



Mary Woodward Elementary

Parent Support Organization Newsletter

JUNE 4, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PSO PRESIDENT

Hello Eagles,

WOW!!! What an end to the school year! My heart is heavy as our community tries to address and process so many tragic events and circumstances in the last few months. Throughout all these events, Mary Woodward teachers and staff have done an EXCEPTIONAL job of putting the needs of students first and quickly adapting resources to meet individual needs. We have a FABULOUS school community! THANK YOU Parents, Teachers, and Staff!!!

While we do not yet know exactly how learning will be conducted this fall, we do know parent support is critical for the success of the school community.

Please join me in welcoming Danielle Smart as your 2020/21 PSO President. Danielle has experience both as a board member and in the classroom. She is going to be a great leader! With the new school year, the PSO has several board positions (secretary, asst. treasurer, president elect) that are available as well as several event chair positions. Please thoughtfully consider how you can help give back to the school that has given so much to your child.

Stay safe and take care Eagle Families! Find Joy Daily!

Cyndi Clere, Mary Woodward 2019/20 PSO President

FROM THE LIBRARY

From the library: Volunteers

Danielle and I wanted to thank all of our library and Book Fair volunteers this year for all their hours of checking out and shelving books and helping kids find books with the only clue being "I think it has an elephant in it?" We had so many fun activities left-so let's channel all those missed hours into next year and make library and Book Fair even stronger next year. Just so you know, we had so much money in our budget this year that we planned to say thank you by just handing out cash. Darn pandemic. Guess we will go to our back up plan which involves a very heartfelt thank you.

Summer Reading Program

Our 2020 Summer Reading Program has turned into a Spring and Summer Reading Program. Check your email for the form to print out and turn in this Fall. Happy reading!

Danielle Smart and Kim Matsler

PLANT SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to all the families who supported our garden through this year's plant sale.

It was a bit of a scramble to figure out how to sell plants in our new "social distancing" world, but it went off without a hitch, and it was the first time we have completely sold out! The profits will help sustain the school garden next year. We wish you happy planting!

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STAY IN TOUCH!

There are many ways to keep tabs on PSO activities:

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

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.**

ONLINE AUCTION UPDATE

MW Online Auction:

A very big **THANK YOU** to all the staff and parents who participated in this year's online auction! Our online auction was a lot of fun and a huge success -- all because of your commitment and generosity to Mary Woodward! We raised close to \$20,000 in donations! These proceeds will be used to support our K-5 students, teachers, and staff for Classroom Teaching Assistants and supplemental instructional curriculum, Student Fairs, and enhancing educational opportunities through Art Literacy, Enrichment Assemblies, and Field Trips.

Paddle Raise:

There is still time to raise a paddle and make a cash donation to our school! Proceeds from this year's Paddle Raise will be used to purchase non-fiction books for our MW Library. We desperately need to refresh our non-fiction books, to offer our kids more current books on space, technology, history, geography, science, and so much more! All donations to the Paddle Raise project are **100% Tax Deductible**. Please visit our Paddle Raise website for more details and to make a donation: <https://charityauction.bid/MWPaddleRaise>. Donations can be made until Friday, June 19, 2020.



OBOB BOOKS AVAILABLE ON SORA

As many of you already know, the [2020-2021 Oregon Battle of the Books titles](#) have already been chosen, which means your student can begin reading and preparing for next year's competition at any time.

The PSO has again provided funding for our school library to purchase multiple copies of each of these books, which will be available when school resumes. In the meantime, the district has made all of the books available through SORA, in both eBook and audiobook formats.

2020-2021 books on SORA can be accessed [here](#).

If you are a second-grade family, your child will be eligible to participate in OBOB this coming school year. You can learn more about OBOB on the main page [here](#).

Fifth-grade families, next year's middle school titles are also [available on SORA](#).

Just a reminder that the OBOB team could also use additional parents to plan next year's school competition. Please email mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com for more information.

