



Mary Woodward Elementary

Parent Support Organization Newsletter

OCTOBER 4, 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

As we begin the month of October, it is hard to believe we have already been in school for almost exactly a month! The year is getting off to a busy start with several events that have already taken place.

We have already had our yearly hearing screening. This event helps identify students who may need additional assistance to succeed in building an elementary educational foundation. Thanks **Hestian Stoica** for your help with this process.

Picture Day for the year has also already occurred. Those photos of little smiling faces will be treasured for a lifetime! Thanks **Jana Gateley** for volunteering to help.

We also had our first Movie night last week! We hope you enjoyed this community event. It was so fun to see so many families enjoying just relaxing together. A **HUGE Thank you** to **Danielle Smart** for organizing this event! Thanks also to the **Tigard Regal Cinema** for donating the popcorn and to all the parents who helped clean up after the show. Many hands made for light work as the cafeteria was all cleaned up 20 minutes after the movie ended.

A **BIG THANKS** to **Jen Vasicek** for organizing the first Walk and Roll to school day of the year! The kids love walking together and having **Timbers Defender Jorge Villafana** walk with them (and get some autographs) was quite the added bonus! Great Job Jen!

There are lots of events coming up to keep in mind too. A **HUGE** one already taking place today, is our **Jog-a-thon**. Depending on when you read this, you will be getting ready to cheer on your student, or you will be talking about how many laps your child ran and what a fun time it was! A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes to **Anna Dodds** and the Jog a Thon committee for organizing this important fundraising event. Thank you to all of you, too, for volunteering, collecting pledges, and making this a fun and memorable event.

There are so many ways to support Mary Woodward! To find out about the latest news, come to a **PSO meeting**! The next meeting is designed for parents who cannot come during traditional working hours. **Oct 17 at 6:30pm** is the date and time for this evening PSO meeting. There will also be the traditional daytime meeting the following morning on **Oct 18 at 8:30am**.

Go Eagles!

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

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. Bookmark [this page](#) to see all our upcoming events.

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GREEN TEAM

At the first PSO meeting of the year the membership voted to create a new committee called Green Team.

Green Team will take over the responsibilities of the Crayola marker recycling program, as well as our Bottle Drop program. We will also seek out new ideas for making our school 'green.'

If you'd like to join this team or make a suggestion for a green project, contact Jennifer Vasicek at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com.

LAST CALL FOR SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS!

Spirit Wear orders are due Monday, October 7!

This is your last chance this year to order your commemorative 40-year spirit wear for this year. Please turn your order forms into the front office by Monday, October 7 by the end of the school day. We are on a tight deadline for submitting our orders to the printer, so unfortunately we won't be able to accommodate late orders.

T-Shirts are \$15, sweatshirts are \$25, and NEW this year, we also have ladies V-neck T-shirts. Sales benefit the Ambassador program. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

If you've already submitted your order, but have not received your shirts, it means we are backordered on your size(s). We will be ordering more after October 7, and will notify you by email when your order arrives.

Thank you to those that have already ordered, and for your support of our Ambassador program! Any questions, please email Kayleen at kayleen@booyahcreative.com.



SAVE THE DATE FOR MOD PIZZA



Save the date for our next specialty fundraiser: MOD Pizza at Greenway.

It runs October 15th from 10:30am-10:00pm. If you bring in a flyer or mention our school, Mary Woodward will get 20% of sales made during this time. Look for a follow up email with a flyer and more information—coming soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 1-18: Box Tops Contest #1
- 2: Walk + Roll to School Day
- 4: Jog-a-Thon
- 15: Specialty Fundraiser at MOD Pizza
- 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

STAY IN TOUCH!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

- Visit our website (www.marywoodwardpsa.com)
- Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/woodwardpsa)
- Read this newsletter
- Come to a PSO meeting

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS

We still have a job that needs Ambassador parent help:

- **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.

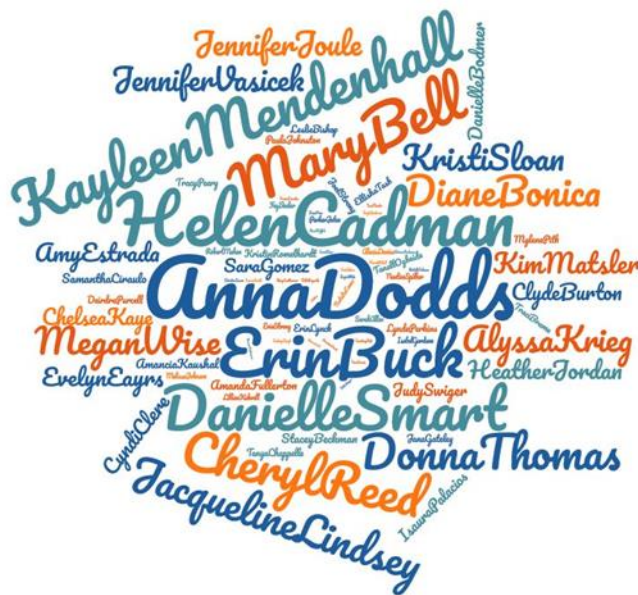
Please email us at mwambassadors@gmail.com if you have any questions, or would like more information.

