



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the PSO President

Ryan told me the number of days left in the school year, and it made me jump up and grab my calendar! I couldn't believe him. But it's true. There are 26 ½ days of school left this year. It's also Field Trip Season, so thank you to all of the **parents who ride the bus and chaperone** the trips helping to keep our kids safe.

Thank you to **Laura Wiekling** for launching Mary Woodward's first Eagle Mingle. There was a nice turnout and many great ideas were shared for topics for future parent resource nights.

Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for setting up the Pizzicato event last month and creating a fun opportunity for our families to help us raise funds. Thank you to all the **families** who found something for lunch or dinner that day.

Thank you to **Shaylene Haswarey** for organizing the Spring After School Enrichment classes. I hope you found something new for your student to explore.

There have been many conversations taking place about plans for next year. The ideas that people are sharing are exciting, and I am happy to hear how the PSO can be even better for all of our parents. As always, please contact me if you have any thoughts or questions about anything PSO!

Karen Emerson (karenemerson@frontier.com)

Burgerville Fundraiser Night

Come and support Mary Woodward by having dinner at the HWY 99 Burgerville on:

Wednesday, May 13th from 4-8PM

10% of the profit made that night will go directly back to our school. This includes drive thru orders! It's going to be a fun night— you won't want to miss it!



Order Your Yearbook Today!

Yearbook order forms were sent home with students last week. If you need, extra copies of the order forms can be found in the main office. The cost of the book is **\$17 for advanced orders or \$20 for orders turned in after May 29th.**

Please fill out the order form and turn it into the main office with your payment. If you should have any questions feel free to contact the yearbook committee.

May 1, 2015

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Special Scrip Ordering for Appreciation Week

Some exciting news: gift cards will be available to purchase in the lobby at the "appreciation station" table before school during teacher and staff appreciation week; one week only, **May 4-8**.

Bring in cash or check and we can hand you Starbucks, Panera, Subway, Papa Murphy's or Burgerville gift cards. Use them for yourself, or make it an easy way to thank your teacher or staff at school.

If you'd prefer to place an order for gift cards, orders are due by Monday after school on May 1, and you can pick them up that Friday the 4th before school.

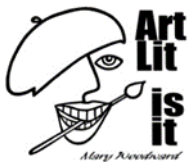
May Eagle Mingle

Please join us on Thursday, May 14 for the next Eagle Mingle resource night!

We'll be sharing ideas about Summer time activities - camps, staycations, managing road trips and more! We'll be gathering in the library at 6:30 - 8pm. Childcare is provided!

Art Lit Portfolios Coming Home

Thank you for a Great Year of Art!



We can't believe our Art Lit year is complete! Our students have had an amazing year of art at Mary Woodward. We've traveled through geography and time to expose students to a variety of artists and art forms. We started with self-portraits inspired by Leonardo DaVinci and then moved on to making Clay Totems in the style of NW Native

Americans. We explored folk art through Grandma Moses-inspired winter landscapes and tried our hand at animal tessellations just like M.C. Escher. Finishing up our year we created Claude Monet water lily landscapes and finally Mary Woodward Peace Windows inspired by Marc Chagall's modern stained glass. What an exploration of Art!

Your child's artwork portfolio will be sent home before the end of the year. Be sure and take a look at all the completed projects and celebrate their artistic endeavors!

Mary Woodward's Art Lit program would not be possible without the support of the many wonderful Art Lit volunteers who share their time and talents to expose our students to formal art education. We hope that you will join us next year for a new slate of artists and projects!

Laura Wieking, Kari Vandergriff and Trissa Davis
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Art Lit Gallery Dates May 11-22

Please come in and visit our student art showcase in the Mary Woodward Library! The kids are thrilled when they see guests checking out their art!

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Who appreciates the Mary Woodward Staff? We OWL do!

Staff Appreciation Week – May 4 - 8, 2015

The Mary Woodward community is fortunate to have wise staff members who give a hoot about making our school special. Our staff gives their owl every day to help our students grow and succeed. Each year in May, we present a week full of treats to help our staff know just how much we appreciate them!



During the week, our amazing ambassadors will host an "Appreciation Station" in the lobby each morning before school where you and your kids can leave a note for staff members.

Below is a run-down of this year's Staff Appreciation Week. Remember to bring a flower in on Monday for your teacher and other staff with whom your kids interact!

