



OCTOBER 20, 2017

## MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

**I can't believe we are halfway through October already!**

There are lots of events going on as we finish this month. Hopefully you'll have a chance to stop by our **Book Fair** next week, and pick up a good read for yourself or your student's teacher. And remember that the proceeds from the book fair goes towards acquiring new materials for our school library. The Book Fair will be open all day Thursday, and half a day on Friday during conferences. During conferences, our Staff Appreciation committee has a wonderful luncheon planned for the staff. Thanks to **Jana Gateley** for organizing.

Starting October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Missoula Children's Theater will be in residence with two performances on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. It is truly amazing to see our kids learn an entire musical play in a week's time and the performances are always very entertaining! Be sure to get your tickets. Then, don't forget Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, with the school parade and classroom parties.

Our next PSO meeting will be on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in the cafeteria. This will be our final PSO of 2017. Unless we need to meet in December, we will not meet again until January 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Megan Van De Pitte, PSO President ([mwpsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsopresident@gmail.com))*

## ARE YOU A PARTY PLANNER?

Then we have just the committee for you. We need volunteers to organize our **Family Events**-Family Fun Night, Daughter Dance, and Son Shindig. If being a chairperson sounds intimidating, grab a bunch of friends and plan it together.

*If you are interested please contact Megan Van De Pitte, [mwpsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsopresident@gmail.com), or Shelly Smelser, [mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com).*

## BOX TOP COMPETITION #1

**Calling all Mary Woodward parents! We have the first box top competition of the year! Competition #1 goes through December 9th.**

Every box top will bring our school ten cents each, so start collecting! Ask your friends and neighbors and send those box tops in with your students.

The winning class for competition #1 will receive a treat party in December! Good luck... and let's see how many box tops we can bring in for our school!



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### STAY IN TOUCH!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

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

## BOOK FAIR IS COMING NEXT WEEK!

Save the dates: October 23-27

Our library will turn into a book fair! Shopping hours will be during lunch recess, after school or open during conferences.

Questions: [mwchairbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:mwchairbookfair@gmail.com)

## MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Missoula Children's Theater will be at Mary Woodward on Monday, Oct 30 through Saturday, November 4th.

This year, MCT will be casting up to 60 Mary Woodward students, grade K-5, to perform in a full-scale musical production of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. There will be two performances at Mary Woodward on Saturday, Nov 4 (3pm and 5:30pm). Tickets will be on sale the week before the show and available for \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door.

A detailed registration form was sent home with your child Monday, containing all the information they need to participate in this enriching week long residency experience. Forms will be accepted through Oct 24 or you can sign up and pay online (link under events on the PSO website). More forms are as well. Cost to participate is \$45 per student, which includes 2 tickets to see the show. Auditions are on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> immediately after school, no advanced preparation needed.

"We'd love to, but my kids are in sports and other activities!" I get it, mine are too! It's worth noting that there is not another opportunity for your child to take only 6 days off from their other activities and get to participate in a full scale musical, build a show to perform on stage, and gain the life experiences they can from the MCT residency.

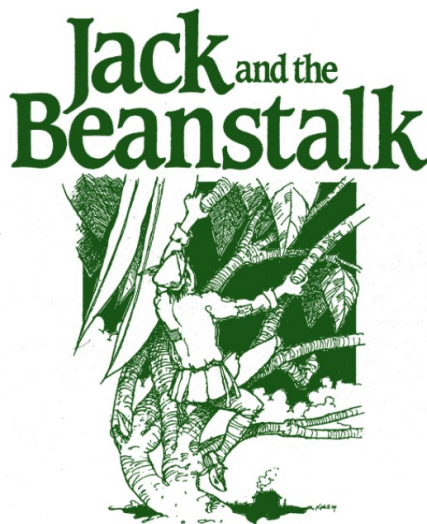
You do not want to miss this, get your forms turned into the office today!

If you want to volunteer to help with this residency, we could use a few hours of help with various tasks (some at home, some at school, some the week of the residency and some in the weeks before), so please contact us or look at the list on [signup.com](http://signup.com). We are also looking for a host family to host one of the tour actors (male or female) from October 29-November 5. They only need a private room and access to Internet. This is a really wonderful experience for the whole family.

Additionally, we are looking for a videographer/media expert for hire, so if you know someone who could provide that service, please email [mwmctchair@gmail.com](mailto:mwmctchair@gmail.com).

If you do not want to audition, be sure to come watch the show! It's a one hour, full scale musical, great for all ages. You will not be disappointed!

