



# MARY WOODWARD PSO NEWS

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## Science Rocks!

We are getting excited for Science Fair 09 on February 26<sup>th</sup>! The deadline to submit entry forms has passed and Mary Woodward will have over 150 participants! Students can bring their projects to school with them on the day of The Science Fair and store them in class until time to set up or parents can deliver projects by noon on 2/26. Thanks to families who have volunteered to help. You will be contacted soon with specifics. Contact Tracy at [john.wanderscheid@verizon.net](mailto:john.wanderscheid@verizon.net) or 503-579-7795 or Amy at [as.christianson@verizon.net](mailto:as.christianson@verizon.net) or 503-524-0658 with questions.

## Photos Needed for Yearbook

Candid photos of all grades are still needed for the yearbook. Time is running short and if you have some great photos of kids just sitting in your camera, please send them in for the yearbook! Photos of the Jog-a-thon or Halloween parties are not needed but anything else would be welcome. Please save photos on a CD and leave them in the Yearbook folder in the office or e-mail to [aksmelley@verizon.net](mailto:aksmelley@verizon.net). Please be sure to label the CD with the grade and class and any contact information. Thank you!



Laughter is an audible expression, or happiness, or an inward feeling of joy and pleasure. It may ensue (as a physiological reaction) from jokes. Strong laughter can sometimes bring an onset of tears or even moderate muscular pain.

Laughter is a part of human behavior regulated by the brain. It helps humans clarify their intentions in social interaction and provides an emotional context to conversations. Laughter is used as a signal for being part of a group — it signals acceptance and positive interactions with others. Laughter is sometimes seemingly contagious, and the laughter of one person can itself provoke laughter from others as a positive feedback.

Spring Fundraiser  
April 18, 2009  
Save the Date!

## Love is in the Air

The Valentine's Day room parties are scheduled for Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact your child's room parent to find out what they have planned or to offer some assistance for this very fun celebration.



Next PSO Meeting  
Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 am in the cafeteria

*Making Our School Better, Together. 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 second Monday of each month from 9-11am in the cafeteria. For more PSO news online, visit [www.marywoodwardpso.com](http://www.marywoodwardpso.com).*

## Executive Board Nominating Committee

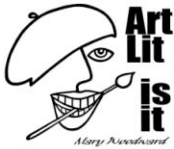
There are several PSO Executive Board positions that will need to be filled for the next school year. Volunteers are needed to form the 2009-2010 PSO Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for these positions. The time commitment is minimal and the work is fun. If you would like to help, please contact Natasha Ryan at [natashakryan@verizon.net](mailto:natashakryan@verizon.net) or at (503) 579-8139.

## Class Auction Basket's

We are doing things a little different this year. Please check your child's backpack for a letter regarding the need for classroom volunteers to help organize class baskets that will be auctioned off at the school carnival.



## Make It Pop



Bright, bold and hard-edged, Pop art burst onto the scene in the late 1950s, inspired by images from movies, ads, magazines and other modern forms of

communication. Featuring subjects as ordinary as cars, hamburgers and soup cans, Pop art blurred the line between "fine art" and "commercial art" by focusing attention on familiar images of popular culture.

Some Pop artists painted in oils, but many preferred working with modern materials like vinyl, acrylics or aluminum. During an era when critics believed the purpose of art was to communicate an artist's deepest thoughts and feelings, the Pop movement suggested that a work of art needn't express anything at all, except itself. This month, the kids will be using familiar food labels and logos as inspiration to create mixed-media Pop art illustrations.

## Yearbook Order Forms Coming Soon



Please be on the lookout for your yearbook order forms coming soon! The 2008/2009 yearbook will feature full color pages and cover. The theme, which highlights student learning in our unique Mary Woodward garden, is "The Way We Grow." Order forms will be sent home soon with each student.

## Want to be a part of the party?

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise during the Spring Fundraiser this year? Your advertising will also be published in the 2009-2010 student directory. Help support our fundraising efforts and let us help support you!

If interested, please contact Clair Sawin at [clair.sawin@comcast.net](mailto:clair.sawin@comcast.net) or 503-590-5625.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

9 <sup>th</sup>	PSO Meeting 9:00 am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Parties
26 <sup>th</sup>	Science Fair
27 <sup>th</sup>	Science Fair All School Review

### MARCH

9 <sup>th</sup>	PSO Meeting 9:00 am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Box Tops Contest II ends
30 <sup>th</sup>	Box Tops Contest III starts

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