



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the President

I'm not going to hold my breath that Punxsutawney Phil's prediction for an early Spring will come true, but things are certainly blooming around here. You name it, we've got it going on! February has come in with a bang and PSO committees are jumping with getting lots of Spring activities pulled together.

Thank you Shaylene Haswarey for putting together a fun slate of after school enrichment classes. I've been seeing lots of smiling faces after the classes let out.

Thanks to Karen Voorheis & Shelly Smelser for an incredibly fun BINGO family night. What a great turnout with more than 300 Eagles joining in the good times. This duo is also putting the finishing touches on a sweet Valentine-themed Daughter Dance coming right up on February 12. The Son Shindig will be held in the Spring – so stay tuned for a date. Keep an eye on the PSO calendar posted on our website – it's the most current version of PSO activities.

We were lucky to score a McMenamins night for the second year in a row thanks to Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney. This is usually a once "every few years" win. Thank you to all the families who made a little extra drive to Sherwood to participate in the event. Mary Woodward receives 50% of the night's total food sales, so it's always a great fundraiser for us. Stay tuned for the final number.

The Soaring Eagles Safari Auction is going to be AMAZING. We hope you have turned in your tickets (not too late!) and are getting excited about all the great items we'll have to bid on. Claudine Payne and Heather Listy are leading a great effort to make this a memorable evening. This is our second major fundraiser of the year and with reports that our school will be expanding even more next year, we're going to encourage you all to get those bids out!

Our next Eagle Mingle is February 10 – mark your calendars! We are going to have several guest speakers so we hope you can join us. You can read all about it later on in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents who are volunteering time in the classrooms, library, PSO activities and more – you truly make this community what it is.

Have a wonderful February!

Laura Wieking, PSO President

February 5, 2016

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Next Scrip Order due Monday, February 8

Trying to come up with a last minute gift idea for someone special?



Help our school and purchase a \$50 gift card to Lowe's, or 1 lb of See's chocolates for \$17, a \$18.50 value!

Our order date is next **Monday the 8th**, and you can pick up your order in the office on Friday the 12th, just in time for Valentine's Day! Remember you can order online at www.marywoodwardpsoc.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/ and specify to pick up at school or mailed to you.

Questions? Please email Kristi at scripmw@gmail.com

Spring Auction "Soarin' Eagles Safari" Update

Hey Parents! Grab your friends, neighbors, siblings or parents and join the fun while supporting our kids education at the "Soarin' Eagles Safari Auction" on Feb. 27, 2016!

Complete your RSVP card, enclose your payment and mail back or drop off in the "Safari Auction 2016" box located in the office at Mary Woodward ASAP!

You don't want to miss out on the Wild fun and your chance to bid on Maroon 5 tickets, Seahawks Tickets, a Sunriver Weekend, 4 nights in Cancun, a week in Hawaii or how about an Art, Dance or Taekwondo class for the kids this summer? Maybe you want to head to OMSI, The Lumberyard, Pump It Up or Sky High with the kids? How about a night at the Mountain or skiing for the whole family at Mount Bachelor?

Do the weather live with Andy Carson on Good Day Oregon or be a Vet for a Day at Banfield Hospital! Ride in a police car down to the Tigard Police Station for a tour! How about a \$2500 gift certificate for Orthodontic Treatment! Take home a special basket or project created by your kids class! Treat your child to a pedicure with her favorite teacher or a fun Party...Bingo, Bowling, Laser Tag or Game truck? And let's not forget Principal for the day!

You really don't want to miss out on this fun filled night and a chance to take home great items generously donated by businesses, teachers and families in our community! Support our kids and have a blast doing it!

Any questions, feel free to contact us at mweaglesauction@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

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: Spring Auction

March

7: Scrip Orders Due
7-10: Foundation Coin Drive
16: Box Tops Contest #2 ends
18: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
21-25: Spring Break
29: Box Tops Contest #3 starts

Foundation Fund Drive: February 1-29



Eagle Mingle – February 10 – Community Safety

The first Eagle Mingle of 2016 is coming up on Wednesday, February 10.

We'll be talking all things community safety. Safe Routes to School will be providing information and asking for input on how we can get more kids in our school boundary walking safely to school (and easing some of the parking lot congestion in the process!). Our Tigard Police School Resource Officer will join us to share how the city is working to keep our schools safe and what resources are available through the police department. And finally, Mr. Nihill will be speaking about the school's process for Lock Down Drills, as well as reunification procedures that help reconnect parents and children in the event that our children have to leave school grounds for safety (for example after an earthquake).

The program will start at 6:30. Children are welcome to join, we'll have activities to keep them busy.

Help Wanted! 2016-2017 Open Board Positions.

Volunteer Coordinator

The Mary Woodward Volunteer Coordinator job is open for next year. The Volunteer Coordinator is a PSO Ambassador that is responsible for using the HelpCounter database to track volunteer hours, communicate with volunteers, and enter/edit volunteer data. Volunteer Coordinators also serve volunteers by recruiting new volunteers and making volunteer badges when requested.

If you are interested in becoming next year's Volunteer Coordinator or would like to find out more about the position please contact Natalie Como at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com



Treasurer

Looking for a new Treasurer for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30th (and beyond?). The current Treasurer will have a 5th grader next fall and was looking to transition the job to someone who could commit to doing the job for 1 more more years. The workload typically ranges from 1 - 3 hours a week, with a few weeks at 4 - 5 hours. The current Treasurer also prepares the tax return (Form 990-PF), and is willing to continue to do so, if the new Treasurer does not have experience in tax return preparation.

