



Mary Woodward Elementary

Parent Support Organization Newsletter

NOVEMBER 15, 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

Only two months of the school year have passed, but we have already completed so many great events for our students!

All of these things would not be possible without you, our volunteers, and you probably don't hear it often enough so I want to tell you THANK YOU and let you know that you are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all who came to the annual costume parade on Oct 31. This is a wonderful tradition the kids love. Halloween also provided an opportunity to donate candy as part of a buy back fundraising program sponsored by Wilson Orthodontics. With all of your help, we managed to collect an amazing 377 pounds!! Each pound donated means a dollar more to the PSO and our school. Additionally, if we win the contest for the most candy donated, we get a bonus of \$500! As of this writing, the winner is not yet announced but Mary Woodward won last year with 277 pounds so the odds are in our favor.

We had an extremely successful Book Fair last week selling over 1800 books! Thank you, **DANIELLE SMART**, for organizing this big event and all thank you to all the volunteers for all the time helping in so many ways. Thank you also to those who purchased books! All of the proceeds from this fundraiser (approximately \$4,500) will go directly towards new books for our library. Great Job!

Last week was also our Missoula Children's Theater week. This is a fabulous annual event where our kids learn a whole play in less than a week! "The Snow Queen" performances were amazing! Thank you to **Jenny Herman** for bringing this program to our school! Thank you also to those who came to watch and support our students. It is absolutely heartwarming to see how much the kids grow in confidence in such a short time.

Looking ahead we have some other great events coming up. There are a few more days for classes to compete in the food drive. All of the items collected will be distributed to those in our local area over the Thanksgiving break. This break also coincides with teacher conferences and a chance to thank our wonderful staff by signing up to bring a dish for lunch on November 25.

December will be here soon with another walk and roll to school day (Dec 4), movie night (Dec 6) and staff cookie exchange (Dec 18).

Our next PSO meeting is TODAY (Nov 15) at 8:30 AM in the makerspace. Come hear the latest news about the school! If you can't make this meeting, the next one will be Dec 5th at 6:30pm in the makerspace. Hope to see you there, and thanks again!

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

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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

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Our next Family Movie Night is Friday, December 6th at 6:30 pm.

Doors open at 6 and movie (TBD) will start at 6:30. There is no cost to enjoy the movie!

Bring your low back lawn chair or comfy blankets, even wear PJ's if you desire and enjoy a movie with your Mary Woodward friends. There will be candy and drink concessions and pizza slices for sale.



GET READY FOR THE SCIENCE FAIR!

Mary Woodward's 23rd Annual Science Fair Kickoff Assembly will be on Thursday, November 21st. OMSI will be at the school giving a presentation on Altered States, so don't forget to ask your kids what they learned!

The date for the Science Fair is January 28, 2020, so you have plenty of time. Your child will receive a packet with all of the information you need to participate in this great event. It is a fun way to inspire learning!

THANK YOU, GARDEN CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS!

We had an excellent turn-out for our garden clean-up on November 2. Our sixteen raised vegetable beds were cleaned up, and we were able to move closer to completing the new pollinator garden. The pollinator garden will replace a section of garden that had become overgrown, and we are so fortunate to have guidance from OSU's Bee Atlas program, as well as the support of our long-time garden supporter Michael O'Loughlin.

Thank you to all the families who showed up to help!



VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

Congratulations to our volunteers who have already put in 40+ hours this year:

Whether you've worked one hour or 40, your contribution is valuable. Thank you, Mary Woodward volunteers!

Mary Bell
Diane Bonica
Erin Buck
Helen Cadman
Anna Dodds
Amy Estrada

Alyssa Krieg
Jacqueline Lindsey
Kim Matsler
Kayleen Mendenhall
Cheryl Reed

POINSETTIA SALE

Support our school garden by buying a poinsettia this holiday season!

Orders must be turned in to the office by November 15, and vouchers can be picked up between November 22 and December 4. An order form is attached to this newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

11-17: Piccolo Mondo Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

15: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)

21: Science Fair Kickoff Assembly

25: Staff Appreciation Potluck

25-26: Conferences

27-29: Thanksgiving Break

December

4: Walk + Roll to School Day

6: Movie Night (6:30 pm)

18: Staff Cookie Exchange

PICCOLO MONDO FUNDRAISER IS HAPPENING NOW!

