



PSO News



September 9, 2016

Message from the PSO President

Greetings, Mary Woodward Families!

The 2016-2017 school year is off and running. Welcome back to those that are returning and a warm welcome to those of you who are new to our community. Twice a month in these newsletters you will hear the latest information on upcoming events for our PSO (Parent Support Organization). I hope that you will take the time to read through and learn about all the wonderful ways that the PSO supports the students and staff at Mary Woodward Elementary.



We had a wonderful turnout at our Ice Cream Social and School Supply Drop-off. Thank you to **Heather Jordan** for organizing our annual event! Hopefully you had a chance to meet your student's teacher and enjoy an ice cream sandwich while catching up with fellow parents and meeting new ones.

I'm very honored to be leading our excellent team of volunteers this year. They are already hard at work planning exciting events for the upcoming year. Here's to a great school year!

Wendy Jenkins, PSO President
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Burgerville Fundraiser Night



Please join us for our first Mary Woodward elementary fundraiser of the school year:

Tigard's Burgerville
12785 SW Pacific Highway
Tuesday, September 20th from 4 - 8pm.

Come in or drive thru, 10% of all sales will help benefit the students!

Stay in the Know!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

- Visit our website (www.marywoodwardpso.com)
- Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/woodwardpso)
- Read this newsletter
- Come to a PSO meeting

Walk+Bike to School Day is Coming

Save the date for the upcoming
Walk+Bike to School Day on October 5.

This free international event is held each fall and spring and is a great way to challenge our school community to be more active, healthy, sustainable, and fun. Get out your walking shoes, dust off your bike, or get out your scooter, and watch for more information on how to participate!



If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Jennifer Vasicek at jen.vasicek@gmail.com.

Thank You to Our Ambassadors!

A BIG thank you to the Ambassadors for helping at the Ice Cream Social and Supply Drop Off! You helped make the event a HUGE success!

Heather Jordan
Ice Cream Social Coordinator

Order Scrip and Support Our School

Hello MW families! For those of you who are new to our school or haven't investigated scrip, it is an easy way to earn a little extra for our PSO. You purchase gift cards through our scrip sales and our school earns a percentage from your sale. You purchase the cards at face value and use them to grocery shop or go to your favorite restaurant.



This is an exciting time of year for scrip gift card sales. If you purchase a \$50 Columbia Sportswear gift card, while supplies last you will get a pass to Columbia employee store.

Buy your gift cards online at <http://www.marywoodwardpsa.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/> or pick up a form in the school office (or attached to this newsletter).

Orders need to be turned in by **Monday, September 12th** by end of school day. You can pick up your orders in the school office by **Friday morning, September 16th**.

Also think ahead to Burgerville Fundraiser Night from 4-8 pm, which 10% of sales go back to our school. If you buy scrip cards in addition, you are earning an additional 8% back!

Please email me with any questions. Thanks!

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Please Join Us for the First PSO Meeting

Our first PSO meeting will be on Friday, September 30th at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria.

We hope that you can join us as we discuss upcoming events, fundraising goals, and budget. Our Principal, Jerry Nihill, will also be there to report on school and district issues. This is also a great way to come and learn about the many volunteer opportunities that are available.

Top 5 Reasons to Volunteer at Mary Woodward

- 1. It's good for your child!** Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school obtain better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school.
- 2. It's good for the school!** The PSO is responsible for almost all of the school's fundraising for things like field trips, additional computers, playground equipment, and enrichment programs.
- 3. You will be in the know!** There's no better way to know what is going on in the school than to be on the PSO. You will have direct contact with the Principal and you'll be the first to know about important decisions and changes at the school.
- 4. You will be a wonderful role model!** Your children will see you taking a stand to make education better for them and their peers and chances are they will do the same.
- 5. You will have a forum to share your thoughts!** Your voice and opinion matters. It makes a difference when you speak up and when we have a well-rounded, diverse group of parents to share ideas.

Please Note: The Mary Woodward Parent-Student Organization is not able to obtain your contact information from the school due to TTSD confidentiality rules. If you don't sign up, you will not receive important information about the volunteer opportunities at Mary Woodward.

New Volunteers - sign up now to be included in the PSO Volunteer network:

Online - www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/?en=75088820 **OR**

Attached Volunteer Interest form (will also be sent home with students)

Upcoming Events

September

12: Scrip Orders Due
15: Back to School Night
20: Burgerville Fundraiser
27: Box Tops Contest #1 Starts
27: Picture Day
28: Science Fair Assembly
30: PSO Meeting (8:30)

October

4: Pizzicato Fundraiser
5: Walk+Bike to School Day
7: Jog-a-Thon
10: Fall Enrichment Begins
17-21: Book Fair
24: Scrip Orders Due
24-29: Missoula Children's Theatre
28: PSO Meeting (8:30)
31: Halloween Parties

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.

Mary Woodward PSO Volunteer Interest Form 2016-2017

Please complete sections 1-4 to receive communication about Mary Woodward volunteer opportunities.
Return completed form to the Front Office or scan and email to mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com.

1. Contact Information

_____	_____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	EMAIL
_____	_____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	EMAIL
_____	_____
CELL PHONE	HOME PHONE
_____	_____
CHILD 1 - NAME	GRADE / TEACHER
_____	_____
CHILD 2 - NAME	GRADE / TEACHER
_____	_____
CHILD 3 - NAME	GRADE / TEACHER

2. Two-Hour Power Pledge

Yes! – I pledge to give at least 2 hours to our school this year.

3. Committee Interests

Please check all volunteer activities and/or committees that you are interested in for this school year. A description of each is on the back of this form.

