



SCRIP ORDERS DUE TODAY!

Due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday, in person Scrip orders are due Friday, February 15th.

Scrip is an easy way to earn a little extra for our PSO. When you (or your family, friends, and neighbors!) purchase gift cards at face value through our scrip sales, our school earns a percentage from your sale.

Buy your gift cards online at <https://www.marywoodwardpso.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/> or pick up a form in the school office. Orders need to be turned in to the box in the school office by Friday, February 15th or online by Monday, February 18th. You can pick up your orders in the school office Thursday, February 21st.

Please email me with any questions.

Thanks! Erin Buck (ScripMW@gmail.com)

GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR AUCTION

The Mary Woodward auction committee is looking for donations of gift certificates of all amounts and places.

For every \$20 gift card you donate to our auction, you'll receive 5 free raffle tickets to use at auction. Items in the raffle so far include: Hoverboard, Kayak, Amazon Fire & Ben Bridge earrings - more to come! Spread the word!

Buy gift cards through Scrip at Mary Woodward (orders due today) and benefit the school even more! Please turn in all gift cards to office for auction committee to pick up.

Thanks for your support- let's raise more money for our kids!

THE MULTI-CULTURAL FAIR IS COMING TO MARY WOODWARD!

Calling all families! Our Multi-Cultural Fair is scheduled for April 26th and we are needing volunteers to help with food, crafts and help!

Our next planning meeting is on February 26th from 3:30-4:30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Jill Katsufakis at jkatsufakis@ttsd.k12.or.us or 503-431-4717. Thank you!



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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

LET'S SHOW OUR STAFF OUR APPRECIATION!

Would you like to be involved in making our staff feel extra special during Staff Appreciation week May 6th-10th?



Please join us **March 6th at 10:45** in the library for a planning meeting.

If you would like to participate but are unable to make the meeting please email Jana Gateley at janainlondonuk@gmail.com.

OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COMPETITION – FEB. 23

On Saturday, February 23, Mary Woodward will hold its Battle of the Books competition!

All next week the morning announcements will include one OBOB question to get our teams' brains warmed up for the big day.

A few notes for parents of OBOB competitors:

- The most effective thing you can do to support your team at this point is read over the OBOB handbook and ensure your child/team understands the rules for how to battle, and how points are awarded. Here is the link: <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/obob-handbook-2018-2019.pdf>.
- Family members, including siblings, are welcome to watch the battles take place, although the audience members must remain silent. We will have supervision in the library for potty trained siblings who may not be able to sit through a battle.
- Concessions will be available during the competition. **Sales will be cash-only**, and the proceeds will be used to help purchase next year's titles.

This is a very exciting competition, and our 12 teams have put a lot of time and effort into preparing for battle. The winning team from Mary Woodward will advance to the regional tournament, held on March 9 at C.F. Tigard Elementary.

Best of luck to all 12 competing teams from grades 3-5!

*Your OBOB committee,
Melanie Bailey, Maegan Zell, and Jen Vasicek*

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 15: Scrip Orders Due
- 15: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 23: Oregon Battle of the Books

March

- 4: Scrip Orders Due
- 6: Walk + Roll to School Day
- 6: Staff Appreciation Planning Meeting (10:45 am, in library)
- 8: Conferences
- 15: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 15: Son Event
- 18: Box Tops Contest #2 ends
- 25-29: Spring Break



WALK + ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY: MARCH 6

Walking or rolling to school is great exercise, makes you ready to learn, improves the air quality around our school, and is a lot of fun!

The next monthly Walk + Roll to School Day is on March 6.

Walks depart from the TVF&R Station on Walnut and the Summerlake Dog Park. All walking school buses and bike trains will 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. Please see the attached map for more details, and contact Jennifer Vasicek (jen.vasicek@gmail.com) with any questions.

The remaining dates for Walk + Roll to School Day for the year are:

- ◆ March 6
- ◆ April 3
- ◆ May 8 (National Walk + Roll to School Day)
- ◆ June 5

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR, APRIL 22-26

Hello Eagle Families! By way of introduction my name is Laura Stewart and I am the new library assistant at Mary Woodward. I am happy to be supporting your students in this role and grateful for all the support I receive from library volunteers. Thank you!

I am excited to announce we will be running a spring Scholastic book fair April 22-26 to support our school library—thank you to all those who help run these fairs both past and present.

Several folks have asked why I requested that the PSO run two fairs a year moving forward. The short answer is that book fairs are the primary way we fund elementary school libraries in our district (all other elementary schools run two) and they are the most effective way to raise enough funds to support the maintenance of the library.

To adequately maintain a print collection of Mary Woodward's size would cost approximately \$12,600/year just for the books. Unfortunately, funding for school libraries has been thin-to-nonexistent for many years now, and while the district has invested in digital resources, there are no district funds to buy physical books. Consequently, 47% of Mary Woodward's print collection is considered outdated, based on an analysis of our library collection. Outdated books can't be pulled from circulation until they can be replaced with updated titles.

While Scholastic book fairs can't cover all the maintenance costs of our library, by running two fairs a year I estimate we could raise \$9,000 for our library annually. Most schools in our district cannot raise these kinds of funds from Scholastic book fairs, so we are fortunate to have such strong support from our school community.

Thank you for supporting our library; if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Laura Stewart (lstewart1@ttsd.k12.or.us)

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