All financial statements are in Microsoft EXCEL, so no need to know Quickbooks or Peachtree accounting/bookkeeping programs. These programs are not used in order to save costs and allow more money to go directly to the activities supported by the PSO. Person needs to understand how to balance a checkbook and use EXCEL as the check register. Treasurer also logs in to various charitable giving sites to authorize the release corporate matching donations. Existing Treasurer is willing to train the new Treasurer and be there to answer any questions during the 7/1/16 - 6/30/17 fiscal year.

Please send inquiries to mwpsotreasurer@gmail.com or call (503) 524-4241.

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)

Join us for a meeting

It would be fantastic to see more faces at our monthly PSO meetings. These one-hour meetings move quickly and are a great way to get a pulse on what's happening at the school. Mr. Nihill provides an update each month on school and district level news. And this is a great forum to check in on how the funds so generously donated by our community are being used to enrich the experience of our kids every day at Mary Woodward.

The next meetings are being held on: February 19; March 18; April 22 and May 20.

Retail Programs that Help our School

Did you know you can help raise funds for Mary Woodward just by shopping as you normally do? Box Tops, Scrip Gift Cards, Amazon Smile and Office Depot Schools are all easy ways to help us fund the PSO programs. Here is information on how to participate. Do you know of other great nonprofit reward programs? Let us know!

Amazon Gives Back!

[Click here before making a purchase on Amazon.](#)

Amazon tracks purchases made through our link and sends Mary Woodward up to 15% cash back.



Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

Shop at Office Depot for all your school and office supplies. At check out let them know you would like to make sure our school receives the 5%, and they will use Mary Woodward's school ID number 70084671 and apply your purchase to our school.

Get Ready for the Daughter Dance!

The highly anticipated Daughter Dance is only a week away!

Please remember to turn in your completed Pre-Order Form (attached) and payment to the front office by the end of the day today, Friday, February 5th. This will ensure you get the best price on tickets and it is the only way to reserve a beautiful corsage or boutonniere. If you happen to miss the deadline, tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the event for \$5 per person.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.

SAVE THE DATE



Mary Woodward Daughter Dance
Friday, February 12th
6:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm
Mary Woodward Cafeteria

- ◆ *DJ - Dan Busch*
- ◆ *Professional Photographer*
- ◆ *Corsages & Boutonnieres*

To ensure that all Mary Woodward girls have the opportunity to attend this special event, any adult family member or family friend is welcome to be a student's escort for the evening.

*Questions?: Call Shelly (925) 262-3089
or Karyn (805) 340-6232*

Mary Woodward Daughter Dance Pre-Order Form

Friday, February 12th ~ 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Mary Woodward Cafeteria

Pre-Order due date is Friday, February 5th*

*Submit completed form to front office with attached check payable to "Mary Woodward PSO".

Pre-Order Dance Tickets*

*Pre-ordered tickets are \$4 each. There are no paper tickets. Guests names will be on event guest list and check-in will be at "Will-Call". Tickets will also be available for \$5 at the door.

Student(s) Name(s): _____

Chaperone Name: _____ Email: _____
(Confirmation will be sent to this address)

Price Per Ticket	Total # Tickets (Student(s) + Chaperone)	Total Ticket Cost
\$4		\$

Pre-Order Corsages* & Boutonnieres*

* Available ONLY through pre-order. Pick-up during check-in process on the night of the dance.

Student(s) Name(s): _____

Chaperone Name: _____ Email: _____

*Wrist" Corsages	How Many?	Price Each	Total \$
Red		\$10	
Pink		\$10	
White		\$10	
Total Quantity		Total \$	\$

Boutonnieres	How Many?	Price Each	Total \$
Red		\$5	
Pink		\$5	
White		\$5	
Total Quantity		Total \$	\$

Quilting – American Handcraft

1300's - Present



Most of the artists we learn about in Art Lit involve putting some kind of medium – paints, watercolor, oils or ink – onto a surface like paper, canvas or wood.

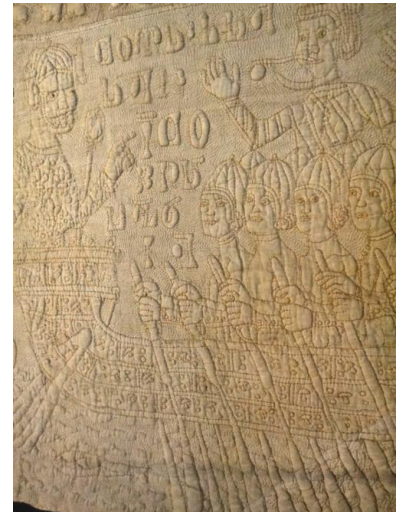
But art can also be made using textiles, or fabric. Quilting is one of the main textile art forms. It's in a category of art called handcrafts, or folk art and is traditionally done by women.

Quilts have been made for over 700 years. Some quilts used large pieces of handmade cloth, which was expensive, so they were a way to show off wealth. Or

quilts could be made from old clothing and scraps of fabric so none of it was wasted. These quilts were also very practical.

Quilting lets someone express themselves creatively, which makes it an art form. Quilts can be made in endless patterns and color combinations, so they all look different.

Making a quilt is a lot of work! It takes thousands and thousands of tiny stitches to create a quilted pattern. Years ago, women often got together and helped each other in the quilting process. A group of women would sit around a quilt and stitch it together. As they stitched, they talked and told stories. This was known as a Quilting Bee.



Modern quilters have a huge color palate to work with, and can create stunning visual effects using textiles.

Our project this month was inspired by a contemporary quilt called "Hope", made by a Japanese quilting artist.

This month, students will use oil pastel to create "heart quilts" that use gradients of color and stitching detail to mimic the look of hand-stitched quilt squares.

Ask you child what a "gradient" is, and how they liked using their fingers to paint with oil!

It's never too late to sign up to help with Art Lit! Helping hands are always appreciated. Please contact artlitstairs@gmail.com for more information.

