



PSO News



Message from the PSO President

Hold on to your seats folks, because the next 2 months of school are going to fly by! The PSO is hosting its first Eagle Mingle Parent Resource Night on Tuesday, the Online Auction will be open until April 18, May will be full of events with the Cultural Fair, Staff Appreciation Week, the Art Lit Gallery, the parent installation of new playground equipment (if the vote is yes), and the Carnival, and then yearbooks will be distributed and year-end class parties will be held. Whew, I'm tired just thinking about all of that fun, but I'm also excited to enjoy all of it!

Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for creating a special evening for the boys in our school and their chaperones at the Son Dance. Thank goodness there was plenty of room for those boys to run! And thank you **Dan Busch** for making sure the boys can dance to a slow song with their moms.

Thank you to **Laura Wiekling** for organizing another successful staff appreciation luncheon during conferences. Thank you to all of the **parents** who cooked and baked for our teachers.

Thank you to all the **families** who got a treat at Mango Tango last month. Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for organizing another unique fundraising event.

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

Karen Emerson (karenemerson@frontier.com)

Field Day is Coming Soon!

June 5th for Kinders, June 8th for 1st-5th graders

During Field Day our kids, teachers and parents work together to create Mary Woodward's own version of the Olympics. This day is a blast and a great opportunity for parents to get involved and enjoy the spirit of Mary Woodward.

We need volunteers to help keep the stations organized and running smoothly. The kids already know how to do the activities. The volunteer commitment is 2 hours. All volunteers will rotate with their child's classroom for half of the stations, and then be a station attendant for the remaining half of the time and assist with that specific event.

If you are interested in participating, please email Heather Jordan at khabjordan@msn.com. Please include your child's grade and teacher.

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Pizzicato Fundraiser Day

Mark your calendars
for Tuesday, April
14th!

The Murray Hill Pizzicato will be donating 20% of all sales on Tuesday, April 14th to our school. This includes dine in

orders as well as takeout orders all day long. If you are unable to make it on April 14th, you can purchase gift cards using the order form that was attached to the flyer that came home this week. The gift card sales will go towards our grand total for the day.

Thanks for all your support in helping raise money for our school.



Join us for the First Eagle Mingle

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 (6:30-7:30 pm)
Mary Woodward Library. Childcare is provided!

Come meet fellow Mary Woodward parents and listen to guest speakers in a relaxed environment where the focus is on building community, supporting fellow parents and sharing resources. For the first Eagle Mingle, Principal Nihill will host a social hour and we will facilitate a conversation to learn more about what topics Woodward parents would like to explore, how often we should hold Eagle Mingles, and what time works.

This is a great opportunity to meet new parents or spend a bit more time with those you know and discuss topics that are of interest to you and others.

Potential topics:

- Internet Safety Habits
- The Screen Time Conundrum
- Family Fitness - Get up and Moving!
- Summer Activity Round Up
- To Sport or Not to Sport - Keeping Kids Engaged
- Planning the Transition to Middle School
- Study Strategies to Keep Kids on Track
- Helping High-Energy Kids Navigate the Day
- Family Literacy - Encouraging Readers

Next PSO Meetings

Our next meeting is **Monday, April 13 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.

The meeting on **Monday, May 11 at 8:30 am** in the cafeteria will be the final meeting of the school year. **Elections** will be held for the PSO Board positions – President, President Elect, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, and Secretary – so please submit your name for these positions to any PSO Board member as soon as possible. **Dan Busch, the Principal at Fowler Middle School**, will be at the meeting to share the transition process of this year's 5th graders to Middle School and to answer parent questions.

2014-2015 MW PSO Executive Committee & Board Support

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Online Auction Update – bids for the kids!

The Spring Auction is the PSO's second major fundraiser of the year and raises about half of the funds needed for next year's programs like Reading Assistants, Field Trips, and Art Lit. Donations continue to come in for this year's online event. Bidding opens **Monday morning at 8 am** at www.biddingforgood.com/MWPSO. There are a few **Parties** with Buy It Now options only, so you will want to check them out before all the spots are purchased! The **class baskets and projects** will be on display in the lobby throughout the auction and they are amazing! Thank you to the parents who organized each one and to all the families who donated to them.

Register now to bid! You will need to register your credit card to be able to bid, and you can setup your account to receive outbid texts on your smart phone as well as emails. You can place Proxy Bids (maximum bids) or you can increase your bid each time you are outbid. Bids will be final when you make them. If you prefer, you will be able to write a check for your winning bids at the end of the auction. The PSO will save on credit card fees if you choose to pay by check.

