



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the PSO President

It's the season to express what we are thankful for, and I have so much to share this month! I think anyone who considers stepping into an executive committee role has certain questions about "what am I taking on?" But honestly? Our school has such an amazing group of parent volunteers that my biggest job is staying out of the way and letting them all do their thing! We had a full month of activity in October – our community is hopping!

Thank you to **Alisa Gillett and Jessica Brown** for coordinating a fantastically fun and successful Jog-a-thon! This event is one of the PSO's two main fundraisers, and they did a tremendous job encouraging participation, staying on top of all of the day's details, and keeping track of all the pledges and donations. Thank you also to **the parents** who came out to turn around pledge envelopes, count laps, serve water, and cheer for the students!

Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for setting up a tasty series of restaurant nights that bring in funds for PSO programs. Thank you to all the **Eagle families** who dined at our Pizzicato night in October and who will enjoy Five Guys this week.

Thank you to **Ashley Freeborn and Stephanie Henson** for bringing us a great Book Fair! Thank you also to the **setup crew, all of the cashiers, and the cleanup crew** who help make the Fair successful.

Thank you to **Cyndi Clere and Michelle DeFabio** for planning a delicious "fall favorites" Staff Appreciation Lunch during conferences. The staff is so thankful to not have to worry about lunches during conferences.

Thank you to **Devon Kelly** for coordinating volunteers for the Vision Screening, **Jaimi Anderson** and **Beth Schuff** for going above and beyond, and thank you to all of the other countless volunteers for helping deliver the kids to where they needed to be.

Thank you to all of the **Room Parents** and party helpers for hosting fun Halloween classroom parties.

Thank you to **Jenny Herman** for coordinating Missoula Children's Theatre this week. What a wonderful enrichment experience for our kiddos! She did a great job of managing all of the details involved in the Rapunzel production. I am sure the two shows on Saturday will be fabulous!

Here's to a wonderful November, and I hope that each of you enjoys a bountiful Thanksgiving season.

Laura Wieking (mwpsopresident@gmail.com)

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Jog-A-Thon Update

Top Fundraisers Per Grade

- KG: Adrin T.
- 1st: Jameson J.
- 2nd: Peyton B.
- 3rd: Brooklynn B.
- 4th: Anthony P.
- 5th: Tara M.

Overall Top Fundraiser is... Peyton B.!!

Top 3 Fundraising Classes

White, Miller and Langeliers!

*We would like to acknowledge and congratulate 5th grader **Kaden D. who ran a school record of 35 laps at the Jog-A-Thon this year!** We apologize for leaving you out of the last newsletter, Kaden.*

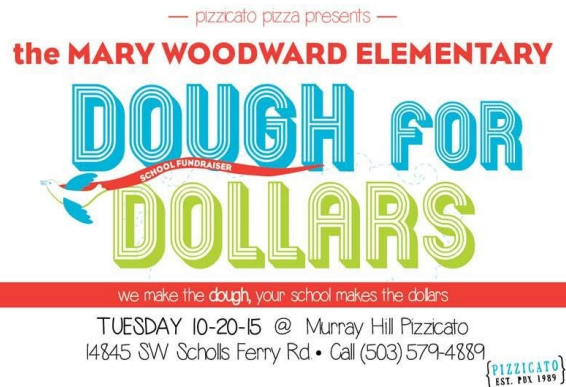
Top fundraisers and top lap runners will be receiving their prizes soon and we will be contacting the top 3 classes to set up class parties as well.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this year's Jog-A-Thon!

Pizzicato Fundraiser Results

A big thank you to all the Mary Woodward families who dined at Pizzicato on October 20th.

It was a very successful night for our school. Pizzicato will be donating \$666.73! That's a lot of dough!



Next Scrip Order due Monday, November 9

Christmas is just around the corner. Gift cards make a great gift.

Think ahead and make Christmas shopping easy by purchasing by **Monday, November 9th**. Drop your forms into the scrip box in school office or order online.

Questions? Email Kristi Sloan at Scripmw@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

November

2-6: Missoula Children's Theatre
9: Scrip Orders Due
11-13: No School
20: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
23: Science Fair Evening
24: Science Fair All School Review
26-27: Thanksgiving Holiday
30: Scrip Orders Due

December

1: Eagle Mingle (6:30 pm)
7: Scrip Orders Due
11: Box Tops Contest #1 ends
16: Staff Cookie Exchange
18: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
21-31: Winter Break

January 2016

1: Winter Break (cont)
4: School resumes

We're on Facebook

Want to be in the know? Stay connected with Mary Woodward school and PSO happenings...

Join us on Facebook!



facebook.com/woodwardpsa

Missoula Children's Theatre has arrived in Tigard!

The auditions are complete and 50 of our students have been working very hard all week to put on a full scale musical for our school and community. **THAT'S YOU!**

"Rapunzel" will be performed on the Mary Woodward cafeteria stage at 3pm and 5:30pm Saturday, November 7. That's tomorrow! The show is about an hour long and is fun for the whole family. If you don't already have your tickets, they are available at the door for \$5.

Come out and cheer on our students and support live theatre!



Picture Retake Day Update

Picture retake day went well this week. There were 45 kids, which was more than expected, but it was smooth!

A couple parents paid for pictures and didn't receive them. The photographer looked them up and the photos are in the system, so they were advised to contact Dorian customer service.

Hansa Gutierrez

Fall Book Fair

The fall book fair was a great success!

Thank you to all the parents and family members that volunteered their time to help at the book fair! With the support of book fair purchases we were able to earn \$4,000 dollars for our school library! That will help tremendously throughout the year to purchase new books, replace lost or damaged books from the previous year and continue to maintain our current selection of books.

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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.

Dale Chihuly and Color



Dale Chihuly is a Tacoma, WA native. He began to experiment with stained glass when he studied interior design. Today, Chihuly is the leading artist who uses glass as his art form. He has founded many glass studios and school programs, including the Pilchuck Glass School in Washington State. His work is included in more than 200 museum collections worldwide.

Chihuly experiments with many forms and shapes of blown glass, and he incorporates coils, loops and other flowing shapes into his work. Chihuly lost the sight in his left eye due to a car accident in 1976. Although he had to give up full control of his glass making due to loss of depth perception, he has used teams ever since.

Chihuly is celebrated for his large architectural installations and huge chandeliers. These are permanent pieces that can contain thousands of individual blown art pieces and weigh thousands of pounds. The installations are created in Chihuly's hotshop in Tacoma and must be very carefully packed and shipped over thousands of miles.



*"I never met
a color I
didn't like."
Dale Chihuly*

Chihuly loves color. He has said, "I don't know if something can be too colorful. Color is one of the great properties of glass and is more intense in glass than any other material."

His use of color is inspired by the bold color combinations in Renaissance paintings and by the traditional color choices used by glass artists in the factories of Murano in Venice.



Chihuly began the Macchia (Mah-key-ah) series of large blown glass bowls with the desire to use all 300 colors in his hotshop. The word Macchia means "spot" in Italian.

This month, students will be creating "Macchia Bowls" in the style of Chihuly's colorful blown glass bowls. Ask your child about Installations, Glassblowing and Color Theory.

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.