Year-Round Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> After School Enrichment | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Fundraisers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Tops | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment Assemblies | <input type="checkbox"/> Room Parent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> SCRIP Gift Cards | |

Seasonal Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auction Fundraiser (Winter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Screening (Fall) | <input type="checkbox"/> Missoula Childrens Theater (Fall) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair (Fall) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Social (Fall Next Year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Picture Day (Fall) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carnival (Spring) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jog-A-Thon (Fall) | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fair (Fall) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Fair (TBD) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day (Spring) | | |

4: Additional Information

I have a talent, skill, tool or resource that may be useful to the school. (Please provide details below)

My company provides a match for my charitable donations and/or volunteer hours.

Company Name: _____ Match %: _____

Activity	Description	Chair Person	When
After School Enrichment	Help with clerical tasks related to after school enrichment classes.	Shaylene Haswarey	All Year
Art Literacy	Share knowledge and appreciation of art with your child's class. A well-known Artist is highlighted each month to teach about different styles of art. Volunteers are provided training and support. Demonstrate art projects to students, prep/clean classroom, and display art. Time commitment: 4-6 hrs per month	Laura Wieking Kari Vandergriff Beth Schuff Anna Scott	All Year
Auction Fundraiser	Help with tasks related to Mary Woodward's major Winter fundraiser. Make decorations, help with marketing efforts, procure donations, set up, take down event.	Heather Listy	Spring
Book Fair	Help staff with the annual Scholastic Book Fair, which provides the Library with funds to purchase new books. Help set-up, cashier, and tear-down. Time commitment: 2-10 hrs	Ashley Freeborn	Fall
Box Tops	Help with Box Top collection. Time commitment: 1-4 hrs per contest	Leslie Bishop	All Year
Carnival	Make decorations, serve as a runner, set up, staff a booth, take-down and clean-up. Time commitment: 2-5 hrs depending on task	Cheryl Payne Kari Vandergriff Laura Wieking Keri Butler Megan Van De Pitte	Spring
Cultural Fair	Organize the student parade of countries, make country flags, collect cultural items and organize decoration of cafeteria with such items. Help set-up, pick up food, serve food, sell tickets. Time commitment: 2-20 hrs depending on task	OPEN	Spring
Enrichment Assemblies	Identify and book one or two school-wide enrichment assemblies. Coordinate date with Principal. Time commitment: 2-3 hrs	OPEN	All Year
Facebook	Post information and events to the PSO Facebook page based on the PSO calendar and at the request of committee chairs.	Laura Wieking	All Year
Family Events	Coordinate family events which include the Daughter Event, the Son Event, and one family event. Help with set up, decorating, assist during event, and clean up. Time commitment: 1-10 hrs per event.	OPEN	All Year
Field Day	Help Supervise Mary Woodward's version of the Olympics. Escort your child's class to the different events. Time commitment: 2-4 hrs depending on task	Heather Jordan Heather Listy	Spring
Garden	Mary Woodward is fortunate to have a beautiful, plentiful garden on site. Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: garden maintenance, garden education, website maintenance, and committee participation.	Nancy Ross	All Year
Health Screening	Help with hearing and vision screening tests. Time commitment: 2-4 hrs	Devon Kelly	Fall
Ice Cream Social	Coordinate the kick-off event for the start of the school year. Time commitment: 2-10 hrs	Heather Jordan	Next Year
Jog-A-Thon	Help with tasks related to Mary Woodward's major fall fundraiser. Course set-up and/or clean up, serve popsicles, refill water containers, mark tally cards, dress up as our mascot "Baldy", make posters prior to the event. Time commitment: 2-6 hrs depending on task	Lisa Tyacke	Fall
Library Helper	Check out and shelve books, other special projects as needed. Time commitment: 2 hrs per week.	Ashley Freeborn	All Year
Missoula Childrens Theater	MW students will perform in a full-scale musical production of Peter and Wendy on 10/29. Volunteers needed between 10/14-10/29 to help with photocopying, ticket sales, loading/unloading of props, and creating promotional signage. Will also need a Photographer, Videographer, Accompanist, and a host family for the tour Actor and Director. Time commitment: 1-2 hrs depending on task	Jenny Herman	Fall
Picture Day	Help on school picture day. Time commitment: 1-4 hours	Taylor Hughes	Fall
Room Parent	Help organize classroom parties and events, etc. Time commitment: 3-6 hrs total	Megan Vandepitte	All Year
Science Fair	Help review student science projects or help set up and/or take down projects. Help with a 3rd grade class Sling Shot science experiment. Help with a 4th grade class Bridge Building science project. Time commitment: 2-8 hrs depending on task	Tracy Sandford Judy Swiger	Fall
SCRIP Gift Cards	Promote and sell SCRIP gift cards on a monthly basis. Collect orders, send orders in and pick-up and distribute gift cards. 1-2 hrs per month	Kristi Sloan	All Year
Specialty Fundraisers	Manage the details of smaller fundraising activities such as restaurant nights. Time commitment: 2-5 hrs per fundraiser	Shannon Hughes Taylor Hughes	All Year
Staff Appreciation	Organize & implement staff appreciation activities throughout the year. Contribute a dish for the PSO-sponsored potluck on conference days. Time commitment: 2-10 hrs	Jana Gateley Michelle DeFabio	All Year
Yearbook	Work throughout the year, gathering photos, formatting the school yearbook, coordinating pre-sales and yearbook distribution. Photographers for: Jog-A-Thon, Family Events, Music Programs, Science Fair, Class Parties, Biography Fair, General Photographer. Time Commitment: 2-10 hours depending on task	Deborah Anderson	All Year

