



Mary Woodward Elementary

Parent Support Organization Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

I hope you had a memorable summer break and are looking forward to a full and fun year at Mary Woodward!

It's an exciting time to be an Eagle with many new friends joining us this year. The first week of school went fabulous! The new office location and added security measures are a big improvement in keeping our school community safe.



Information about Mary Woodward's Parent Support Organization (PSO) came home in the first day packet. You will find an event calendar for the school year as well as information on some upcoming events. Also included is a Volunteer Interest Form. This form is your golden ticket to letting us know what activities interest you! Please indicate which committee(s) you are interested in, and consider committing to the 2 hour pledge. Your participation, at whatever level you're able to give, makes our activities successful all year long. Please return your form to the office at your earliest convenience.

I am very excited about the year ahead. We have a strong PSO board and group of committee chairs who are planning wonderful activities. I feel very proud that my family is part of the Mary Woodward community and I hope you feel the same way!

Cyndi Clere, Mary Woodward, PSO President (mwpsopresident@gmail.com)

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST PSO MEETING

The Mary Woodward PSO will kick off the school year with the first monthly meeting:

Friday, September 20th at 8:30am.

Please join us for our first PSO meeting of the year when we will preview upcoming events, fundraising goals and budget. Principal Nihill gives a report at each meeting, which is a great way to stay up to date on school and district wide activities. We will be offering evening catch up sessions for parents who are not able to attend morning meetings.

We invite all Woodward parents, grandparents, and guardians to come share your thoughts and ideas with us. Come learn about current and upcoming events, and provide feedback to those committees. It's a great way to learn about what's happening at the school and in the district.

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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

MARY WOODWARD PARENTS - YOUR TEACHERS NEED YOU!

Room Parents Wanted!

Being your child's room parent is a rewarding and fun experience! In a nutshell, the primary expectations and responsibilities of a room parent are:

- Planning, organizing, and executing classroom parties. This could include celebrations for Halloween, December/winter, Valentine's Day, and end-of-year (Note: the # of parties varies by grade and/or grade level)
- Finding parent volunteers in the class to help with planning, organizing, and executing parties.
- Managing your classroom's budget for parties.
- Communicating directly with your child's teacher throughout the year regarding parties, classroom needs, etc.
- Communicating with the PSO Room Parent Coordinator, who will send you party ideas, food regulations, and keep you informed of your budget.
- Communicating with the parents in your class to find volunteer help, seek donations for parties, organize class teacher gifts (if desired), etc.

The time commitment varies based on the time of year, but it's something you can do even if you work full-time, the majority of the work can be done on your own schedule and from the comfort of your home!

If this sounds like YOU and how you'd like to support your child's teacher and the school this year, email Lillian Kidwell, our room parent coordinator, at mwroomparent@gmail.com today!



UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 13: Hearing Screening
- 20: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 24: Picture Day
- 27: Family Movie Night

October

- 1-18: Box Tops Contest #1
- 2: Walk + Roll to School Day
- 4: Jog-a-Thon
- 16: Vision Screening
- 18: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)

November

- 2: Garden Clean-Up
- 4-9: Fall Book Fair
- 4-9: Missoula Children's Theatre
- 6: Walk + Roll to School Day
- 15: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 25-26: Conferences
- 27-29: Thanksgiving Break

SAVE THE DATE FOR JOG-A-THON 2019

Friday, October 4th

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 dress up as our beloved mascot Baldy. This is a fun event that you won't want to miss!

This year we are teaming up with Get Movin' Fundraising. In addition to cash and check donations, each student can create their own fundraising website. This allows them to accept credit/debit card donations from all over the world! Please look for information about creating a website in your child's backpack on Wednesday, September 18th. Every kid that has created a site by Wednesday, September 25th will earn a small prize and will be entered into a raffle for great prizes.

Questions? Contact Anna at mwjogathon@gmail.com

NATIONAL WALK + ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

National Walk + Roll to School Day is on October 2 and kicks off a whole school year of walk and roll events at Mary Woodward!

On October 2 there will be music, prizes and fun in front of the school for anyone walking or rolling. **We will also be joined by our very own Timbers defender Jorge Villafaña, who will walk from the Summerlake location.**

If you walk, roll or bus on National Walk + Roll to School Day, you will also be entered into a drawing for one of five \$10 prizes. We will have gift cards to Menchies, MOD Pizza and Regal Cinemas, and the winners will be announced that morning.



[The website flyer provides more information about monthly walk and roll events.](#) *This event happens rain or shine.*

For more information or to volunteer to join the Safe Routes to School team, please contact Jennifer Vasicek at jen.vasicek@gmail.com.

EAGLE TREKKER CARDS

Do you walk or roll to school?

Stop by Mrs. Sweeney's desk in the office and pick up an Eagle Trekker card to track your activity! Every time you walk or roll to school, stop by the office to get a punch on your card from Mrs. Sweeney. After 10 punches you can turn your card in for a High Five and a chance at monthly prize drawings.

START COLLECTING THOSE BOX TOPS!

