



Mary Woodward Elementary

Parent Support Organization Newsletter

MARCH 20, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

Hello Mary Woodward Families,

First and foremost I hope this message finds you healthy! What an interesting time we are in currently!

I am so proud of the way our community has pulled together to help address various issues as best we can at this point. Please keep watching your email for notices from TTSD and Mary Woodward. In the meantime, all school events through April are either postponed or cancelled. Once we get back to school, we will address each event and either reschedule or "fast forward" to next year. Our Mary Woodward teachers have done a fabulous job of sending ideas to keep our kids engaged in learning during our temporary confinement. Please take advantage of these resources. Other services are also being offered to those who need assistance. Please check the TTSD website for both volunteering and receiving services information.

On a personal note, please take advantage of this time to just be with your family and build stronger relationships through positive interactions. A deck of cards and/or a couple board games can make a huge difference in how this situation is perceived.

Stay safe and healthy, we will be back together soon!

Cyndi Clere, PSO President

BOTTLEDROP SUCCESS CONTINUES

Thank you to all of you who have picked up blue bags from the office and either returned them to school or dropped them off yourselves.

Your generosity has generated over \$250 for our school this year alone! If you have bags at home, you can continue to drop them off as long as the BottleDrop Center remains open. Please check the [BottleDrop](#) website for updates. You can also save your cans in any bag and return them to the collection bin in the lobby when we return.

DO YOU LIKE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER?

We need a newsletter coordinator for next year. Please get involved so this position doesn't go away!

Our current webmaster and newsletter coordinator is moving on to Fowler next year, and is looking to get someone to carry on the role for 2020/2021. This could be either two positions, or a combined position if someone wants to take on both. Training provided for both.

Please contact kayleen@booyahcreative.com for more information.

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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

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you are wondering how you can help our families and our community during this school closure, please visit the website for [Packed With Pride](#), a new joint effort of the Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools, the Tigard-Tualatin School Education Association, the Tigard-Tualatin Student Union, and TTSD School Board Members Maureen Wolf and Ben Bowman.



You can donate money for the organization to purchase food that will go directly to our families in need, and sanitization supplies to keep our volunteers, families and products as clean as we can get them.

In addition to online monetary contributions, Packed With Pride is also accepting physical donations:

- Non-Perishable Food
- Money (via cash, check, credit card, or other)
- Sanitation Supplies (wipes, cleaner, gloves, paper towels)
- Boxes/Packing Tape/Ziploc Bags

You can also volunteer your time by:

- Sanitizing/sorting/boxing/distributing food, books, and supplies
- Delivering Food, Books, and Supplies (driving and dropping off)
- Language Translation Services

SAVE THOSE MARKERS!

With kids at home, you're likely to go through some art supplies. As your markers run out of ink, don't throw them out!

Our ColorCycle program is currently on hold but will continue when we return to school. Please save any used markers at home and drop them in the collection bin in the lobby when we return to school so we can recycle them for you.

Crayola ColorCycle does not generate revenue for our school, but it is a free program that so far has saved *thousands* of markers from the landfill. Keep up the good work during our hiatus, and bring them in when we return!



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WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As of today, our volunteers have logged an astounding 4,400 volunteer hours.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize some of our top volunteers and thank them for all the time they've given to our incredible school. Your commitment to our students, staff and teachers is amazing and is truly what makes our school special. Thank you all!

100+ Hours	50-99 Hours		20-49 Hours	
Samantha Ciraulo	Helen Cadman	Sara Gomez	Richelle Johnson	Jenn Larsen
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			Chelsea Kaye	Haiyun Yu

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: IDIL DURAN

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 March volunteer is Idil Duran. Thank you, Idil, for giving us the gift of your time!

Children's names/grades: Mila 5th grade, Talya 8th grade

How you volunteered this month: I volunteered with Art Lit in Mrs Zell's class

Something you've learned from volunteering: Biggest learning experience for me while volunteering was that every kid is a helper. Sometimes the kids that seem like the most unlikely volunteer for helping with clean up really rise to the occasion. This really helps me find new ways of communicating with all different personalities.

Favorite Mary Woodward event: The Halloween parade and field day are at the top of my list.

Your favorite thing about being part of the Mary Woodward community: This is such a helpful and creative group of teachers and families. There is a really coming together to get things done.



WOODWARD GARDEN CONTINUES TO GROW

Although our annual spring garden clean-up has been cancelled, our dedicated volunteers Nancy Ross and Jo Noren have been making sure the garden continues to grow during the school cancellation. Nancy and Jo have been busy doing the planting our students would have done to ensure that we will have a harvest this summer and fall. The garden could still use your help -- there are small jobs that families can accomplish even now. To ensure that we adhere to social distancing guidelines, volunteers are asked not to show up unannounced at the garden. Instead, you should contact both Jo (joanne.noren@gmail.com) and Nancy (nross@ttsd.k12.or.us) in advance to make arrangements and to find a suitable task for your family. There are also tomatoes and other starts currently growing in our greenhouses; it's our hope that sometime in May we will still be able to hold some kind of plant sale so you can take these home to your own garden. Please watch this space and the PSO facebook page for updates.

SPRING CLEANING? START SAVING NOW!

CARING CLOSET DRIVE

Dates TBD (previously scheduled for March 31st – April 8th)

Currently they have the largest need for spring/summer clothing and will accept lightly used sandals. Any clothing is welcome, new socks, underwear and toiletries are always needed.

EXTRA RECESS IF THE SCHOOL REACHES ITS GOAL!

*While you are spring cleaning, don't forget the waterfall book drive is just around the corner, so save those books!

