



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the President

All of a sudden it feels like we're in the home stretch! This has been a busy, fun and productive year and we still have some of the year's most anticipated events coming up. Staff Appreciation Week will be in early May, the "Splish Splash Beach Bash Carnival" is coming up on June 3, and Field Day is on June 10 and 13. We also have a great new fundraiser kicking off on May 2 – it's called Making Healthy Happen and it's a four week health challenge for adults. No cookie dough or wrapping paper sales! You'll be seeing information about this on our Facebook and with flyers that come home with the kids. This fundraiser will help us add funds to our budget to accommodate the growing number of students that our programs benefit. We'd love to take a big step closer to completing the goal of funding a new class laptop set. Join us in the fun!

I'd like to thank our Specialty Fundraiser co-chairs Jen Feeney and Amanda Pileri for the Mango Tango and Pizzicato restaurant nights held in the last two months. It's always fun to see other families out and to also support local businesses.

This is our recruitment season, when we ask parents to consider stepping up to run or co-run a PSO committee. Mary Woodward is known for its strong parent involvement. It may even be one of the reasons you moved into our school boundary since volunteerism affects our school ranking. As happens every year, we have active volunteers graduating out of Mary Woodward or those who are ready for other parents to step in and serve. Parents with new ideas and fresh energy are so important to keep the PSO moving forward in offering programs that enrich every student's time at Mary Woodward.

We're excited that we have parents in place for our two main fundraisers – the Jogathon and Auction. This helps us start planning early which always leads to great events. We also have some fun committees open which are noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Most of our committees are run by co-chairs, so team up with a friend and share the tasks!

For the Executive Committee, we are recruiting for Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and President-Elect. These positions take less time than you might think - yes, even President. And since I also co-chair a number of different committees I can say that with first-hand knowledge! We will be voting in the new executive committee during the last PSO meeting of the year, on May 20.

If you are interested in any of the openings and want to learn more, contact our current (but also outgoing) Volunteer Coordinator Natalie Como at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com or myself at mwpsopresident@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping make Mary Woodward a great place for our kids!

Laura Wieking
PSO President

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Mary Woodward Open PSO Board and Committee Positions for 2016-2017

The Mary Woodward Parent Support Organization (PSO) promotes quality education, communication, and understanding amongst the students, parents, faculty and the community of Mary Woodward Elementary School. All parents and legal guardians of enrolled Mary Woodward students are invited to participate in the PSO. There are vacancies for the 2016-2017 school year that need to be filled so that we can begin planning and preparing for next year's activities.

Through fundraising and the tremendous efforts of dedicated parent volunteers, programs such as Early Reading Literacy, Art Literacy, Field Trips, Classroom Parties and Teacher Funds are made possible for our children. The PSO also sponsors fun activities for the Mary Woodward community, including the time-honored traditions of the Fall Ice Cream Social, Spring Carnival, Family Events, Daughter Dance, Son Night and Field Day.

Current volunteer opportunities include:

Board Members:

- **President Elect:** Shadow the current PSO President and learn the role of president. This ensures continuity of PSO Program guidelines and resources.
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Make periodic deposits at Chase Bank.
- **Secretary:** Attend PSO meetings and document topics discussed, ideas, suggestions, decisions made, follow up and next steps. Provide documentation to necessary individuals for communication.

Committee Chairs:

- **Picture Day** (Tuesday, September 23): Obtain volunteers and coordinate the smooth flow of each class/student to picture taking location within the school.
- **Specialty Fundraiser:** Manage the details of smaller fundraising activities such as restaurant nights.
- **Family Events:** Coordinate family events such as the Daughter Dance, Son event, help with set up and decorating, assist during event, clean up

If you are interested in any of the openings and want to learn more, contact our current (but also outgoing) Volunteer Coordinator Natalie Como at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com or Laura Wieking at mwpsopresident@gmail.com.

Do you still have Student Store Bucks from the Science Fair?

Hey Students! Do you still have Student Store Bucks that you earned by participating in the Science Fair?

A reminder that those bucks expire at the end of April. There was a typo on the Buck that said it expired on April 30, 2015, and it should have said 2016. So there's still time to use them! We also have a list of names so if they don't have the actual paper 'buck' they can still get their credit.



