



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Welcome from the PSO President

Wasn't last week's Ice Cream Social fun? Jenna Smith did a great job planning and decorating the event AGAIN this year! **Thank you Jenna!** Welcome Back to all of our returning families. I hope you had an eventful summer break and are excited to be back at school. The cafeteria was full of new families during the New Student Orientation – we took pictures of 40 new students. 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 event calendar for the school year, committee descriptions and chairperson contact info. It also includes a Volunteer Interest Form. Please indicate which committee(s) you are interested in, consider committing to the **2 hour pledge**, and return the completed form to the collection box in the office. We count on help from all of our 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 15 for our **first PSO meeting** of the year. We will discuss this year's activities and budget. Principal Nihill gives a report at each meeting also.

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 October 3 and an auction event scheduled for February 21 – and we also organize smaller fundraisers where our actions bring in money from local businesses. Collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education, participating in Restaurant Nights, 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 (karenemerson@frontier.com)

First PSO Meeting

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

Monday, September 15th 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.

September 5, 2014

In This Issue:

- *Welcome from the PSO President*
- *First PSO Meeting*
- *2014 Jog-A-Thon is Coming!*
- *We're on Facebook*
- *A Note from the Treasurer*
- *First Scrip Order Date: Monday, September 8*
- *Art Lit: Looking for a Fun Way to Get Involved?*

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.marywoodwardpsa.com.

2014 Jog-A-Thon is Coming!

Mark your calendars. **Friday, October 3rd** is the date for this year's Jog-A-Thon! As one of major fundraisers of the school year, the Jog-A-Thon helps support programs such as Early Reading Literacy, Art Lit, the Spring Carnival, Field Day and many more. Pledge envelopes will be sent home with the students next Friday, September 12th.

Parents are invited to attend the Jog-A-Thon and cheer on the students as they run their laps (younger siblings are also welcome). Class running times are as follows:

Run Time	Grade
9:00-9:20	Kindergarten (Full day and AM)
9:30-10:00	3rd grade
10:10-10:40	5 th grade
10:50-11:20	4 th grade and Mrs. Graffuis' class
12:10-12:40	1 st grade and PM Kindergarten
12:50-1:20	2 nd grade

To make this event a success, we need your help! Sign-up sheets will be available at Back-to-School Night or you can contact Jessica Brown and Alisa Gillett at mwjogathon@gmail.com

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/woodwardpsa](https://www.facebook.com/woodwardpsa)



A Note from the Treasurer

Attention room parents from fiscal year 2013/2014!

Please remit unused classroom funds by completing a deposit slip and give the cash/check to Judy Sweeney or Lindsay Darr at the school office for safe keeping until the funds can be deposited.

Is anyone interested in auditing the books and records maintained by the treasurer? If so, please call or email Cheryl Payne at (503) 524-4241 or bryan.n.cheryl@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

September

- 8: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 11: Back to School Night (6:30 PM)
- 15: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 22: Box Tops Contest #1 starts
- 22: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 22: Fall Enrichment Classes start
- 23: Picture Day
- 30: Science Fair Assembly

October

- 1: Vision Screenings
- 3: Jog-a-Thon
- 13: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 13: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 20-24: Book Fair
- 27: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 28: 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.marywoodwardpsa.com

First Scrip Order Date is Monday, September 8

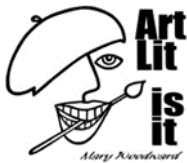
NEW for 2014: Target, Taco Bell and Cabelas

Chinook Book and App Available through December - Mary Woodward Receives 50% of cost!

Order forms can be found on the PSO website, www.marywoodwardpso.com, under Events & Fundraisers. For check orders, please leave the order form and payment in the Scrip box in the office by 2:30 pm. To pay by credit card via PayPal, place your order online at www.marywoodwardpso.com.

Orders will be available for pick up on the morning of Friday, September 12. You can also choose to have your order mailed to you.

Looking for a Fun Way to Get Involved?



Art Lit is It!

Mary Woodward's Art Literacy program teaches kids art appreciation through exposure to a wide array of artists and art forms. Parent volunteer teams work 6 times a year (Oct-April minus December) to share a prepared lesson and art project

with your child's class. **No art or teaching experience is necessary!** We provide a complete artist lesson and project plan to volunteers ahead of each session during a casual day or evening meeting.

There are many ways to participate:

- Coordinate your class team
- Help prep the project (can often be done at home)
- Tell the kids about the featured artist
- Demonstrate the art project to the kids
- Help the kids with the project in the classroom on Art Lit Days
- Mount and display the kids' artwork



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

The program is powered 100% by Mary Woodward parents, and is generously 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 Thursday 9/11!

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

Laura Wieking, Kari Vandergriff & Trissa Davis

2014-2015 MW PSO Executive Committee & Board Support

President

Karen Emerson

karenemerson@frontier.com

President Elect

OPEN

Secretary

OPEN

Treasurer

Cheryl Payne

bryan.n.cheryl@gmail.com

Assistant Treasurer

OPEN

Volunteer Coordinator

Carlene Turpen

carlene@turpen.org

Webmaster &

Newsletter

Coordinator

Kayleen Mendenhall

kayleen@booyahcreative.com