Our first school wide Box Tops contest will run Oct 1st-18th.

Please start gathering and cutting those little squares. Please check the expiration dates. More info coming soon about the Box Tops changes which include scanning receipts instead of cutting boxes as we move forward.



Thanks! Kim Matsler and Helen Cadman

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Thanks to all the parents/grandparents who signed up to be library volunteers at Back to School Night.

New this year—if your child's library time doesn't work for you, we are also looking for volunteers M-F 8:15-8:45 to check in and shelve books and on Fridays at 2:00-2:30 for shelving and/or book repair. If you'd like to learn a new skill to add to your resume, there will be a training Monday September 16th at 8:15 and 2:00 for all new volunteers and any returning volunteers who would like a quick review. Please try to make one of the trainings.

Any questions? Please email me at mwpsolibrary@gmail.com

Thanks! Kim Matsler, Library Volunteer Coordinator

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Have you completed your [background check and volunteer interest form](#) yet? Many hands make light work, and the amazing array of special activities we offer would not be possible without the help of each and every family.

There are a number of committees that are still in need of members, including **Specialty Fundraisers, Yearbook, Staff Appreciation** and **Jog-a-thon**. If you're interested in joining one of these committees, please email Volunteer Coordinator Jen Vasicek at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- 9/24 Picture Day* ([click to choose time slot](#))
- 9/27 Family Movie Night ([click to choose time slot](#))
- 10/4 Jog-a-thon (signup coming soon)
- 10/16 Vision screening (signup coming soon)

**If you volunteer for more than 2 hours during picture day, you will receive a free picture packet for your student.*

It was great to meet so many of you at Back to School Night last night. I appreciate your enthusiasm for all we do at Mary Woodward! If you ever have questions, you can find me at pick-up and drop-off, or you can send me an email at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jen Vasicek, Volunteer Coordinator

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Mary Woodward Pso presents

Family movie night!



Friday, September 27th

Doors open at 6, movie starts at 6:30 in the cafeteria

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free admission and popcorn!

Pizza, drinks and candy for sale with cash or credit.

Bring your low back concert chair, sleeping bags or blankets.

Questions? Email Danielle or Kristi at mwpsosecretary@gmail.com

Thank you to Tigard's Regal Cinema for your popcorn donation.

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CALLING ALL PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

We still have a few jobs that need Ambassador parent help:

- **Co-spirit Wear Sales:** We need two people to fully coordinate this opportunity. In this position you would co-lead by soliciting Ambassador help with signs, speeches and parent volunteers to sell the spirit wear at certain events.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** For this event, you would help coordinate with in-need MW families as well as a food bank by soliciting Ambassador student help with signs, speeches and delivery of the food.

Please email us at mwambassadors@gmail.com if you have any questions, or would like more information.

Sincerely, Meredith Ball, Tanya Chappelle and Kim Matsler

GET YOUR MARY WOODWARD SPIRIT WEAR!

Did you know that... Mary Woodward, founded in 1979, celebrates a big milestone this year? Get your commemorative 40-Year Spirit Wear to show your Eagle Pride!

Mary Woodward Spirit Wear is for sale. Sales benefit the Ambassador program. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

T-Shirts are \$15, sweatshirts are \$25, and socks are \$15. **Orders are due by Friday, September 27, 2019.**



UPCOMING FOUNDATION EVENTS

Art in the Burbs

Art in the Burbs is a fundraiser for The Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools. The two-day event on October 12-13 features local artists' works, and 20% of artist sales will be used to support art programs in all of our 15 schools in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. To pull off this amazing event, many volunteers are needed. To volunteer, click [here](#). For more information, contact volunteer@artintheburbs.org.

Taste of Tigard Tualatin

Join families across the district on **September 21** for the second [Taste of Tigard Tualatin!](#) This is a fun community celebration of local drink, music and food. Join in the silent auction for the chance to win some amazing prize baskets, including a BBQ Themed Golden Ticket item that you won't want to miss out on!

If you'd like free admission (\$25 value, includes admission bracelet, souvenir tasting glass and 10 tasting tickets), consider [volunteering!](#)

2019 Mary Woodward Spirit Wear Order Form

STUDENT'S NAME _____ TEACHER _____ GRADE _____



PARENT'S EMAIL _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

TOTAL ITEMS ORDERED _____ TOTAL AMOUNT PAID _____

Please contact Kayleen Mendenhall (kayleen@booyahcreative.com) with questions.

Orders are due by **September 27th**.
Return completed form and payment to your child's teacher or front office before **September 27th**.

Cash or check made payable to **Mary Woodward PSO**.

SPIRIT WEAR	ITEM	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
	Youth Heathered Navy Sweatshirt	S		\$25	
		M			
		L			
		XL			
	Adult Heathered Navy Sweatshirt	S		\$25	
		M			
		L			
		XL			
	Youth Heathered Navy T-Shirt	S		\$15	
		M			
		L			
		XL			
	Adult Heathered Navy T-Shirt	S		\$15	
		M			
		L			
		XL			