



# Mary Woodward Elementary

## Parent Support Organization Newsletter

DECEMBER 6, 2019

### MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

#### Happy Holidays!

Since this is the only newsletter you will be getting before the end of the year, it is full of reminders of all the things that are happening in December before school gets out for winter break, and for events that are still to come in the new year.

It's getting cold outside, so bring a blanket and come inside the warm cafeteria on Dec 6 to watch "Ice Age" (rated PG) together! Doors open at 6:00pm and the movie starts at 6:30pm. The PSO will have pizza, soda, and treats for sale and Regal Cinema has once again generously donated popcorn. This is a really fun free family event for all ages!

Attention cookie bakers (including store bought bakers)! Our annual staff cookie exchange is Dec 18. This is one of our staff's favorite events as they get into the festive season by coming together for cookies. If you are able, please bring 3-4 dozen cookies to the school by 2:00pm on Dec 18 for this much anticipated annual event.

The beginning of 2020 will be here soon and there are some great plans for events at Mary Woodward, starting with Bingo night. This event is scheduled for Jan 17 and we still need someone to step up to organize this activity. All the materials are at the school, all that is needed is a bit of planning.

Thank you, again, to all our volunteers. You really do make a huge difference in the lives of our children and our Mary Woodward community! Our next PSO meeting is Jan 17, 2020. Please come and hear about the upcoming events for the remaining school year.

And last, but not least, I hope that you and your families have a wonderful holiday season full of joy, and a Happy New Year!

*Cyndi Clere, PSO President ([mwpsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsopresident@gmail.com))*

### STAFF COOKIE EXCHANGE

#### Attention holiday bakers!

As you are baking this holiday season, please make a few extra dozen for our amazing MW staff. Bring your cookies to the office anytime on **Wednesday, December 18th**. We set them out about 2:00 and the staff come fill their trays right after school and take them home for family and friends. They love this tradition and it is always a big hit! Thank you in advance!

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/ZrBkFKk>



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### STAY IN TOUCH!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

- Visit our website ([www.marywoodwardpso.com](http://www.marywoodwardpso.com))
- Like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/woodwardpso](http://www.facebook.com/woodwardpso))
- Read this newsletter
- Come to a PSO meeting

## SIGN UP FOR THE SCIENCE FAIR TODAY!

DON'T FORGET....to sign your child up for the science fair! (Before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season get you too distracted sign up!)

If for some reason you sign up and are unable to complete the project, you can always back out. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for us to plan. The actual date of the science fair is **January 28th**. This on a Tuesday after a three day weekend, if that helps you make that commitment.

The sign up link is: <https://signup.com/go/ZDUcPQj>

## BOX TOPS UPDATE

**Thanks to everyone who turned in Box Tops. The top three classes were McCombs-Frye, Cox and Miller.**

Please continue to drop off Box Tops into the envelope in your child's classroom. They will next be collected through February 5th to make the March deadline. Don't forget to download the Box Tops app and choose our school when you scan your receipts within 14 days as they move away from us mailing in the actual Box Tops.

## VOLUNTEERS — WE NEED YOU!

Want to get involved? We have ongoing needs for volunteers, and there's always a way to help out! Here are some of our current and future needs:

### Ambassador parents

We are looking for parents to take on Valograms and the TTSD coin drive. Check your email for more information or email us at [mwambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:mwambassadors@gmail.com)

### BINGO Night Coordinator Needed

One of our families' favorite events is coming up on January 17, and without a committee to put it together, it will not happen! Are you – or you and a group of friends – able to spend a few hours organizing, promoting and making BINGO Night happen? Volunteer coordinator Jennifer Vasicek can help you with the details; you just need to be willing to help. Contact [mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com) for more information.



### Coordinator Needed for Daughter Dance

The Daughter Dance is around the corner, and we are in need of a coordinator to plan and run the event. Ideally, this would be run by a committee rather than one person to make the work easier. If you'd like to volunteer or learn more, please contact Jennifer Vasicek at [mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com).

