



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



A Note from the PSO President



Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year!

I am looking forward to filling the role as Mary Woodward PSO president this year. I am hopeful to see new faces and meet new parents this school year. Please join us for our monthly meetings to share your ideas, thoughts and comments, or feel free to contact me directly at 503-913-8740 or erin.farquhar@comcast.net.

- Erin Farquhar

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming October 22-26!

We will have a large selection of books available to purchase that week before and after school and during the conference days.

We are recruiting volunteers to make decorations, setup on Friday October 19, work cashiering shifts during the week, and pack up on Friday October 26.

If you are available to help, please contact Karen Emerson at karenemerson@frontier.com or Jennifer Cook at jencook323@gmail.com.



Health Screenings

The Vision and Hearing screenings for students will be led by the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation on Thursday, October 4. There will be 15 minutes of training starting at 8:15 am, and then the screenings will take most of the school day.

We need 20 volunteers, so if you can commit to being at school for part or all of the day, we need you! We will plan a lunch break into the schedule, and lunch will be provided.

Thank you!
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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 from 9-11 am in the cafeteria. For more PSO news online, visit www.marywoodwardpso.com.

Get Ready for the Jog-A-Thon!

Friday, October 5th is the date for this year's Jog-A-Thon, one of two major fundraisers for the 2012-2013 school year. The funds raised by our children help to support many programs for the children such as Art Lit, reading instructional assistants, field trips, school assemblies, family event nights and classroom activities. This year we challenge each student to collect a minimum of \$80 in pledges to help us reach our goal.

Please help us meet our goal by supporting your student. Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents are great pledge contacts. Keep your eyes open for the pledge envelopes, which will be coming home on September 21.

Jog-A-Thon is also a great way to get involved with your child in their class at the beginning of the school year. Parents are encouraged to attend and cheer on the children as they run their laps (younger siblings are also welcome). It is a fun event enjoyed by everyone, children, staff and parents. You can also volunteer on the track or to help count laps on October 5th. Sign-up sheets will be available at Back-to-School Night.

Let's make this year's Jog-A-Thon a huge success! If you have questions or would like to help with this great fundraiser please contact either Jill Weinstein, jill_weinstein@frontier.com or Amanda Pileri, pileri@frontier.com.



Upcoming Events

September

- 9/17: PSO Meeting (8:30AM)
- 9/20: Picture Day
- 9/24-9/29: Missoula Children Theatre
- 9/29: Missoula Performance
- 9/25: Back to School Night K-5
- 9/27: Room Parent Meeting (1:45PM)

October

- 10/1: Box Tops Contest I Starts
- 10/2: Art Lit Meeting (6:15PM)
- 10/4: Health Screening
- 10/5: Jog-a-thon
- 10/8: PSO Meeting (6:30PM)
- 10/15: Enrichment Classes Begin
- 10/17: Enrichment Assembly
- 10/22-26: Book Fair
- 10/25-26: Conferences
- 10/30: Picture Retakes
- 10/31: Halloween Parties

Looking for a Fun Way to Get Involved?



Mary Woodward's Art Literacy program teaches kids how to appreciate art from a wide array of artists. Parent volunteers (just like you!) work within a team to share 6 prepared lessons and art projects with your child's class. **No art or teaching experience is necessary!** Each artist is introduced to the volunteers during a casual meeting where a complete artist lesson and the project are provided.

There are many ways to participate:

- Mount and display the kids' artwork
- Help the kids with the project in the classroom on Art Lit Days
- Demonstrate the art project to the kids
- Tell the kids about the featured artist

The program is run entirely by Mary Woodward parents, and is funded by the PSO. In order to have a successful program, we need your help!



Mrs. Rice's Kindergarten Class 2011-2012

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 Tuesday 9/25!

Questions? Contact the Art Lit Team (Cami Bunnell, Margie Wargo & Corina Torseth) at artlit@frontier.com.

First Scrip Orders due Monday, September 17

Order forms and instructions were sent home with the first day of school packets and can be found on the PSO website, www.marywoodwardpso.com, under Events & Fundraisers. Payment can be made by check or via PayPal for credit cards. Order forms and instructions were sent home with the first day of school packets and can also be found on the PSO website. Orders will be available for pick up on the morning of Friday, September 21.

Bonus! Mary Woodward's first restaurant fundraising night is on October 1 at Burgerville. Mary Woodward PSO will receive twice the benefit if you purchase Burgerville gift cards from Scrip on September 17 and use them on October 1.

PSO Kickoff Meeting!

Monday, September 17th at 8:30am in the cafeteria.

Grab a friend and join us for our first PSO meeting of the year. It's open to all Mary Woodward parents, grandparents or guardians. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our parent support organization and learn how your money raised through fundraising efforts will be utilized this year. Also, PSO sponsored events and programs such as the Jog-a-Thon and Staff Appreciation will be discussed. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with other parents and stay informed.

Meetings are always held the 2nd Monday of each month and will rotate between morning and evening meetings.

For more information, please contact PSO president, Erin Farquhar (503-913-8740 or erin.farquhar@comcast.net).

Missoula Children's Theatre

This internationally acclaimed touring company will be at Mary Woodward on Monday, September 24th through Saturday, September 29th.

Your child received a detailed registration form this week, and more are available in the office if needed. MCT provides everything needed to cast up to 60 Mary Woodward students, grades K-5, to perform in "The Secret Garden," a wonderful, full-scale musical production.

There will be two performances on Saturday, September 29th (3:00 and 5:30). Ticket information to follow.



We Need Your Help!

Watch for volunteer opportunities!

There are still several volunteer opportunities available for committee chairpersons and the PSO Executive Board. Please take a look at the list below and see if there is something that interests you.

- **Enrichment Program**
- **Spring Fundraiser**
- **Staff Appreciation:** Organizes & implements staff appreciation activities throughout the year. Time commitment: 2-10 hours, depending on task.
- **Carnival:** Plan yearly themed Carnival. Organize volunteers for ticket sales, booth construction, decorations, prizes, food and outdoor activities, etc. Time commitment 1-80 hours, depending on task. Chair & Co-Chair preferred.

Please contact Jill Weinstein at jill.weinstein@frontier.com or 971-404-7970 to sign up today!

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