Buy Scrip gift cards for teacher appreciation

Teacher and staff appreciation week is May 2-6th. Looking for something to show your appreciation for our teachers?

Before school in our lobby you can buy scrip gift cards. Pick up a gift card or two- cash or check (made out to MW PSO), and one week only!

The following gift cards are available for \$10 each:

- Red Lobster/Olive Garden
- Pizzicato
- Baja Fresh
- Chipotle
- Red Robin
- Panera
- Papa Murphys
- And Starbucks in \$5, \$10 and \$25 denominations

Box Tops and Labels for Education Update

Our third and final collection contest of the school year is underway!

Early leaders are...

Hutchins, Miller and McCombs!

We are about \$500, (or 5,000 box tops) away from hitting our goal of \$1,500 for the school year. The contest ends on 5/27, so there's still plenty of time to clip and send in your box tops.

In Labels for Education news, the Campbell company has decided to discontinue the program. We will be able to continue to collect those throughout the school year, so please get those sent in ASAP.

Questions? jlbrown003@hotmail.com



Staff Appreciation Week is Coming May 2-6

This year's Staff Appreciate Week theme is...

Our Staff Are Our Super Heros!

Be on the lookout for a potluck sign up sheet to bring your favorite dishes for our staff. We will use Sign Up Genius to help us have a variety of things for our awesome staff — this will be ready soon!

- **Monday:** Students can write fun "My Teacher's Super Power is..."notes
- **Tuesday:** Spa Day — Quick massages for staff in lounge
- **Wednesday:** Lunch Potluck from Parents - "Super Hero" Themed Dish Names would be amazing and fun, but not 100% necessary!
- **Thursday:** Mr. Nyhill treats the staff
- **Friday:** Lunchtime chocolate fountain with fruit & pastries to dip

Upcoming Events

April

22: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)

May

2-6: Staff Appreciation Week
6: Cultural Fair
9: Scrip Orders Due
9-20: Art Lit Gallery
13: Mother Son Event
20: Final PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
27: Box Tops Contest #3 ends

June

3: Mary Woodward Carnival
6: Scrip Orders Due
10: Kinder Field Day
13: Field Day Grades 1-5
14: Fifth Grade Party
15: Last Day of School



The Carnival is Coming to Town

Save the date! You are invited to...



It's an evening of fun for the whole family!

Play games! Eat dinner! Make new friends! Win prizes!

The Splish Splash Beach Bash Carnival is coming! Plans are well underway for this year's carnival. We hope you come out for a great evening of family fun. Thank you to all the parents who will be helping us!

We want to give you a head's up that the district no longer allows dunk tanks or traditional bounce houses. Not to worry though – we have fun alternatives lined up that involve kids getting wet and big inflatable things.

The following classes still need a Booth Rep. Wondering what exactly a Booth Rep is? This position selects the booth that the class will operate, helps coordinate shift workers during the carnival and arranges for a decoration sign to be made for the booth. We provide everything needed for the booth to operate. If you have any questions you can contact the carnival team at woodwardcarnival@gmail.com

- McCombs
- Morrow
- Zell
- Cannon

Thanks!

Your 2016 Carnie Crew: Cheryl, Kari, Keri, Laura, Megan and Nancy

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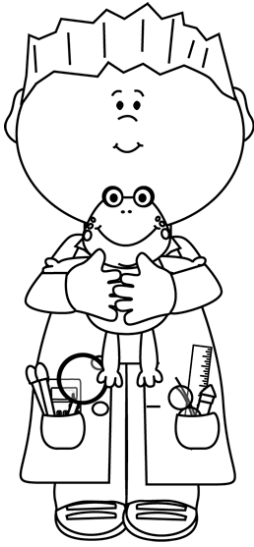
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Making Our School Better, Together. The Mary Woodward Parent Support Organization (PSO) was established to promote quality education, communication and understanding among the students, parents, faculty and the community of Mary Woodward Elementary 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 Son Event
Jungle Exploration Science Festival
presented by OMSI**

**Friday, May 13th - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Mary Woodward Cafeteria**

- **Work together to solve a series of brain teasers to be entered to win prizes**
- **OMSI-led reptile and liquid nitrogen demonstrations**
- **Photo booth**
- **Free desserts and beverages**



Stay tuned - more information (including how to purchase tickets) will be sent home with boys soon

Degas Dancers



During the month of April, students will learn about Edgar Degas, an artist born in Paris in 1834. He is one of the founders of Impressionism but unlike other impressionist artists, he preferred to paint scenes in cafes and theaters instead of outdoors. Degas liked the way artificial light played up the features of his subjects.