MON, MAY 4	Please bring a blossom or greens to build bouquets for your teachers and staff! Appreciation Station in the Lobby
TUES, MAY 5	Massage therapist students are volunteering their time to come in and give our staff massage breaks. Appreciation Station in the Lobby
WED, MAY 7	PSO is coordinating a Potluck Brunch. Click here to sign up to bring in a dish or email mwstaffappreciation@gmail.com . Appreciation Station in the Lobby
THURS, MAY 8	Principal Nihill treats the staff Appreciation Station in the Lobby
FRI, MAY 8	Special Delivery Appreciation Station in the Lobby

Homework Club Needs Volunteers

We could use a couple more parent volunteers to help students in Homework Club.

Days: Monday and Thursday

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Who: Students who attend need help with homework and their parents' first home language is not English.

You can bring your own children with you to the Club. Please contact Karen Emerson at karenemerson@frontier.com for more information or to volunteer!

Upcoming Events

May

- 4: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 4-8: Staff Appreciation Week
- 5: Playground Vote Meeting (8:40 am)
- 11: Final PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 11-22: Art Lit Gallery
- 13: Burgerville Fundraiser Night (4-8 pm)
- 14: Eagle Mingle (6:30-8 pm)
- 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

Save the Date for the Totally Sweet Carnival

May 29, 2015, 5 - 8:30 pm

Plans for a Totally Sweet good time are underway! We have created new games, refurbished classic favorites and are planning lots of fun experiences (like the ever-popular Pie Eating Contest!) that will please kids of all ages.

Ticket pre-sale envelopes will be coming home soon. Take advantage of early sales to get a deal! 4 tickets for \$1 (3 for \$1 on carnival day).

The Carnival is one of our biggest events of the year and we need many volunteers to pull it off! If you haven't already submitted your name as a carnie helper, please contact your class booth rep if you can work a booth shift.

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Next PSO Meeting

The meeting on **Monday, May 11** at 8:30 am in the cafeteria will be the **final** meeting of the school year!

- **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.
- **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.
- Principal Nihill will give his monthly report.

We hope to see you there!



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and PSO happenings...

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Online Auction Update – bids for the kids!

The Spring Auction raised just over \$20,000 for the Mary Woodward PSO! And thanks to the winning bidders who paid by check, we saved just over \$400 in credit card fees.

We always accept cash donations, and if you think you missed the opportunity to donate for the **shipping for the new playground**, it is not too late! We raised just about half of our \$3000 goal during the auction, and we would be happy to get closer to that goal.

Thank you to the following parents who organized the fantastic class baskets and projects that were on display in the lobby throughout the auction:

- Donna Corry
- Angela Allen
- Melissa Gray
- Annalisa Bayne
- Leslie Bishop
- Katy Dylar
- Stacie Wilber
- Chez Strachan
- Angie Campbell
- Lisa Tyacke
- Kristin Allen
- Jana Gateley
- Rebecca Valdivia
- Stephanie Henson
- Wendy Jenkins
- Katy Smith
- Monika Bumpers
- Melissa Oldham

Thank you to the following members of the procurement team who asked for all of the amazing items we were able to bid on:

- Cheryl Payne
- Judy Swiger
- Jennifer Cook
- Lisa Tyacke
- Jana Gateley
- Nicole McNutt
- Jenny Herman
- Rebecca Valdivia
- Noelle Crites
- Corina Torseth
- Amanda Pileri
- Laura Wiekling
- Kari Vandergriff

The first party that was in the auction took place on Saturday. Thank you to Mr. Montoya for hosting 4 fifth grade boys at Laserport!

There are still spots available at the following parties:

Board Game Party for Grades K-3 with Mrs. McConnell

Friday, May 8 2:30-4:30
2 spots at \$15 each

Board Game Party for Grades 4-5 with Mrs. McConnell

Friday, May 15 2:30-4:30
1 spot at \$15

Summer Splash 'n' Fun for 5th graders with the 5th grade Teaching Team

Weather Dependent – May 31, June 6
or June 7 2:00-4:00
1 spot at \$30

We also have:

- Mrs. Miller's class hardcover Mary Woodward Memories poem book for \$30 each
- Four 8x10 All School Rainbow Pictures available for \$10 each
- Columbia employee store pass available for \$25
- A certificate for a one-day Excel course at New Horizons Computer Learning Center for \$75

All of these party spots and auction items will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please contact Karen Emerson at karenemerson@frontier.com to check availability and to find out how to sign up.

Playground Vote Meeting

The PSO Board is holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 5 at 8:40 am in the cafeteria to discuss our playground structure options and to ask for a vote on the project.

We are looking for parents with access to an auger, experience using the auger, and/or experience using a laser level.

If you have any questions before the meeting, or if you have experience with these tools, please contact Karen Emerson at karenemerson@frontier.com.