



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Get Ready for Auction Night!



WE ARE 1 WEEK AWAY FROM AUCTION NIGHT!
 Don't miss out on the WILD FUN, RSVP's were due last week but we still have a few more spots available. Send an email ASAP to mweaglesauction@gmail.com if you don't want to miss the fun. All proceeds made that night go directly back to the KIDS and their educational experiences at Mary Woodward!

Burgerville Fundraiser is Coming!

It's Burgerville Night!

Come and support Mary Woodward by having dinner at the HWY 99 Burgerville on **Tuesday, February 23rd from 4-8PM**. 10% of the profit made that night will go directly back to our school. This includes drive thru orders!

It's going to be a fun night, you won't want to miss it!



Box Top and Labels Contest Update

Our second collection contest of the school year is underway and the current top three classes are...

Miller, Rice and White

The contest will end on March 16th, so keep clipping and sending in your box tops. The top 3 classes will win a fun prize!

Did you know that each box top is worth a dime for Mary Woodward? Our goal is to raise \$1,500 in box tops this school year; that's 15,000 box tops we are counting on!

Questions? Email Jessica at jlbrown003@hotmail.com

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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.

Help Wanted! 2016-2017 Treasurer

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.



The Carnival is Coming to Town on June 3



Calling All Carnies!

Mary Woodward's Splish Splash Beach Bash Carnival is coming to town **Friday, June 3rd!**

We need help! We are looking for a few fun and energetic co-chairs to

be in charge of vendors, rentals, and ticket sales. These positions are great for parents who can't be at school often. We also need shadows/ helping hands for the prize, decorations, and booth rep chairs, which are currently filled but will need to be handed over next year. Take your chance to learn from seasoned carnies!

This is the most highly anticipated event of the year and one where we need lots of help to make it happen for the more than 1,000 guests who attend the carnival. It's a great way to get involved!

For more information on how you can join in on the fun, contact us at woodwardcarnival@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

February

19: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
23: Burgerville Fundraiser Night
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





Safe Routes to School at Mary Woodward

Have you heard? The City of Tigard has a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinator that works with all of the Tigard-area elementary and middle schools to promote and support the use of safe, healthy and active transportation (like walking and biking) to school. A generation and a half ago 50% of students walked or biked to school, now only about 13% of students do so.

While there are a number of reasons for the decline in walking or biking to school, the Tigard SRTS Coordinator is working with each school to develop a comprehensive SRTS Program, specific to the school's unique context and environment. For example, Mary Woodward Elementary has a far-reaching attendance boundary with very steep terrain, which makes walking or biking all the way to school difficult.

The advantage of the Tigard SRTS Program is that we don't develop a one-size-fits-all solution to walking and biking to school, we work with the parents, students, and school staff to determine what projects and programs suit their needs. The following are some examples of SRTS programs in Tigard:

- » At the Mary Woodward International Walk & Bike to School Day event in October 2015, we set up a number of meeting locations where parents and students could drive, park and then walk to school. This is a great option for students that want to participate, but live outside easy walking distance. In particular, the meeting spots at the Walnut Fire Station and Summerlake Dog Park were both big successes!
- » The City of Tigard recently adapted two signalized crossings to improve the pedestrian crossing experience. Two intersections on Durham Rd. now give pedestrians a head start when crossing. This signal change is known as a [leading pedestrian interval \(LPI\)](#).
- » The first Wednesday of every month is Templeton's Walk & Bike to School Day where kids and parents are encouraged to get out of their cars to walk or bike to school. These monthly events are a great way to make walking and biking to school a more regular behavior.
- » During a Walk & Bike to School Day event we worked to bring in extra bike racks for Fowler Middle School students. Since the bike racks at Fowler are pretty full on a normal day, we wanted to ensure that there was sufficient and safe parking for all participants.

These are just a few examples of the SRTS-related programs at Tigard schools, but the possibilities are endless!

Want to learn more, be involved, or provide your input about walking or biking to Mary Woodward? Please feel free to contact [Liz Hormann](#), the SRTS Program Coordinator, at any time.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in Tigard

The healthiest way for kids to get to school is to walk or bike safely. SRTS advances the City of Tigard's vision to become ***"the most walkable community in the Pacific NW where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives."***



City of Tigard
Safe Routes to School Program

www.tigard-or.gov/srts

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