We will provide some more info about the PSO at next week's Back to School Night. Look for **sign-up sheets** in each of the classrooms for the activities you want to be involved in.

Join us in the cafeteria at 8:30 am on Monday, September 16 for our **first PSO meeting** of the year. We will discuss this year's activities and budget. Our monthly meetings alternate between mornings and evenings.

Our budget relies on our **fundraising** efforts during the school year. We hold two main events each year– the Jog-a-thon coming up on September 27 and a dinner auction on March 1 – and we also organize smaller fundraisers where our actions bring in money from local businesses. Collecting Box Tops and Labels, participating in Restaurant Nights like Tigard Burgerville on October 9, and purchasing gift cards through the Scrip program are all excellent opportunities for the PSO to earn extra funds.

We're planning on a great year!

Karen Emerson, PSO President
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First PSO Meeting

The Mary Woodward PSO will kick off the school year with their first monthly meeting:

Monday, September 16th at 8:30am.

We invite all Woodward parents, grandparents, and guardians to come share your thoughts and ideas with us. Come learn about current and upcoming events, and provide feedback to those committees. It's a great way to learn about what's happening at the school and in the district.

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Making Our School Better, Together.

The Mary Woodward Parent Support Organization (PSO) was established to promote quality education, communication and understanding among the students, parents, faculty and the community of Mary Woodward Elementary School. The PSO sponsors various academic and social programs, coordinates volunteer activity and conducts fundraisers, all in the spirit of providing enrichment for our students and assistance for the work in the classroom. All parents and legal guardians of enrolled Mary Woodward students are invited to participate in the PSO. There is no cost for membership. Meetings are usually held the second Monday of each month.

For more PSO news online, visit www.marywoodwardpsos.com.

Staff Appreciation Volunteers Needed

Show off that awesome family recipe or try out that irresistible Pinterest project!

Staff appreciation events are a great way to flex your kitchen and craft muscles. Several times a year, we treat the Mary Woodward staff with cookies, treats or potluck lunches to show them how much we appreciate all they do for Mary Woodward's students.

The main events of the year are:

Fall Conferences: October 24-25

Annual staff Cookie Exchange: December 18

Spring Conferences: March 13-14

Staff Appreciation Week: May 5-9

Look for sign up sheets in the classrooms on Back to School Night. You don't have to commit to every event. Signing up will let you receive updates and give you the opportunity to participate when you're able.

Thank you!

Laura Wieking, Chair
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We're on Facebook

Want to be in the know? Stay connected with Mary Woodward school and PSO happenings... Join us on Facebook!

[facebook.com/woodwardpsoc](https://www.facebook.com/woodwardpsoc)



Volunteers Needed!

The PSO has the following committee positions open for the 2013-14 school year:

- President Elect
- Book Fair
- Box Tops & Campbell's Labels
- Health Screening
- Cultural Fair

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jill Weinstein at jill_weinstein@frontier.com or 971-404-7970

Upcoming Events

September

10: Back to School Night (6:30)
16: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
16: Scrip Orders Due
23: Box Tops Contest #1 starts
24: Picture Day
27: Jog-a-thon
30: Scrip Orders Due

October

3: Health Screenings
9: Burgerville Fundraiser Night
14: PSO Meeting (6:30 pm)
14: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
14-19: [Missoula Children's Theatre](#)
21-25: Book Fair
28: Fall Enrichment Classes start
28: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
29: Picture Retakes
31: Halloween Parties

Did You Know?

The PSO has a website! This is a great resource for committee information, printable calendars, contacts, and past meeting minutes. If you ever have a question about what is going on with the PSO, this is the place to look. It's a great resource: check it out today!

www.marywoodwardpsoc.com

First Scrip Order Date is Monday, September 16

Order forms and instructions were sent home with the first day of school packets and can be found on the PSO website, www.marywoodwardpsa.com, under Events & Fundraisers.

For check orders, please leave the order form and payment in the Scrip box in the office by 3pm.

To pay by credit card via PayPal, place your order online at www.marywoodwardpsa.com.

Orders will be available for pick up on the morning of Friday, September 20. You can also choose to have your order mailed to you.

Bonus! Mary Woodward's first restaurant fundraising night is on October 9 at Burgerville. Mary Woodward PSO will receive twice the benefit if you purchase Burgerville gift cards from Scrip on September 16 or September 30 and use them on October 9.

LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO GET INVOLVED?



Mary Woodward's Art Literacy program teaches kids how to appreciate art from a wide array of artists. Parent volunteers (just like you!) work within a team to share 6 prepared lessons and art projects with your child's class. **No art or teaching experience is necessary!** Each artist is introduced to the volunteers during a casual meeting where a complete artist lesson and the project are provided.

If you can use scissors, you've got what it takes!

There are many ways to participate:

- Mount and display the kids' artwork
- Help the kids with the project in the classroom on Art Lit Days
- Demonstrate the art project to the kids
- Tell the kids about the featured artist

The program is run entirely by Mary Woodward parents, and is funded by the PSO. In order to have a successful program, we need your help!

Why do our volunteers love this program?

- It's a great way to get to know the children and parents of your child's class
- The schedule is determined at the beginning of the year
- It's FUN!

Please watch for sign-ups during Back-to-School Night on Tuesday 9/10!

Questions? Contact the Art Lit Team at artlit@marywoodwardpsa.com

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