Piccolo Mondo—November 11-17

Our specialty fundraiser is happening now, and runs through the 17th...we've partnered with one of our favorite local toy stores, **Piccolo Mondo!** Birthday gifts? Holiday shopping? Bring in a flyer or mention Mary Woodward PSO, and 15% of your total purchase amount will be donated to our school.



For more info on any of these events, please see the flyers attached to this newsletter.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTS

Do you need an official report of your volunteer hours? Many companies offer a dollar match for volunteer hours or have volunteer service requirements. Whatever your need, your volunteer coordinator can provide you with an official documentation of your hours. Email mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com for more information or to request a report.

GARDEN HELPERS NEEDED

The Garden Committee is looking for volunteers who can occasionally be available during the school day to help teachers and students with garden projects as needed. Assignments could include accompanying a class to the garden or helping lead a garden presentation. If you'd like to help, please contact Nancy Ross at nross@ttsd.k12.or.us.

PSO CALENDAR

Want to stay on top of PSO events and volunteer opportunities? While we do our best to put out an accurate calendar at the beginning of the year, changes and additional events are inevitable. The calendar on the main page of the PSO website is the most current and is updated in real time. You can view the calendar by going to the [PSO webpage](#), or you can even subscribe to the calendar by following the instructions below.

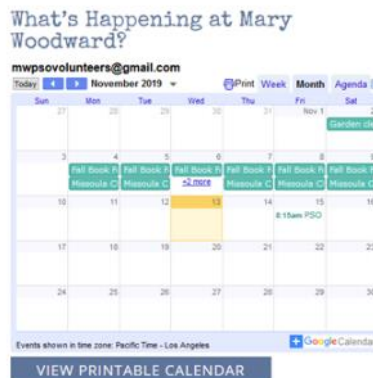
Instructions for Google users:

1. On your computer, open Google Calendar.
2. On the left side, next to "Other calendars," click **Add calendar**.
3. In the "Add calendar" box, enter the email address mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com, or click one from the list.
4. Press **Enter**.

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Instructions for iCal users:

1. Go to device settings.
2. Select 'password and accounts.'
3. Select 'add account.'
4. Select 'other.'
5. Select 'add subscribed calendar' and enter [this link](#).



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Mary Woodward Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

Who doesn't love shopping for great toys?

Please join us at Piccolo Mondo, a locally owned toy store, for a holiday school fundraiser!

- DATES:** Monday November 11th-Sunday November 17th 2019
TIME: 9:30am-7:00pm daily
WHAT: 15% of your total purchase amount will be donated to *Mary Woodward PSO*.
WHERE: Piccolo Mondo Toys at Progress Ridge
12345 SW Horizon Blvd. Suite 43, Beaverton, OR 97007

Looking for gift ideas? Visit their website at www.piccolomondotoys.com. Out of town? Family and friends who are unable to attend can call in orders at 866-578-TOYS. How does it work? Piccolo Mondo normally tracks and gives a \$10 reward for every \$200 in purchases to their customers...but from 11/11-17 all customer credit goes directly to Mary Woodward! Please come support our school and a locally owned family business!
(Due to the 15% donation, coupons and special offers will not be accepted during this event).



Red

Jingle Bells

White

Pink

Support the Woodward Gardens

Mary Woodward is selling poinsettia vouchers that can be redeemed at any Al's Garden Center location. The funds raised will be used to support the Woodward Gardens.

About the poinsettias:

Grown locally by Al's Garden Center, the poinsettias are beautiful and will last through the holidays and beyond. Poinsettias are available in the colors pictured above.

Order forms must be received in the office by November 15. Vouchers can be picked up in the office the week of November 18-22. Vouchers can be redeemed at any Al's Garden Center from November 22 to December 4.

Please contact Nancy Ross at nross@ttsd.k12.or.us with any questions.

6.5" poinsettias have one plant per pot and are 15"-17" in height with 6+ blooms

Cost \$15

8.5" poinsettias have two plants per pot and are 24"-27" in height with 10+ blooms

Cost \$30

Woodward Gardens Poinsettia Order Form

- *Make checks payable to Mary Woodward Elementary.*
- *Money and order forms are due to the office by November 15.*
- *Vouchers can be picked up the week of November 18-22.*

NAME

PHONE

6.5" vouchers
(\$15)

8.5" vouchers
(\$30)

\$ TOTAL
