



# PSO News

## Mary Woodward Elementary



### Welcome to the New School Year!

I hope you had a memorable summer break and are looking forward to a full and fun year at Mary Woodward! It's an exciting time to be an Eagle with many new students, teachers and staff joining us this year. I met several of our new families at the New Student Orientation and I look forward to connecting more names and faces during the year. The Ice Cream Social was a lot of fun thanks to Heather Jordan's great planning and many parents and ambassadors helping. **Thank you Heather!**

Information about Woodward's Parent Support Organization (PSO) came home in the first day packet this week. You will find an event calendar for the school year, PSO committee descriptions and chairperson contact info and more. We also included a Volunteer Interest Form. This form is your golden ticket to letting us know what activities interest you! Please indicate which committee(s) you are interested in, and consider committing to the **2 hour pledge**. Your participation, at whatever level you're able to give, makes our activities successful all year long. Please return your form to the collection box in the office at your earliest convenience.

I am very excited about the year ahead. We have a strong group of committee chairs who are planning wonderful activities. I feel very proud that my family is part of the Mary Woodward community and I hope you feel the same way!

Laura Wieking, PSO President ([mwpsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsopresident@gmail.com))

### Join Us for the First PSO Meeting

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

**Friday, September 25th at 8:30am.**

Please join us for our **first PSO meeting** of the year when we will preview this year's activities, fundraising goals and budget. Principal Nihill gives a report at each meeting, which is a great way to stay up to date on school and district wide activities. We will be offering several evening catch up sessions at our Eagle Mingle parent nights for parents who are not able to attend morning meetings.

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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### Stay in the Know!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

- Visit our website ([www.marywoodwardpso.com](http://www.marywoodwardpso.com))
- Like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/woodwardpso](http://www.facebook.com/woodwardpso))
- Read this newsletter
- Come to a PSO meeting

## Burgerville Fundraiser Night

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

**Tuesday, Sept 22, 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!



## Support our School by Purchasing Scrip!

What is scrip? You buy things you normally do--don't use cash or credit to pay for your normal household purchases--instead, use scrip gift cards. A percentage of each sale goes back to our school.

**The next order date is Monday, September 14th.**

Please have your order forms and checks made out to Mary Woodward PSO by 2:20 pm. You can pick up your order in the office September 18th in morning before school starts, or when it is convenient for you. Or even easier-- buy online, using PayPal and have your order mailed to you!

Check out our scrip page on the PSO website: <http://www.marywoodwardpsoc.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/>

**Exciting news! Buy a \$50 gift card to Columbia, gain access to the Columbia employee store in Beaverton. Pass is good through Sept 30th, for up to 4 people.**

Questions? Please contact Kristi Sloan at [kristisloan1@gmail.com](mailto:kristisloan1@gmail.com).

## Volunteers Needed

**Are you looking for volunteer opportunities at Mary Woodward? The PSO has several vacancies that may appeal to your strengths.**

### Committee/Ongoing Volunteer Needs:

- Newsletter Distributor
- Yearbook Co-Chair
- Science Fair Co-Chair
- Cultural Fair Chair
- Carnival Co-Chair
- Field Day Co-Chair

Please consider taking an active role at Mary Woodward by getting involved in the PSO. If you are interested in any of these positions or you would like to find out more about other ways to volunteer please contact Natalie Como at [mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com).

### Mary Woodward Library

The Mary Woodward Library needs your help! There are numerous ways to get involved.

There will be a training session for new volunteers on Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 AM in the library.

For more information on library volunteering, please contact Wendy Jenkins at [wendymkj@alumni.rice.edu](mailto:wendymkj@alumni.rice.edu).

## Upcoming Events

### September

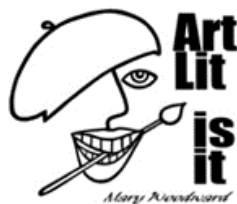
- 14: [Scrip Orders Due](#)
- 15: Library Volunteer Training (10:30 AM)
- 17: Back to School Night (6:30 pm)
- 22: Burgerville Fundraiser Night (4-8PM)
- 25: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 28: No School (training)
- 29: Box Tops Contest #1 starts
- 29: Picture Day
- 30: Science Fair Assembly

### October

- 2: Jog-a-thon
- 5: Fall Enrichment starts
- 5: Scrip orders due
- 16: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 19-23: Book Fair
- 20: Eagle Mingle (6:30 pm)
- 27: Vision Screenings
- 30: Halloween Parties

## 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.



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

### 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



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 9/17!

Questions? Contact the Art Lit Team at [artlit@marywoodwardpsd.com](mailto:artlit@marywoodwardpsd.com)

Laura Wieking & Kari Vandergriff

## Save the Date for the Jog-A-Thon

Mary Woodward's Jog-A-Thon 2015 is Friday, October 2nd

You're invited to come cheer, run, and volunteer to make this fundraiser a success! Volunteer to tally laps on the field, help out behind the scenes or even dress up as Baldy, our student's beloved mascot. This is a fun event that you won't want to miss!

Additional information will be following soon...

Questions? Contact Alisa and Jessica at [mwjogathon@gmail.com](mailto:mwjogathon@gmail.com)

## 2015-2016 MW PSO Executive Committee & Board Support

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## Box Tops are like Dimes in Disguise

The first collection contest of the year officially begins on September 22 and goes through December 5.

The top three classes will earn a party! Each teacher has a collection envelope in their classroom so please send in your Labels and Box Tops that you've been collecting.



**Did you know that you can register your grocery cards to automatically earn Box Tops and Label points for the PSO account at checkout? Register your grocery cards by following the websites below:**

- [GrowingLocalLearning.com](http://GrowingLocalLearning.com) for electronic Box Tops from your Albertsons card
- [2ways2earn.com](http://2ways2earn.com) for electronic Box Tops from your Safeway card
- [Rewardyourschool.com](http://Rewardyourschool.com) for electronic Box Tops from your Fred Meyer and QFC cards
- [elabelsforeducation.com](http://elabelsforeducation.com) for electronic Labels for Education from your Albertsons, Fred Meyer, Safeway and QFC cards

Please continue to clip your Box Tops and Labels and return them to your child's classroom as this allows us to "double up" our points and contributes to the classroom collection contest!



The current participating product list for the Box Tops for Education program can be found at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). To view a list of the participating products for the Labels for Education program, please visit [www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products](http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products).

Questions? Contact Jessica Brown at [jlbrown003@hotmail.com](mailto:jlbrown003@hotmail.com)

## 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](http://www.marywoodwardpso.com).

## What does the PSO fund?

In short? Quite a lot! PSO funds are used to directly support our kids through classroom and curriculum activities, and to build community and offer environmental enrichment. This tree shows the many programs planned and implemented by parent volunteers.

Since our school population is growing, our fundraising goals have grown as well. Our budget relies on two main fundraising events held during the year – our Jog-a-thon (October 2) and a live auction event (February 27). We also work with local businesses like Burgerville and Pizzicato who give back a portion of an evening's sales to Mary Woodward. Collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education, and purchasing gift cards through the Scrip program are all excellent opportunities for the PSO to earn extra funds.

## Mary Woodward PSO: Helping Grow Young Minds

