



# PSO News

## Mary Woodward Elementary



### Message from the President

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a great break that Mother Nature extended a bit for us.

Looking back for a moment, the turnout for the annual Staff Cookie exchange was amazing! Thank you to everyone who brought in goodies. Cyndi Clere and Michele DeFabio did an excellent job coordinating this fun and much anticipated annual event.

Our evening Eagle Mingles are slowly gaining steam. We had a fun group join me and Mr. Nihill at Fanno Creek Brewpub for a casual holiday gathering. Our February meeting is going to be focused on community and school safety programs including Safe Routes to School and an overview of the School's safety protocols for lockdowns and reunification. It will be a good one to attend. Watch for more information soon.

This month many great things are in the works including a Burgerville fundraiser on the 12<sup>th</sup>, a super fun BINGO family night on the 15<sup>th</sup>, new Box Top contest, Winter Enrichment and the latest creative Art Lit project.

The Auction team is hard at work gathering amazing items for the February 27 event. This is an event that needs lots of help, so if you have a few hours to help procure items, or want to help out the night of, let the team know!

At the January 22 PSO meeting, we will be discussing goals for next year, so that we can determine what additional fundraisers we want to explore this year to increase our budget for next year (remember, we use funds a year after they are raised). If you would like to provide input, please plan on attending. We begin at 8:30. If you can't attend, you can also send me an email at [mwpsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsopresident@gmail.com) with your thoughts/questions.

Have a great January, and stay warm out there!

**Laura Wieking**  
**PSO President**

### 2015 Online Auction

The receipts were completed for last year's online auction and sent home in your student's backpack before Winter Break. If you didn't receive your receipt, please contact Karen Emerson at [karenemerson@frontier.com](mailto:karenemerson@frontier.com) so that she can send a replacement to you.

January 8, 2016

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## Spring Auction "Soarin' Eagles Safari" Update

Keep an eye on your mailbox, as invitations to the "Soarin' Eagles Safari Auction" will be arriving in the next few days! Complete your RSVP card, enclose your payment and either mail back or drop off in the "Safari Auction 2016" box located in the office at Mary Woodward ASAP!

This year's auction will be held at the **Portland Golf Club on February 27, 2016**. Join us for a fun evening with friends while we raise much-needed funds to support our kids!

Donations appreciated and accepted anytime. Donation forms can be found on the MW PSO website.

Any questions, feel free to contact us at [mweaglesauction@gmail.com](mailto:mweaglesauction@gmail.com)

## McMenamins Night at the Sherwood Pub

**Save The Date! Tuesday, January 26th from 5PM-Close.**

Our school was selected by McMenamins to have a fundraiser night with one of their local restaurants. Join us for dinner at the **McMenamins Sherwood Pub** off of Tualatin-Sherwood Rd on **January 26th from 5pm-11pm!**



McMenamins will donate 50% of all sales back to our school during that time. This is a big fundraiser night for our school and you won't want to miss it!

## Scrip Update

Thanks to all the Woodward families who purchased scrip gift cards- our sales doubled in December! We have made \$710 so far for our school!

Next scrip order is **Monday, January 11th**, and you can order online through the PSO website or pick up an order form in the school office. Orders will be available Friday the 15th; if you purchase online, they'll be mailed to you unless you specify otherwise, and all other orders can be picked up in the office. Thank you for your continued support!

**Kristi Sloan** ([Scripmw@gmail.com](mailto:Scripmw@gmail.com))

## 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/woodwardpso](https://www.facebook.com/woodwardpso)



## Upcoming Events

### January 2016

4: Box Tops Contest #2 starts  
11: Winter Enrichment Starts  
11: Scrip orders due  
15: Family Bingo Night  
22: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)  
26: McMenamins Night at Sherwood Pub

### February

8: Scrip Orders Due  
10: Eagle Mingle (6:30 pm)  
12: Valentine's Day parties  
12: Daughter Dance  
19: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)  
24: Hearing Screenings  
27: Soarin' Eagles Safari Auction

Be yourself.  
Everyone else  
is taken.  
- Oscar Wilde



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## Mary Woodward Family BINGO Night

Please join us in the cafeteria for a fun filled, family BINGO night! There will be coffee, hot cocoa, and treats, as well as PRIZES for adults and kids who win!

**Friday, January 15, 2016**  
**6-8pm**

Cost: \$2 for each player, unlimited BINGO games!

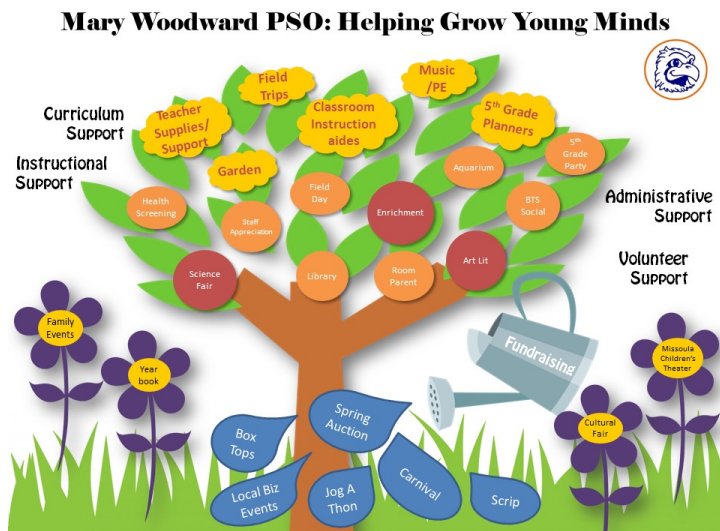
BINGO daubers will be available for \$2 each, or feel free to bring a marker from home.



## Thanks to Your Support, the PSO Helps our Children Thrive

**What does the PSO do with the funds so generously donated by our families and community every year? In short...a lot!**

Here is a refresher on the many different programs funded by the PSO and supported by hundreds of volunteer hours:



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

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



# Mary Cassatt – American Impressionist

## 1844-1926



This month, our students are learning about the American-born artist, Mary Cassatt. During the 1800's, women were not encouraged to pursue a career outside of the home. Mary was determined to be an artist, even though her parents did not approve. She enrolled in the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts at age 16 and moved to Europe when she was 22 so she could study classic works of the Old Masters on her own. Mary lived most of her adult life in Paris.

As Mary was establishing herself as an artist, she began to feel frustrated and held back by the strict guidelines of the Paris Salon, which was the most important art event of the time – it was like today's American Idol or The Voice for painters. She began to experiment with different styles of art and in the 1870s, Mary was invited to join the Impressionist art movement. She was the only American artist and one of the few women to be invited to this rebellious movement.



This group of artists challenged the art establishment of the time and experimented widely with technique and color. They used the changing nature of natural light and quick brush strokes to capture people in casual moments of everyday life.

Many Impressionists focused on landscapes and street scenes, but Mary became famous for her portraits of mothers with their children in everyday, touching moments.

Mary worked in oil paints, pastels, and Gouache (Gwash), which is an opaque watercolor paint. She also experimented with printmaking after being inspired by Japanese master printmakers. Mary was best known for her portraits, but she also created several still lifes that captured the beauty of nature. *Lilacs in a Window*, is one of her most famous still lifes and is the inspiration for this month's art project.



*This month, students will create a watercolor lilac still life using rice to create a textured effect. Ask your children about Impressionists and watercolors.*

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.

