

MARY WOODWARD PSO NEWS

October 26, 2007

The Mary Woodward Parent Support Organization (PSO) was established to promote quality education, communication, and understanding among the students, parents, faculty and the community of Mary Woodward Elementary School. The PSO sponsors various academic and social programs, coordinates volunteer activity and conducts fundraisers, all in the spirit of providing enrichment for our students and assistance for the work in the classroom. All parents and legal guardians of enrolled Mary Woodward students are invited to participate in the PSO. There is no cost for membership. Meetings are usually held the 2nd Monday of each month from 9-11am in the cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendar

October

- 10/29-11/2 Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) Week
- 10/30 **Dough 4 Dollars**, MurrayScholls Pizzicato
- 10/31 Classroom Halloween Parties

November

- 11/3 MCT Performances, Deb Fennell Theater
- 11/7 or 8 Art Lit Theatrical Face Painting training
- 11/16 Family Movie Night 6:00-8:00p, doors open at 5:45
- 11/19 PSO Meeting, 9:00am, Cafeteria
Featured Guest
District Superintendent, Rob Saxton
- 11/30 End of Box Tops Contest

Beavers 871 Ducks 818

Box Tops for Education Update



Which team is going to win? Will it be the Beavers or the Ducks? Keep turning in those Box Tops in your favorite team box located in the Mary Woodward foyer. Every student will be awarded a special treat at the end of the contest.

The contest ends November 30th so you still have time to participate! Individual Box Tops are worth \$0.10-\$0.50 and they quickly add up! We are close to \$170.00 already!



Spring Fundraiser News

Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Mary Woodward Spring Fundraiser, Saturday, March 1.

That evening, parents will experience Las Vegas Mary Woodward style with dinner, a silent auction, live jazz and casino entertainment.

More information to come next week regarding pre-event raffles, donations to the auction, sponsorship opportunities and volunteers.

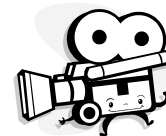
Our pre-event raffles start next week. Increase your odds of being a winner by contributing a donation to the silent auction. Folks who turn in a donation form prior to November 14th will be entered into a drawing for 4 Winterhawk tickets.

Committee Chairpersons, Cindy Lewis 503 318 2451 or e-mail cindy@synthworks.com and Sandra Bates, 503 590 7244 or e-mail shoes4sandra@verizon.net.

Now Showing

November 16th

6:00 PM in the Cafeteria



*Mary Woodward's First Ever
Family Movie Night!*

Meet the Robinsons

**Admission \$2.00 at the door or FREE
with a can of food or new blanket to be
donated to the Tualatin Food Pantry.**

**Bring your picnic dinner and
be ready for a great family night out!**

Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who came and bought books for themselves, their children, and their teachers. The **Book Fair** was a great success, due in large part to the parent volunteers who helped setup the fair, sell books, and pack everything up. Thank you for all your support. And a special thank you to Elaine Hanrahan for helping me pack up the books with Mrs. Barendse. Lots of books were purchased for our wonderful teachers from the Classroom Wish List Display, and I know they appreciate every one.

Thank you to all our parents for making this a fun and rewarding event! Our library will benefit greatly for all the hard work our parents have done to contribute to the Book Fair. If you're interested in helping next year as a co-chair, please contact Yvette Baker at ym_baker@verizon.net.

We Love Literacy

The Literacy Volunteer Committee is seeking 3-4 adults to help with our literacy program. Volunteers will receive training and guidance to conduct weekly fluency checks on students. This will give teachers preliminary information to guide instruction and assessments. Volunteers needed for:

- 5th 10:30-11:30, Fridays fluency checks every Friday
- 2nd 10:00-11:00, Fridays fluency checks every 2 weeks
- 2nd 8:45-10:15, Thursdays Junior Great Books (small group discussion)
- 3rd No set day/time, fluency checks every 3 weeks

Please contact Literacy Volunteers Chairperson, Natalie Haima if interested nathaima@verizon.net 503-590-3570.

Art Lit Bits

Are you really sure that a floor can't also be a ceiling?
- M.C. Escher

Parents who took part in the first Art Lit lesson of the year will know what our October artist Escher is talking about here, and your kids soon will too! Parent volunteers that attended the training learned about this "mathematical" artist and related classroom projects are underway.

Volunteers also scheduled their Art Lit classroom days for the year at that meeting. The master schedule is posted in the Art Lit room, inside the gym, should you need to refer to it - just please, don't remove it from the room.

Our project for November will be something we've not done before, and it's sure to be a huge hit with the kids. We'll be focusing on the theatrical art of face painting which will coincide wonderfully with the Missoula Children's Theater Program! We have a slight change in parent teaching dates - they will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, November 7th and 8th (instead of the 6th and 7th) at 7pm at the home of Annie Adkins - please mark your calendars!

Bravo, Mrs. Neimi, Bravo

This coming week, October 29-November 2, the Bravo Board is highlighting our wonderful Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Neimi.

The intention of the board is to give students, parents, and other faculty an avenue to express their thanks to one of Mary Woodward's great teachers. So, please share with Mrs. Neimi any memories, letters of gratitude or even a special thank you for her dedication to our kids.

Stop by the lobby some time and check out the Bravo Board. There is a large envelope next the board for you to drop off all those wonderful notes, cards or any pictures you may have. Let her know how much we care!!



Seeking Hidden Talent

The Enrichment Committee is always looking for new and exciting classes for our students. If you know of a program or class that would be perfect for a Mary Woodward after school class, or you have an ability or skill that you would like to share and would be interested in teaching a class please contact Angie Paulson jgpaulson@juno.com or Elaine Hanrahan ekhanrahan@gmail.com.

Everyone Loves a Parade

Macy's is looking for energetic adults and children to wear professional costumes in their annual Macy's Holiday Parade. This Portland tradition takes place the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 23, 2007. The parade, which will be televised live on KGW News Channel 8, will feature more than 200 costumed characters marching alongside 25 themed floats. Hundreds of Portlanders, their friends and families will line the parade route to watch you pass by.

Participants will report to the parade formation area at Lincoln High School on Friday, November 23rd starting at 7:00 am. All volunteers will be finished with their commitment no later than 11:00 am. Participants must be at least 10 years old and able to walk a 1½ mile parade route.

Macy's will make a \$20 contribution to Mary Woodward PSO for each volunteer we register. If interested in this once in a life time activity please contact Sherry Webb immediately at 503.590.5059 or realwebbs@verizon.net.

HelpCounter Update

Thanks to our volunteers for their patience during the transition to our new database software. We are happy to announce that the feature which allows volunteers to record hours previously worked at home has been restored. If you have questions about this, please contact volunteer coordinator, Robin McFall, robinmcfall@comcast.net.