We are accepting "paddle raise" cash donations for two purposes this year. The **Cash Donation page** is where funds can be donated to go towards next year's PSO programs. Check it out to see what your tax-deductible dollars can buy. We also have a goal to raise \$3000 to pay for the **shipping for the new playground** structure that the PSO has been saving for over the last 4 years. Please consider selecting a donation amount from \$10-\$500 to complete this project. The different funding levels can all be found under the "Playground Shipping" auction category.

Check out the donations that have come in recently:

- Wine tastings at Hawks View cellars
- Swim lessons at TTAD and Children of the Sea
- Web/graphic design services
- Principal for the Day
- Be a Diva and get a pedicure with the 2nd grade teachers
- Oregon Football tickets on the 50 yard line at the Club Level for the Civil War Game
- Gift cards and certificates all kinds of local restaurants
- LaserTag party with Principal Nihill
- Gift baskets from Rocket Fizz, Bob's Red Mill, Shiseido, and Piccolo Mondo
- Art Lit Party
- Winco Foods gift certificates
- Passes to OMSI, Pitttock Mansion, Japanese Garden, and Portland Children's Museum
- Store passes to Nike, Adidas, and Columbia
- Foursome of golf at Portland Golf Club
- Music lessons at School of Rock and Guitarfish
- Stained Glass class at Rose's Glass Works
- October Family Fun at Baggenstos Farm
- Passes to Sky High and Pump It Up

Bidding will end at 9 pm on Saturday, April 18, so consider having a few friends over for a **finale bidding party!**

Questions? Contact Karen at karenemerson@frontier.com

Upcoming Events

April

- 6: Spring Enrichment Classes start
- 6-18: [PSO Online Auction](#)
- 7: [Eagle Mingle](#)
- 13: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 14: [Pizzicato Fundraiser](#)
- 20: [Scrip Orders Due](#)

May

- 4: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 4-8: Staff Appreciation Week
- 11: Final PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 11-22: Art Lit Gallery
- 18: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 29: Box Tops Contest #3 ends
- 29: [Totally Sweet Carnival](#)

June

- 1: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 5: Yearbooks delivered
- 5: [Kinder Field Day](#)
- 8: [1st-5th Field Day](#)
- 9: 5th Grade celebration
- 10: Last Day of School

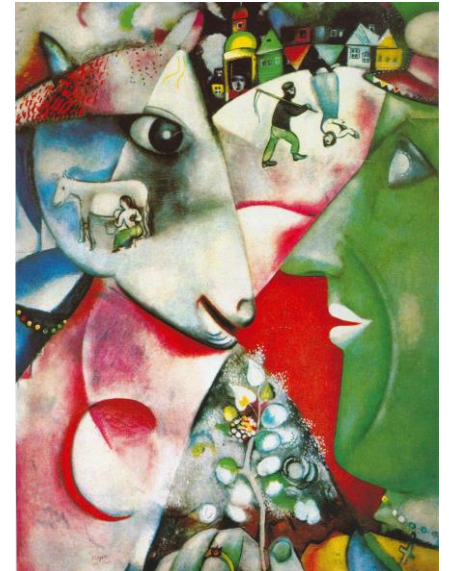
Marc Chagall and Surrealism



Marc Chagall was born on July 7, 1887 in Russia. He moved to Paris in 1910 and began experimenting with different art forms. Most of Chagall's works center on the village he came from and his Jewish culture. He used a lot of symbolism in his work to show his memories of home.

Chagall was inspired by many different art styles including Cubism, but he refused to have his art categorized into any one particular style.

After his first solo show in Berlin in 1914, Chagall returned to his village in Russia to marry his fiancée and they were stranded in Russia by the outbreak of World War I. In 1923 Chagall once again moved to Paris, this time with his wife and daughter. When World War II broke out, Chagall found himself in a dangerous situation and he had to flee France with his family to the United States in 1941.



"I work in whatever medium likes me at the moment."

Marc Chagall

In addition to his paintings, etchings and lithographs, Chagall created beautiful stained glass pieces. In 1964, he designed a Stained glass window for the United Nations World Headquarters entitled "Peace."

Chagall lived through two World Wars and experienced several tragic events during his lifetime. This work shows that despite his challenges, Chagall remained a man of faith, hope, love and inspiration.



This month, students will be creating "Mary Woodward Peace Windows" in the style of Chagall's famous "Peace" stained glass installation using symbols for peace. Ask your child about Abstract Art, Surrealism and Modernism

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.

