



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the PSO President

I can't believe it's already February! And since it's a short month, before we know it March and spring will be here. However, before we get too far ahead of ourselves, let's discuss all the events that have been going on so far this year.

The winter session of after-school enrichment classes are well underway. Thank you to **Shaylene Haswarey** for organizing such a wide array of classes for our students to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who dined out at Max's and Chipotle, and shopped at Maple Boutique! The earnings from all of these specialty fundraising events really add up, see below for detailed info. Thanks to **Shannon Hughes** and **Taylor Hughes** for lining up these events.

Mention February and, of course, everyone thinks of Valentine's Day. The 5th grade Ambassadors will once again be offering Val-o-grams for sale. Send one to your favorite teacher, staff member, and all your friends! Proceeds go towards supporting the ambassador program.

Also coming up is our first ever **Laser Tag** Family event on February 17th. You won't have to drive far; the laser tag is coming to us here at Mary Woodward! Sign-up emails have already gone out, and there's more information in this newsletter so read on.

Thank you to **all our volunteers**, we couldn't accomplish so much without you! Happy Groundhog Day!

Wendy Jenkins, PSO President (mwpsopresident@gmail.com)

Scrip Orders Due Monday, February 6

Scrip gift card sales continue to make money for our school. Thanks to you! Let's generate even more profit by purchasing Pizzicato gift cards- our fundraising night is March 21st.

Scrip orders due by February 6th, Monday afternoon. Orders will be ready for pick up February 10th. You can grab forms in the school office or online at <http://www.marywoodwardpso.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/>

Questions? Email Kristi at scripMw@gmail.com

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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

Join Us for a PSO Meeting

Interested in finding out what's going on at school? Come to our PSO meetings! Meet other parents, hear from our principal about the latest updates from the District, and find out how you can participate in school activities. We try to keep meetings to about an hour, and little ones are welcome.

Our next meeting is on Friday, February 17th, 8:30AM in the cafeteria. See you there!

Laser Tag Family Night!

Mary Woodward's first ever Laser Tag Family Night will be on February 17 from 5pm to 9pm!

The cost is \$5 per player, per 10-minute game. To help us allow for a greater number of people to participate, each player can sign up for a maximum of two games.

To participate, please sign online at - <http://signup.com/go/161g24>. At the site, you will be able to register in one of the four 1-hour time blocks listed. There will be three games per hour. You will be assigned to a specific 10-minute game when you check in. You MUST check in at least 10 minutes before your hour block starts so we can start all games promptly. If you want to play with a particular group, please plan to check in together. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Food – Pizza, snacks and water will be available for sale – cash or check only please!

Safety - Players must be at least 5 years old. Siblings and parents are welcome to play! Closed toed shoes are required.

Payment - NEW!! You can now pay by credit card by clicking on the "Contribute" button on the top of sign-up page after you reserve your spot. To pay by cash or check, reserve your spot and include a note that says you will drop payment off at school in the office dropbox by February 14.

This is our first time organizing laser tag and offering online payment. Your patience and understanding is appreciated as we navigate these new waters!

We are thrilled to organize family events but we need help to pull it off! We need a few parents to help with check in, sell pizza and help gather participants up for their games – easy peasy. Sign up online to volunteer at: <http://signup.com/go/vV6LeV>

Specialty Fundraising Update

Thank you for helping to make our specialty fundraisers a success!

For our last 3 events, your participation has helped Mary Woodward earn almost \$700. This includes Chipotle night (\$398), Mapel Boutique back in November (\$185) and Max's Fanno Creek Brewpub (\$99). Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events

February

6: Scrip Orders Due
14: Valentine's Day Parties
17: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
17: Family Laser tag
20: No School

March

3: Daughter Dance
6: Scrip Orders Due
17: Box Tops Contest #2 ends
17: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
21: Pizzicato Fundraiser
27-31: Spring Break



Help Make Our Auction a Success

The following classes still need a parent volunteer or two to help with the classroom auction basket / art project.

- Orchard
- McCombs
- Bell
- Thompson
- Rumbaugh
- Smith
- Jurinek



We have lots of EASY ideas and can help you coordinate the project / basket. The art projects from the classrooms are a big money maker at the auction. Don't let your child's class miss out on the fun of making one. The kids love it & so do the parents bidding on it!

To sign up to volunteer or get more information contact Heather Listy or Heather Jordan @ mweaglesauction@gmail.com.

Spirit Wear Sale!



If you haven't purchased any Mary Woodward Spirit Wear, now is a great time to do it. We have a limited number of items available at 1/2 off prices.

Please see the updated order form on the PSO website for details (<http://www.marywoodwardpsa.com/events-fundraisers/mary-woodward-spirit-wear/>). Orders (along with payment) can be turned in at the office.

Proceeds benefit the 5th Grade Ambassador Program who thank you for your support!

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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.marywoodwardpsa.com.

Save the date for the

DAUGHTER DANCE

Live DJ • Photographer • Corsages for Sale

MW CAFETERIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
6:00 PM *until* 8:00 PM

TO ENSURE THAT ALL MARY WOODWARD GIRLS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL EVENT, ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER OR FAMILY FRIEND IS WELCOME TO BE A STUDENT'S ESCORT FOR THE EVENING.

“When the subject is strong, simplicity is the only way to treat it.”

Jacob Lawrence



Jacob Lawrence was born in 1917 and moved to Harlem, New York when he was 13. He was enrolled in an afterschool art program that sparked his lifelong interest in art.

Lawrence became famous when 23 of his paintings were featured in *Fortune* magazine. They were part of his *Migration* series that consisted of 60 panels painted simultaneously. He was the first African American to be represented by a commercial gallery. Jacob married his wife Gwendolyn, also a painter and sculptor, in 1941 and she became his biggest critic and advisor.

Jacob was drafted into the Coast Guard in WWII and eventually served as artist in resident on his ship. He continued to paint scenes from New York city life. After traveling to Africa his work turned to post-colonial life for Africans. He taught a few years at several smaller colleges before he was offered tenure at University of Washington in Seattle, where he stayed for 15 years.

Jacob Lawrence died in 2000. His last public work was a 36-foot-long mural that was installed in the subway in New York the year after his death.

For the month of February, students will create a city scene in the style of Jacob Lawrence. They will use brightly colored construction paper and sharpies to form their own version of a city street.

*Did you know?
When Jacob Lawrence realized that Black history was not being taught in schools he decided to go and teach it himself.*

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.