Happy reading! Your OBOB Team, Jennifer Vasicek and Tabatha Colson

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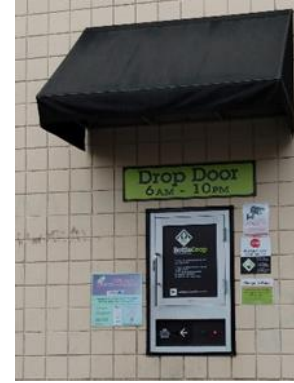
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NEED BOTTLEDROP BAGS?

You can continue to support the Mary Woodward PSO over the summer by using our blue Bottle Drop collection bags.

Now and throughout the summer, if you'd like bags, please email mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com. Include your name, address and the number of bags you want, and they will be delivered to your door. You can return the filled bags to the nearest Bottle Drop location and use the "Drop Door" behind the building.



VIRTUAL TEA PARTY

We hope you're planning on holding your own Virtual Tea Party tomorrow and that you'll send photos and short video clips to mwpsovolunteers@gmail.com. Your submissions will be compiled and used in a short Tea Party 2020 video that will be posted to the Mary Woodward PSO Facebook page. Here's some inspiration for your party:

- Virtual Garden Tea invitation (see the end of this newsletter)
- Video: [Mrs. Munger's cupcake decorating techniques](#)
- Video: [How to Make the Perfect Cuppa](#), a cute video about doing tea the British way
- Video: [Mrs. Noren's tea sandwiches](#)
- [Tea Sandwich Recipes for Kids from the Spruce](#)

(All families are invited to participate in the tea party, regardless of whether they had purchased tickets to the Woodward Garden Tea through the auction.)

ADOPT THE GARDEN THIS SUMMER

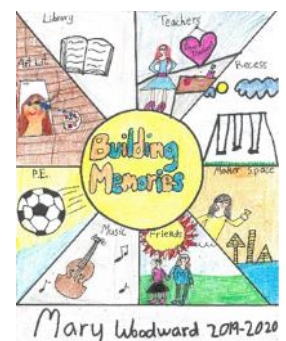
Your family is invited to adopt the garden for a week this summer. The sign-up is online this year and can be found [here](#). Families will be in charge of the garden for a week at a time, and Mrs. Ross will contact you in advance to let you know what jobs need to be done and what can be harvested. Most jobs take only a day or two and can be completed anytime during your assigned week. For more information, contact Nancy Ross at nross@ttsd.k12.or.us.

"GROW THIS" SEED CHALLENGE

The [Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Network](#) invite you to participate in the "Grow This" Seed Challenge. All you need to do is fill out a [brief survey](#) and you'll be sent seeds to grow, and videos and lessons will be posted to the FoodHero.org website to go along with it.

YEARBOOKS SHIPPING THIS WEEK

Families who ordered yearbooks should see them soon, as they will ship from the plant this week. If you have not ordered a yearbook yet, there's still time. You can order directly from the [Balfour site](#) and have your yearbook shipped to your home. The cost is \$20.00 plus a \$5.85 shipping fee. Families needing financial assistance can contact Brent Bonfiglio at bbonfiglio@ttsd.k12.or.us; requests need to be made before June 11.



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

I want to say one final word of thanks to all our volunteers. We could not have done the incredible things we did this year without your help. Your dedication enriches our students' lives and is vital to the very special atmosphere we have at Mary Woodward. You are all sincerely appreciated!

Jennifer Vasicek, Volunteer Coordinator 2019-2020



You're Invited

TO THE WOODWARD GARDEN
VIRTUAL TEA PARTY

*In lieu of this year's Woodward Garden Tea,
join us for a virtual tea party at your own home.*

*You make the tea, plan the decorations
and share pics of your special celebration.*

ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
AT A TIME OF YOUR CHOOSING

SHARE PHOTOS OR SHORT VIDEOS OF YOUR TEA WITH
MWPSOVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM
TO BE INCLUDED IN A BRIEF VIDEO



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