### Webmaster and Newsletter Coordinator

Our current webmaster and newsletter coordinator is moving on to Fowler next year, and is looking to get someone up to speed later on this year. This could be either two positions, or a combined position if someone wants to take on both. This is a great way to stay in the loop with current happenings around the school, and is something that can be done 100% from home, on YOUR schedule. You do NOT need to know code for the webmaster position, although comfort with technology and/or experience with WordPress is helpful. An eye for layout and/or experience with MS Publisher is helpful for the newsletter, but not a requirement. Training provided for both! Please contact [kayleen@booyahcreative.com](mailto:kayleen@booyahcreative.com) for more information.

**Just a reminder that other volunteer opportunities can be found at our main signup page, so bookmark [this link](#) and check back often!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

- 6: Movie Night presents Ice Age (6:30 pm)
- 10: Dining Out Fundraiser at Murrayhill Pizzicato
- 18: Staff Cookie Exchange

### January

- 17: PSO Meeting (8:15 am)
- 17: Bingo Night
- 28: Science Fair

## DOLLARS FOR DOERS

Did you know there are a number of local employers that will match your volunteer hours with a dollar donation to the Mary Woodward PSO?

Intel is great example of a company that rewards employees' volunteer hours:

*"The [Intel Involved Matching Grant Program](#) aims to recognize and motivate Intel employees, globally, to engage in outreach and volunteerism to make our communities a better place to live, work, and play.*

*After a minimum of 20 hours has been accrued by Intel employees volunteering at a school or qualified non profit organization, a donation or "match" of \$10 per hour volunteered will be triggered from the Intel Foundation with a maximum of \$15,000 for schools, and \$10,000 for other non profits, per eligible organization per year."*

If your company offers this or another type of matching grant, you'll likely need official documentation of your volunteer hours. Email [mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com) for more information or to request a report.



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## NO WALK + ROLL IN JANUARY

Due to the winter break, there is no Walk + Roll to School Day in January.

The fun resumes on Wednesday, February 5. See you then!

## JOIN US AT PIZZICATO

Please join us for our next specialty fundraiser: December 10 at Pizzicato in Murray Hill!

What's great about this fundraiser is it's ALL sales, ALL day. If we knock it out of the park on this one, they'll give us a second date in the spring. Hope to see you there!

- pizzicato pizza presents -

the MARY WOODWARD ELEMENTARY

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DOLLARS  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

Murray Hill Pizzicato • 14845 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.

Call (503) 579-4889 • Event runs ALL DAY! **PIZZICATO**

## RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are so grateful to have a dedicated group of parent volunteers at Mary Woodward.

Thank you to all our volunteers and for the 2,261 hours you've logged this school year!

### Volunteer Spotlight: Clyde Burton

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 November volunteer is Clyde Burton. Thank you, Clyde, for giving us the gift of your time!



**Name:** Clyde Burton

**Child's name/grade:** Caleb Burton, Kindergarten/Cannon

**How Clyde volunteered this month:** Library helper, Art Lit, Family movie night. (Clyde donated all the soda for tonight's Family Movie Night!)

**Something you've learned from volunteering:** Volunteering brings with it a deep appreciation of all that you have in life and helping others is a firm reminder of what really matters. It provides me with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into my personal and professional life.

**Favorite Mary Woodward event:** Art Lit

**Your favorite thing about being part of the Mary Woodward community:** The enormous amount of dedication and passion that every staff member and volunteer has is absolutely remarkable!



## YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN COMPETITION

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to enter the yearbook cover design competition. This year's theme is "Building Memories."

Contest guidelines can be picked up from the main office.

## A BIG THANKS TO OUR JOG-A-THON SPONSORS

Please join us in thanking these local businesses who donated Jog-A-Thon prizes!

