## MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

## Greetings, Mary Woodward Families!

The 2017-2018 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!

Megan Van De Pitte, PSO President (mwpsopresident@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2017 JOG-A-THON!



## Friday September 29th (NOT October 6th as the originally planned, sorry!)

You're invited to come cheer, run, and volunteer to make this fundraiser a success! Volunteer to tally laps on the field, help out behind the scenes or even dress up as Baldy, our student's beloved mascot. This is a fun event that you won't want to miss!

Additional information will be following soon...
Questions? Contact Lisa at mwjogathon@gmail.com

## FIRST PSO MEETING

Our first PSO meeting will be on Friday, September 29th at 8:30AM 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.

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## STAY IN TOUCH!

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


## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A packet of information came home with your student on the first day of school, or at the ice cream social, which contains helpful information about the PSO. We need more volunteers and committee chairs. Please see our committee chair list and contact information sheet.

If you have a desire to get more involved, please contact Shelly Smelser, MW Volunteer Coordinator. We could use your help at whatever participation level you are willing to give! Together we are the PSO!

## 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.

Last year we made $\$ 1135$ for the PSO - thank you for your support of this program!
Buy your gift cards online at http://www.marywoodwardpso.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 11th by end of school day. You can pick up your orders in the school office by Thursday morning, September 14th.

Please email me with any questions. Thanks!
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## Do You Like Doing Science and Engineering Projects with Your Kids?

We are looking for parents to help with Mary Woodward Science Fair this year with intention of taking over the event next year.

If you are interested, you can email us at:
MWScienceFair@gmail.com
Thank you!
Tracy Sandford and Judy Swiger

JOIN US AT BURGERVILLE

## Save the date for our first specialty fundraiser!

## TIGARD'S BURGERVILLE 12785 SW PACIFIC HIGHWAY



Wednesday, Sept. 13th from 4-8 PM<br>Come in or drive thru, $10 \%$ of all sales will benefit the students!

## CELEBRITY WALK + BIKE TO SCHOOL

During the school year on the first Wednesday of the month, Mary Woodward students walking and biking to school are joined by a celebrity for an event we call Celebrity Walk + Bike. Last year we were joined by celebrities like Mr. Nihill, our mascot Baldy, local firefighters, and Tigard Mayor John Cook. During our May Celebrity Walk + Bike event, our school was even featured on the local news! This year will be just as exciting!

October 4 is National Walk + Bike to School Day and our first Celebrity Walk + Bike event of the year. Dust off your best Timbers gear, because our first celebrity of the year is...

## Portland Timbers mascot Timber Joey!

Timber Joey will lead the walk from the dog park at Summerlake Park. (See attached map for meeting locations.) All walking school buses and bike trains leave for school at 7:40 am. This event will happen rain or shine.

If you live outside comfortable walking distance but would still like to join the fun, there are two meeting locations where you can park and then walk or bike with your children.

The schedule of Celebrity Walk + Bike events for the year is as follows:

- October 4 (National Walk + Bike to School Day)
- November 1
- December 6
- JANUARY CANCELLED DUE TO BREAK
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 9 (National Walk + Bike to School Day)
- June 6

For more information or to volunteer to help with Safe Routes to School events, please contact Jennifer Vasicek at jen.vasicek@gmail.com.

## September

11: First Day of School, Kinder

11: Scrip Orders Due
13: Burgerville Fundraiser
14: Back to School Night
(6:30)
14: Hearing Screenings (Grades 1-3)

26: Picture Day
27: Science Fair Assembly
29: PSO Meeting (8:30 am
29: Jog-a-Thon

## October

4: Celebrity Walk + Bike to School

9: Scrip Orders Due
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

# Celebrity Walk + Bike 

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## Walk + Bike Details

All walking school buses and bike trains leave at 7:40 am

1. TVF\&R Station 50-12617 SW Walnut
2. Summerlake Dog Park (parking lot) - 11450 SW Winter Lake Dr

While there will be volunteers at each site to help guide the walk, you are encouraged to walk or bike with your student. You can park and walk from both locations.


## LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO GET INVOLVED?

Mary Woodward's Art Literacy program teaches kids art appreciation through exposure to a wide array of artists and art forms. Parent volunteer teams work 6 times a year (Oct-April minus December) to share a prepared lesson and art project with your child's class. No art or teaching experience is necessary! We provide a complete artist lesson and project plan to volunteers ahead of each session during a casual day or evening meeting.


If you can use scissors, you've got what it takes!

## There are many ways to participate:

- Coordinate your class team
- Help prep the project (can often be done at home)
- Tell the kids about the featured artist
- Demonstrate the art project to the kids
- Help the kids with the project in the classroom on Art Lit Days
- Mount and display the kids' artwork

The program is powered $100 \%$ by Mary Woodward parents, and is generously funded by the PSO.

In order to have a successful program, we need your help!

Why do our volunteers love this program?

- It's a great way to get to know the children and parents of your child's class
- The schedule is determined at the beginning of the year
- It's FUN!

Please watch for sign-ups during Back-to-School Night on Thursday 9/14!

Questions? Contact the Art Lit Team at artlitchairs@gmail.com Beth Schuff and Erin Lynch

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Scrip Service Center - 8-9-17
Date:


## 2017/2018 MW PSO Board/Committee Contact List

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