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Mary Woodward Elementary

## Message from the PSO President

## Happy New Year!

Welc ome back to school after our slightly extended break. I don't know about you, but I certa inly enjoyed getting to sleep in during the break. Hope you all are staying warm and enjoying getting back into the school routine.

First off, l'd like to give a big thank you to J ana Gateley and all our wond erful ba kers for putting on the Staff Cookie Exchange right before our big snow event last month. This a nnual event is greatly appreciated by the staff, a nd I heard rumor this year that it served to sustain some of them on their homibly long

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There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

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


## Volunteer Update

Reminder: Please make sure your ema il inbox is set to rec eive email from mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com. We have received some comments that emails from the PSO are automatically going to junk mail since it hassuch a large distribution list.

## Want to get involved? Visit our website to view and sign up for volunteer opportunities:

- Go to www.marywoodwardpso.com
- Click on the "Volunteer Today!" button
- Click on "View and Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities"


## Spec ial thanks to all of our volunteers

## 100 Hour Volunteer Heroes:

Ashley Freebom
Shelly Smelser
Wendy J enkins

## 40 Hour Volunteer Heroes (as of 12/31/ 16):

| Amy Estrada | Helen Cadman | Kim Eshleman | Tracy Sandford |
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| Ashley Freebom | Jana Gateley | La ura Wieking | Wendy Jenkins |
| Beth Schuff | Jenny Herman | Nancy Wittgow |  |
| Cheryl Payne | Judy Swiger | Shaela Vardhana |  |
| Diane Bonica | Kari Vandergriff | Shelly Smelser |  |
| Donna Thomas | Kayleen Mendenhall | Tracy Johnson |  |

## Staff Cookie Exchange Thank You

## Thank you to all who brought cookies for the cookie exchange!

And a special thanks to Lenora Randall, Chris Borisch, and Ashley Freebom for setting up and cleaning up! We had a huge tumout of cookies and staff despite the
 weather conditions!

Everyone was able to enjoy their treats over the long winter break! If you haven't already picked up your platters/c onta iners, they are waiting for you in the staff lounge

## J oin us at Chipotle!

Don't forget that our next specialty fundraiser will be at Chipotle on Murray Hill.
Mark your calendars for Tuesday, J anuary 24, 2017 from noon to 8pm.
$50 \%$ of proceeds will go back to the school! See flyer on next page for more details.

Upcoming Events

## J anuary

3: BoxTops Contest \#2 starts

9: Winter Enric hment sta its
9: Scrip Orders Due
13: Fa mily Bingo Night
(6:30 pm)
16: No School
20: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
24: Chipotle
Fundraiser

## February

6: Scrip Orders Due
14: Valentine's Day

## Parties

17: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
20: No School
21: Burgerville Fundraiser


Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Mary Woodward Elementary School. Come in to the Chipotle at 14795 Murray Scholls Dr. Ste 112 in Beaverton on Tuesday, January 24th between 12:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that $50 \%$ of the proceeds will be donated to Mary Woodward Elementary School.


## "How do YOU get to school?"

We have an exciting opportunity this month for Mary Woodward students. Our school has been chosen by Safe Routes to School and the District Art Lit Coordinator for a brand new project and contest for Walk \& Bike to School Day.

The first ever Walk to School Day was held in Chicago in 1997. This event, held every October, became international in the year 2000 when Canada and the U.K. joined in on the fun. As time passed, interest grew and an annual Bike to School Day was incorporated in May, 2012. Today thousands of schools across the U.S. and over 40 countries participate in these annual events - including Mary Woodward!

For the month of January, students will create an illustration about Walk \& Bike to School Day, drawing inspiration from one of these three ideas about the benefits of walking and biking to school:

1. It's healthy! Moving our bodies gives us strong bodies and minds.
2. Clean Planet! Walking and biking is a pollution-free way to get to school.
3. Sense of Community! A chance to talk with friends, parents, and neighbors, and a way to see the flowers, wildlife, and beautiful trees.

> Don't forget: this year's Walk \& Bike to School Day is May 10th!

Two winners will be chosen from each grade, and from these a Grand Prize Winner will be selected. The winning submission will be made into a poster to be displayed throughout the community to promote Walk \& Bike to School Day in May. Winners will be announced during an assembly in February and the prizes will be presented by the Mayor of Tigard!


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


Phone: Scrip Service Center - Fall 10-5-16