Sincerely, Meredith Ball, Tanya Chappelle and Kim Matsler

THANK YOU, SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has shared their time so far this year.

In the month of September alone, our volunteers put in 479 hours! That's incredible! Our school is a better place because of the dedication of our families.



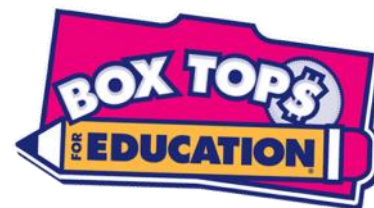
BOX TOPS CONTEST IS UNDERWAY

Did you know that since Mary Woodward started collecting Box Tops, that we have made over \$20,000????!!!!

There have been some changes which I hope will allow us to keep adding to that. You can still cut out and send the little squares/rectangles/whichever fun shape you want to cut them into and place them in the folders located outside of your child's classroom Oct 1st-18th for the first contest of the year.....but not for long.

Box Tops is phasing this method out and instead has asked us to download an app and scan receipts. The receipts must be scanned within 2 weeks of the purchase date. I know some of you may not feel comfortable with the scanning, but if you do, here is the info you need.

1. Download the Box Tops for Education App
2. Follow the step by step directions to scan your receipts and see our \$ add up. Just an FYI-our lifetime earnings is currently \$0 as our big number is recorded on another website pre app.



Thanks so much for your support.

Kim Matsler and Helen Cadman

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS!

Our first Family Movie Night was a huge success!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible. The PSO will be working on scheduling another movie night for late fall/winter. Watch this newsletter for more details!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: AMANCIA KAUSHAL



Each month one volunteer will be chosen at random to be highlighted in this space. The spotlight volunteer will also receive a small gift to thank him or her for their dedication. Our October volunteer is Amancia Kaushal. Thank you, Amancia, for giving us the gift of your time!

Name: Amancia Kaushal

Children's names/grades: Rishi (4th), Sanjana (6th, Fowler), Deepak (senior @ Lakeridge)

How she volunteered this month: Amancia worked in Mrs. Rumbaugh's classroom, volunteered in the library and helped with the hearing screening.

Something you've learned from volunteering: There are so many ways to be

involved, even if you aren't available during the school day.

Favorite Mary Woodward event: The Cultural Fair! I think it's so important for kids to be able to share, and celebrate, their cultures!

Your favorite thing about being part of the Mary Woodward community: As the mom of an autistic child on an IEP, I have to say it's the staff. From the front office, to the classroom and from the learning center to the lunchroom, everyone touches our lives in some way and I see this connection exists for so many of our MW families. Mary Woodward's staff is first class all around!

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.



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AUCTION READERBOARD SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Interested in posting a special message to your child on the MW Reader Board?

A \$40 donation to the MW PSO gives you access to post a special message for 1 week on the school sign located near the parking lot entrance. There are 3 spots still available for 2019: 1 in November, 2 in December.

If interested, please e-mail Lindsay Clough, Spring Auction Co-Chair, at mweaglesauction@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION!

Save the date for our annual spring auction—Mary Woodward's biggest fundraiser of the year.

**Saturday, April 4th,
2020
6:00 PM
Oswego Lake Country
Club**



The auction includes dinner, a live and silent auction, and this year... Hollywood red carpet treatment. It will be a fun night you won't want to miss. Stay tuned for more details!

VOLUNTEERING 101: DO I REALLY NEED TO SIGN UP AND RECORD MY HOURS?

Lots of volunteers wonder whether they really need to sign up in advance to help with events, and whether there's any reason to log their hours. The answer to both is yes!

Coordinating a school event is a huge undertaking, and one of the most critical questions coordinators ask themselves is, 'Do I have enough volunteers for this event to run smoothly?' Almost all our events go off without a hitch because people step up in the moment, but when you sign up in advance, it lets the coordinator know that they won't be running the event alone or have to call in favors from all their closest friends for help. **On some occasions, coordinators have even had to ask themselves whether an event needs to be cancelled due to a lack of volunteers.** We never want this to happen! The only way to prevent this is by signing up to volunteer in advance. To know where you might be needed, bookmark the [landing page to our volunteering site](#).

As a volunteer, you might also ask yourself whether you should log your hours. Volunteer hours are automatically logged when you sign in and out at the office. But if you're working on a project from home, you can still log your hours [through this link to helpcounter](#). There are many reasons to keep track of how many hours you're volunteering. When applying for grants, schools are often required to report volunteer hours to receive funding. Some employers have volunteer hour requirements that can be met through your work at school, and other employers even match volunteer hours with dollar donations to the school.

If you ever need an official report of your volunteer hours, please contact Jennifer Vasicek at mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com.