

MARY WOODWARD PSO NEWS

Summer 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. Through the tremendous fundraising and volunteer efforts of the dedicated member parent volunteers, programs such as Early Literacy, Art Literacy, SMART, and an after school enrichment program are made possible for our children. The PSO also sponsors fun activities for the community of Mary Woodward such as the Fall Ice Cream Social, the Father-Daughter Dance, the Spring Carnival and Field Days. These programs are beloved and valued traditions of the school.

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.

Volunteers Rock!



When it comes to volunteering, Mary Woodward volunteers deserve a standing ovation. For the 2006/2007 school year 12,135 hours were recorded. That is the equivalent of more than six full time

employees and 886 more hours than last year. CONGRATULATIONS to all!

There are many opportunities, small and large, to participate in the Mary Woodward PSO. By volunteering your time and effort, you provide Mary Woodward students opportunities and activities that otherwise would not be possible.

During the first week of school, you will receive the green volunteer "want-ad" form. This form gives you the opportunity to sign-up for one or several school activities. Return the form to your child's teacher or in the box provided in the front office (preferably before "Back to School Night"). Thank you in advance for your commitment!

If you are interested in chairing a committee or holding a PSO board position, the following positions are still open:

- Box Tops & Campbell Soup Label Collection
- Holiday Gift Shoppe for kids(1-2 chairs)
- Spring Fundraiser (1-4 chairs)
- Yearbook (1-2 chairs)

For more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Robin McFall, 503.590.3718 or robinmcfall@comcast.net.

Please Join Us! To learn more about Mary Woodward PSO and to preview our plans for the 2007-2008 school year, please plan to attend our first meeting, Monday, **September 17th, 9:00am** in the school cafeteria.

Online School Supply Shopping

Each year our teachers provide families a list of supplies our children will need throughout the year. This list details specific brands and sizes of supplies because teachers know first hand these items work the best.

Shopping for school supplies is a time-honored back-to-school tradition for many families. For others, it's an inconvenient chore less desirable than a root canal. If that sounds familiar, consider purchasing your child's school supplies online through www.schoolpak.com. Once you are on the website, click on "order a school-pack, "Oregon," and then select "Tigard."

Even with shipping, we found School-Pak's pricing to be comparable to shopping at Staples. And unlike previous programs, PSO will receive 5% of all sales. The exact supplies teachers' request, convenient one-stop shopping all delivered right to your door and an easy fundraiser makes this program a "win-win" all around.



Please note, this is strictly a service for our families; no one is under any obligation to participate in this program.

I scream. You scream.
We all scream for Ice Cream!



We're kicking off the school year with our annual **Ice Cream Social** on **Thursday, August 30th from 4:00pm-7:00pm**. Bring your picnic dinner, the ice cream sandwiches are on us. See old friends, meet new ones and get excited about the new school year. A live DJ will be onsite to provide entertainment.

If you would like to help with this year's social, please contact Holly Chesler at 503.521.9717 or mddlekid@yahoo.com.

Jog-a-Thon



Friday, October 5th is the date for this year's Jog-a-thon, the Fall fundraiser for the 2007-2008 school year. The money the kids raise helps to pay for Art Lit, Field Trips, school assemblies, Carnival and other fun

classroom activities. This year we challenge each student to collect a minimum of \$50 in pledges.

Please help us meet our goal by supporting your student. Aunts, uncles and grandparents are great pledge contacts. If you plan to spend time with relatives this summer – ask them now! Keep your eyes open for the pledge envelopes which will be coming home Friday, September 21st.

Jog-A-Thon is also a great way to get involved with your child and their class right at the start of the school year. Parents are encouraged to attend (younger siblings welcome) and cheer their child on as they run their laps. You can also volunteer to help count laps on October 5th. Sign-up sheets will be available at Back-to-School Night or check 'Jog-A-Thon' in the Volunteer Want-Ads in the Friday Flyer. **Let's make this year's Jog-A-Thon a huge success!**

Questions? Please contact your Committee Chairpersons: Gerry Paiva: gerryaiva@hotmail.com or Cari Greisinger: clgreis@aol.com.

2007-2008 PSO

Executive Committee & Board Support Team

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Take that to the Bank!

Like interacting with kids? Volunteer for Bank Day on Tuesday mornings! Not only will you meet students from all grade levels, but you are also helping to teach them to start saving at an early age. Volunteers typically work no more than 1 hour to collect and record student deposits.

Please consider volunteering in the fall. Contact Carol Feng at (503) 590-3377 or email at fengpsu@yahoo.com for more information.

2007—2008 MW PSO Calendar of Events

July & August

7/1-8/17	School Supply Pack Sale www.schoolpak.com
8/27	Committee Chair Orientation, TBA
8/30	Ice Cream Social, 4p-7p

September

9/5*	First day of school
9/17	PSO Meeting, 9:00a
9/18	First Bank Day
9/18*	Back to School Night k-2
9/20*	Back to School Night 3-5
9/24	Room Parent Meeting

October

10/5	Jog-a-thon
10/8	Box Top Contest I Starts
10/8	PSO Meeting, 9:00a
10/15	Enrichment Classes Begin
10/15-19*	Book Fair Week
10/29-2	Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) Week
10/31	Halloween Parties

November

11/2	MCT Rehearsal
11/3	MCT Performance
11/16	Family Night
11/19	PSO Meeting, 9:00a

December

12/8	Holiday Bazaar & Gift Shop
12/14	Box Top contest I Ends NO PSO Meeting

January

1/8	Session II Enrichment Classes
1/14	Box Tops Contest II Starts
1/14	PSO Meeting, 9:00a
1/25	Science Fair Kick Off

February

2/11	PSO Meeting, 9:00a
2/14	Valentines Day Parties
2/28	Science Fair
2/29	Science Fair All School Review

March

3/10	PSO Meeting, 9:00a
3/21	Box Tops Contest II Ends
3/24	Box Tops Contest III Starts

April

4/7	Session III Enrichment Classes
4/18	Father /Daughter Event
4/25	Mother/Son Event

May

5/12	PSO Meeting - Elections
5/30	Box Tops Contest III Ends
5/30	Carnival
5/5-9*	Art Lit Gallery
5/5-9*	Staff Appreciation Week

June

6/3	Last Bank Day
6/6*	K Field Day
6/10*	1-5 Field Day

** Dates set by office, library or district*