



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



A Message from the PSO President

I hope that all of you have been able to complete our Parent Survey either online or on paper. We will be drawing 2 winning names for \$25 Albertsons and Starbucks gift cards soon. We really want to hear your input about what we can be doing better next year. If you still need the online link or a paper copy, please contact me today.

Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for creating another enchanted evening for the girls in our school and their chaperones at the Daughter Dance. I saw some beautiful pictures and everyone looked so happy to be spending special time together.

Thank you to all of our **Room Parents** who organized class parties for Valentine's Day. The kids always look forward to opening their Valentines.

Thank you to all the **families** who dined at Burgerville last month. Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for organizing this amazing fundraising event, and thank you to the **Ambassadors** for serving the food and bussing the tables.

Thank you to **Devon Kelly** and the **parents** who helped direct our students to last week's Hearing Screenings for our first, third, and fifth graders.

I was able to speak at the Kinder Roundup this week to share a few of the ways that parents can get involved and a few of the events and programs that the PSO hosts. I met some excited parents who have heard great things about Mary Woodward. I told them that everything good that they heard is true!

I hope to see many of you at the Son Dance tonight. Ryan and I are looking forward to showing off our moves!

As always, please contact me if you have any thoughts or questions about anything PSO!

Karen Emerson (karenemerson@frontier.com)

Mother Son Dance is Tonight!

It is sure to be a great night. **The dance will be from 6:30-8:30PM.** Put on your dancing shoes and come have a great night!

\$10 for entrance or \$20 for entrance and a photo. Cookies and punch will be served!

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Next Scrip order date is Monday, March 16th

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 2:25. 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 March 20th. You can also choose to have your order mailed to you.

Box Tops and Labels Contest Update

Leaders for our current collection contest are...

Rice, McCombs, Waufle, Barendse, and White

Only the top 3 classes will be rewarded with a donut party at the end of our contest, so send in your Box Tops and labels and help us reach our \$2000 goal for the school year!

Our collection contest ends next Wednesday, March 11th.

Questions? Email Jessica at jlbrown003@hotmail.com

Fundraising Tip of the Month: Fred Meyer

You can help the Mary Woodward PSO earn money just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the MW PSO at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number (83763).

Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Mary Woodward PSO earn a donation while still earning your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates

The PSO has been earning funds from this program with only 11 currently families participating! If you shop at Fred Meyer, we would appreciate your participation in this generous program.

Mango Tango Fundraiser

Day off off school.....nothing to do.....head over to **Mango Tango for our school fundraiser day March 12th**...all day long. Please let them know you are from Mary Woodward. Mango Tango will donate a portion of their sales that day back to Woodward.



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Mary Woodward PSO Auction

Plans are underway for a fabulous online auction this year to be held for 2 weeks in April. We need your help getting fun and interesting items to auction! What kind of donations are we looking for?

- Multi-night stays at your rental property
- Concert tickets
- Sporting event tickets
- Products or gift certificates from your employer
- Products or gift certificates from your home-based business
- Invitations to a themed party hosted by you
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Theme park, water park, or skiing passes
- Other unique experiences or family friendly items

We are also in need of parents to help coordinate a class basket or project for the following classes:

- Both of Mrs. Orchard's classes
- Mrs. Brown
- Mrs. White
- Ms. Bell
- Mrs. Petterson
- Ms. Krebs
- Mrs. Zell

For a class basket, you pick a theme and ask all of the parents in your classroom to donate items to go into the themed basket. For a class project, you find something creative on Pinterest and guide the students to create a beautiful work of art.

We need to receive all auction items by **Tuesday, March 31** and we appreciate early contributions! Please deliver all items to the Mary Woodward office with the donation form attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions, or want help coming up with a great donation idea, contact Karen Emerson at 503-579-3955 or karenemerson@frontier.com.

Please Join Us for the Next PSO Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, March 9 at 8:30 am in the cafeteria.

We will be discussing the playground equipment, sharing plans for the remaining PSO events of the school year, and Principal Nihill will have his monthly report for us.

Upcoming Events

March

6: Mother & Son Dance
9: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
11: Box Tops Contest #2 ends
12: Mango Tango Fundraiser
16: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
23-27: Spring Break
30: Box Tops Contest #3 starts

April

6: Spring Enrichment Classes start
13: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
20: [Scrip Orders Due](#)

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.marywoodwardpso.com.

Claude Monet and Impressionism



Claude Monet, born in 1840, is the father of the impressionism art movement.

Monet's father wanted him to work in the family grocery business but Monet really wanted to be an artist. His mother, who was a singer, encouraged Monet to follow his passions.

After Monet was introduced to En Plain Air (in plain air = outdoors) painting, he would paint primarily outdoors and use the natural world as his subject.

In 1874, Monet exhibited *Impression, Sunrise* at an art show he and his impressionist friends put together. An art critic called Monet and his friends "Impressionists." This was meant to make fun of them as critics said their paintings looked more like sketches than finished paintings. But Monet and his friends didn't mind and began calling themselves impressionists as well.



Monet liked to do "series" paintings in which he made several paintings of the same subject during different times of the day or seasons. He did a series of Haystack paintings as well as paintings of Rouen Cathedral and his garden.



Monet's most famous paintings are those inspired by his garden pond. Monet designed and cared for his garden himself and often painted there.

Monet said he wanted his works to serve as a "haven of peaceful meditation," for museum visitors and be a source of calm for all who came to see them. Monet died in 1926.

Today, people can still visit Monet's gardens and enjoy the views.

It's never too late to sign up to help with Art Lit! Helping hands are always appreciated. Please contact artlit chairs@gmail.com for more information.



*"Suddenly I had the revelation of how magical my pond is."
-Claude Monet*