



# PSO News

## Mary Woodward Elementary



October 2, 2015

### Message from the President

I can't believe how much has happened in this first, quick month of school! I feel like I blinked and here we are in October. We have had a tremendous volunteer turnout and its noticeable how much support the PSO is getting from parents taking on committee chair positions and signing up to help pull off the many events and programs we sponsor each year. Thank you!

Please remember to log all your volunteer hours – this include PSO meetings, shopping trips, time in classrooms, meetings outside of school and actual activity time. You can sign in to HelpCounterWeb.com from home which makes it very easy to log hours while you remember how much time you spent.

Our first PSO meeting went very well. I was thrilled to meet many new parents and hear new ideas being shared and discussed. We passed our operating budget and Fall programs are kicking off right and left.

- Thank you to the **parent volunteers** who helped make sure our students were where they needed to be for DIBELS testing.
- Congratulations to all of our successful **summer readers** who received their Summer Reading Medals.
- Thank you to **Hansa Gutierrez for coordinating the parent volunteers** who made sure the students smiling and smudge free for Picture Day.
- Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for organizing the first successful Burgerville night, and thank you to the Ambassadors for serving the meals. We raised \$296!
- Thank you to **Shaylene Haswarey** for organizing the Fall after school Enrichment Classes that kick off in October and November. There is a wide variety of classes to choose from and registration forms are due on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to the **intrepid Moms and Dads** who came out to help us dismantle the old, broken playground structure in preparation for this weekend's installation (the fun part!). Thank you also to those coming out this Saturday to help. I'm excited for our kids to have a bigger, safer playground to play on soon. Make sure to log those weekend hours!!
- Thank you to **Tracy Sandford** for scheduling the Science Fair Kickoff assemblies this week. I hope your student came home excited about creating fun science fair project. Pulling off the Science Fair is more than a one-person job! Tracy needs a co-chair to help coordinate the details of the Science Fair. You don't need to be a scientist! The tasks are primarily logistics and coordination. This is an important event that promotes STEAM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) to our kids. Please consider co-chairing and learning from a Science Fair pro!

The next PSO meeting is on **Friday, October 16 at 8:30 am** in the cafeteria. Please contact me if there is any topic that you would like the group to discuss, and I will add it to the agenda.

Laura Wiekling ([mwpsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsopresident@gmail.com))

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## The Science Fair is coming!

### Did you hear about the Science Assembly this week? The Science Fair is coming!

Information is coming home this weekend. Entry forms can be turned in anytime in October. The Science Fair is Monday night **November 23rd from 5:30-7:30pm** and is a great family event.

Do you have any ideas for additional activities or exhibits the night of the science fair? If so, please contact Tracy Sandford ([Tracy.a.sandford@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.a.sandford@gmail.com)) or Judy Swiger ([swiger@comcast.net](mailto:swiger@comcast.net)).

## Success of the Summer Reading Program

### Congratulations to our Summer Reading Program participants!

Summer Reading Program medals went home last week to students and staff that turned in their Summer Reading Lists. 87 students and staff read over 1700 books over the summer. Great job, Eagles! Look for our next reading challenge over winter break.

## Scrip = More Money for Mary Woodward!

### SCRIP MATH EQUATION

Your SCRIP order  
+ Pizzicato Fundraising Day  
= More \$\$ for us in October!



When your family comes to our Pizzicato Fundraising day (it is ALL DAY) on October 20th, you can raise more money for the school by paying for your meal with a Pizzicato SCRIP gift card. Here's how it works:

**\$40 of gift cards purchased through our SCRIP program = \$3.20 in profit for the school**

**Your \$40 meal at Pizzicato on October 20th = \$8 in profit for the school**

Simply by eating dinner, your family has made a \$11.20 donation to the school. That \$11.20 times all 500 of our families is \$5600 for our school! Now just imagine if we invited all our friends and family to our Pizzicato Fundraising Day and encouraged them to buy their gift cards through our SCRIP program!

**Turn in your SCRIP order by October 5th. Order online or return scrip order form to office.**

<http://www.marywoodwardpsso.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/>

Questions? Contact Kristi Sloan at [scripmw@gmail.com](mailto:scripmw@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

### October

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

## Pizzicato Fundraiser Day

— pizzicato pizza presents —  
the MARY WOODWARD ELEMENTARY

**DOUGH FOR DOLLARS**  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

we make the dough, your school makes the dollars

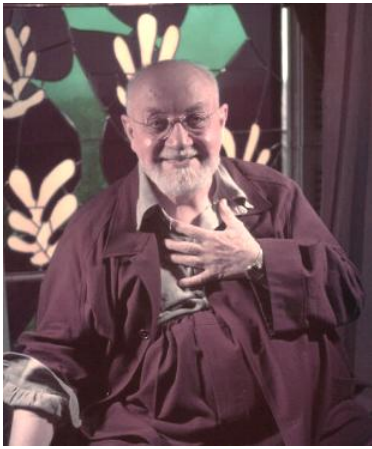
TUESDAY 10-20-15 @ Murray Hill Pizzicato  
14845 SW Scholls Ferry Rd • Call (503) 579-4889



Mark your calendars for the next restaurant fundraiser on:

**Tuesday, October 20th.**

The Murray Hill Pizzicato will be donating 20% of all sales that entire day back to our school. You won't want to miss it!



***“I wouldn’t mind turning into a vermillion goldfish.” - Henri Matisse***

**H**enri Matisse was born in northern France on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1869. He studied law in Paris but was unhappy in his career choice. At the age of 21, Matisse became ill with appendicitis. To ease his boredom while recovering from surgery, his mother gave him painting supplies. He later said, “From the moment I held the box of colors in my hands, I knew this was my life.”

**M**atisse returned to Paris to study art. He drew inspiration from other artists such as Cezanne and van Gogh. He admired their use of bold color and brushwork and mimicked these techniques in his own paintings.



**H**e traveled extensively but his trips to Morocco seemed to have the greatest impact on his art. He admired the peaceful and relaxed Moroccan lifestyle, noting how the locals could spend the day gazing into goldfish bowls. Matisse wanted his art to be "a soothing, calming influence on the mind, rather like a good armchair." At least nine of Matisse’s paintings depict goldfish.

### *Did you know?*

*Art critics were appalled by Matisse’s bold use of color and visible brushstrokes, referring to him and his artist friends as “fauves”, or “wild beasts”. But Matisse and his fellow “fauves” adopted the name proudly and continued painting.*

**I**n his later years Matisse preferred using cut outs from large, painted pieces of paper to make his art. He called this method “drawing with scissors”. He enjoyed this technique as it allowed him to move the shapes around the canvas to achieve the perfect balance.

**F**or the month of October, students will create a paper cut out collage inspired by Matisse’s *Beasts of the Sea* and his painting titled *Goldfish*.



*It’s never too late to sign up to help with Art Lit! Helping hands are always appreciated. Please contact [artlit chairs@gmail.com](mailto:artlit chairs@gmail.com) for more information.*



*Les Bêtes de la mer...  
H. Matisse 50*