During his early years as an artist, Degas worked as a copyist for the Louvre Museum in Paris and created academic and historical paintings. He studied Raphael and Michelangelo in Italy, learned from Manet in Paris, and practiced a range of art forms including engraving and photography.

Degas is best known for his paintings and pastels of ballet dancers, and produced more than 1500 pieces of art on the subject. Instead of perfect ballerinas onstage, he showed young girls practicing, training hard, and hanging around studios and the backstage areas of theaters. He achieved this using oil on canvas and also pastels, giving life to the

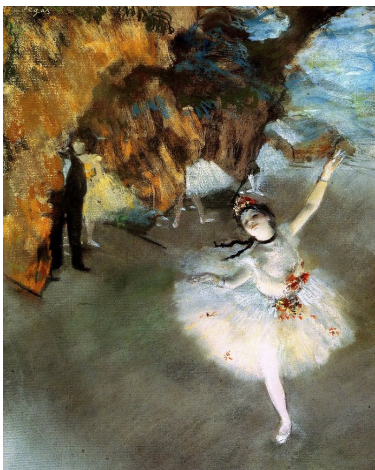
fleeting moments onstage with quick strokes of color.

*“Art is not
what you see,
but what you
make others
see.”*

Edgar Degas

Part of the excitement behind this month’s project comes from the Museum of Modern Art’s Degas exhibit that opened last month in New York. Degas: A Strange New Beauty features over 120 paintings, drawings, pastels, sketchbooks, and prints and is the first

exhibition of his work in nearly 50 years.



This month, students will create “Degas Dancers,” using soft pastels to capture the movement and shape of a dancer on their toes, just like Degas.

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





MARY WOODWARD MAKE HEALTHY HAPPEN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Fun Starts May 2nd

We are so excited to share this Fundraising Opportunity with our community! We found a wonderful way to earn money for our school, help our families be healthier together, and.... **NO SELLING** necessary! How exciting is that? [This May, You're invited to join the Mary Woodward Make Healthy Happen School Fundraiser led by Meltdown Challenge.](#)

Have fun, get fit, and Win Fun Prizes! Join over 200,000 who have successfully completed the Challenge. Change your health and your school for the better.



MAKING OUR COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES HEALTHIER

Here's how it works. Make and meet these 2 Goals.

- Adult Weight Goal (**Lose 3% or Maintain your weight**)
- Participation Points Goal

It's that simple. Visit the challenge site daily to learn helpful, inspiring tips that will help you hit your goals. Our interactive and engaging activities will help you have fun while learning new, healthy habits.

Great news! No awkward photos and you don't even have to use your real name or photo if you don't want to. Play as yourself or pick a super hero as your alias!

Grow the Challenge.

You're ready to make a change. This is big! Here's how to make the Meltdown Challenge even more powerful. **Once you've joined, you can reach out to your friends and family and invite them to join the Challenge.** They gain better health, and your school fundraiser continues to grow exponentially. More health, more fundraising. Let's make this happen.

Step it up for 4 weeks! and improve your health before summer hits! Each day you will learn something new that improves your health. Over the 4 weeks you'll have access to new recipe ideas, tips for helping your family stay active together, and encouragement to help get your

Health for You. Health for Them.

Our goal is to donate **600 or more meals** to feed the hungry.

2 meals are donated for every person that joins the challenge.



YOU JOIN
= 2 MEALS
GIVE

MAKING HEALTHIER HAPPEN AT MARY WOODWARD SCHOOL

We are excited to be the first school in our area to get to utilize this fundraiser and it's refreshing approach to raising money for our school! \$15 of every entry fee goes directly to Mary Woodward whether you hit your goal or not. Of course we WANT you to hit your goal and to ensure your success you will have complimentary support from our own Challenge Health Coach.



Join the Mary Woodward Make Healthy Happen School Fundraiser - Starting May 2nd

Ante is \$20.00 (not including service fee)

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

or use the link:

<http://bit.ly/HealthyFundraiser>



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