For more information about MCT please take a look at the link on the PSO website. <http://www.marywoodwardpsa.com/events-fundraisers/missoula-childrens-theater-mct/>



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## A CONTEST AND COLUMBIA EMPLOYEE STORE PASSES

### Scrip gift cards have some exciting news!

**Our next order is due on November 6th**, and we will be offering Columbia Employee store passes with every \$50 gift card purchase to Columbia.

Did you say contest? We will be competing grade vs grade and the highest percentage of students per grade who order at least once on Nov 6, Nov 13th and/or Nov 20 will earn a grade-wide extra recess! Plus earning more money for our school. You can order multiple times and each order will count towards the goal.

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER NEEDS

### October continues to be a very busy Volunteer month at Mary Woodward!

Please take a look at the volunteer opportunities listed below and sign-up using the Volunteer Opportunities Sign-up Link if you are able to help.

Volunteer Opportunities Sign-up Link:

<http://signup.com/go/MaryWoodward/Volunteer>

- ◆ Book Fair - 10/20 to 10/27 - URGENT NEED - Set-up starts THIS Friday, 10/20!
- ◆ Vision Screening - 10/30
- ◆ Recess Mileage Club - (Every Wednesday during recess - 11:30-1:00)
- ◆ Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) - 10/20 to 11/4
- ◆ Staff Conference Potluck Luncheon - 10/26
- ◆ Science Fair Volunteers - 11/20 to 11/21

Please Note: A background check is now required for all volunteers - If you haven't already initiated your background check - please do so now using this link: [www.helpcounter.net/ttsd](http://www.helpcounter.net/ttsd)

## SPECIALTY FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A big thank you to those that joined us on October 10 for Murray Hill Pizzicato's Dough for Dollars!

### Thanks to your support, we earned \$698.88 for Mary Woodward!

November's specialty fundraiser will be the ever-popular candy buy back program. Stay tuned for more details!

## OCTOBER ART LIT FEATURED ARTIST

**This month's featured artist is the German-Swiss Expressionist, Paul Klee.**

Please check out this video (<https://youtu.be/eqHJ9gDLkL8>) about Klee with your children... or read his bio on the attached page.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

- 20: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 23-27: Book Fair
- 30: Vision Screening
- 30-November 4: Missoula Children's Theatre
- 31: Halloween Parties
- 31: Picture retakes

### November

- October 30-November 4: Missoula Children's Theatre
- 2: MCT Assembly
- 6: Scrip Orders Due
- 17: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 20: Science Fair Evening
- 21: Science Fair All-School Review

# Hey Kids, Meet Paul Klee

German-Swiss Expressionist Artist (1879-1940)

**Paul Klee** was born in Münchenbuchsee, Switzerland in 1879. His father, Hans Klee, was a music teacher, and mother, Ida Frick, had trained to be a singer. Paul was the second of two children.

Paul took an interest in music and drawing at a young age. By the age of seven he was playing the violin, and at age eight he was given a box of sidewalk chalk by his grandmother. In the beginning his parents encouraged the development of his musical skills, though in his teen years he decided to focus on becoming an artist.



In 1898, with his parent's reluctant permission, Klee began studying art at the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich. He showed talent in drawing, though struggled to develop a sense for color and felt that he might never learn to paint.

Klee traveled to Italy in 1901, after receiving his Fine Arts degree. While there he studied the master painters of past centuries. The colors of Italy excited him, though he recognized that a long struggle was in store for him in understanding how to use coloring in his art.

By 1905 Klee was developing experimental art techniques, and beginning to exhibit his works. Though very interested in his art, Klee was still dividing his time between his art, music, and writing concert and theater reviews.

In 1906 Klee met and married German pianist Lily Stumpf, and settled in Munich, Germany. They soon gave birth to their son Felix Paul. To provide for their family, his wife taught piano lessons while he tended to the needs of their house and continued to develop his art skills.

In 1911 Klee met Wassily Kandinsky and Franz Marc, artists who would dramatically affected the course of his artistic life. Together they would form Der Blaue Reiter (The Blue Rider), a group that was fundamental to the Expressionist art movement.



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In 1914 Klee's art changed dramatically during a visit to Tunisia. He was impressed by the quality of light there, and wrote, "Color has taken possession of me; no longer do I have to chase after it, I know that it has hold of me forever... color and I are one. I am a painter."

Paul Klee died in 1940 in Muralto, Switzerland. A founding member of the Blue Rider group, he produced almost 10,000 works in a variety of media. Among his most popular works are the *Twittering Machine* (1922), *Park Near Lucerne* (1938) and *Ad Parnassum* (1932).

