



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the PSO President

Baby, it's cold outside! Winter has come in with a bang and it got cold really fast!

Please consider donating warm clothing to the Caring Closet, which in turn go directly to families in need. The Caring Closet provides clothes, shoes, hygiene products and emergency bedding supplies to children in need within the Tigard-Tualatin school district. A collection barrel is located in the Mary Woodward lobby, and the Grange on Hwy 99 also accepts donations for the Caring Closet. The Caring Closet website (ths.ttsdschools.org/pages/TigardHS/Caring_Closet) and Face Book page have a running list of urgently needed items.

Thank you to **Tracy Sanford and Judy Swiger** for an amazing Science Fair! The evening was a ton of fun and families had a great time looking at all the presentations and demonstrations.

We appreciate all the families who came out to the Five Guys fundraising night - thank you **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for organizing it!

Thank you to **every person** who helped make the new playground a reality!! Whether you donated funds or moral and muscle support, this was truly a remarkable community effort. Many generations of Eagles will enjoy this gift to the school.

Our auction team is on fire! **Claudine Payne and Heather Listy** are planning an amazing event for February 27 and the procurement team has been gathering some awesome auction prizes. If you have a service or product to donate, or you "know people" who may be willing to contribute, please contact the auction team at mweaglesauction@gmail.com. Please don't hesitate to ask for donations yourself – some people are more responsive if they are approached by someone they know. And as we all know, sometimes all you need to do is ask and amazing things happen!

As I shared at Back to School night, this year's PSO budget "pie" has to stretch to accommodate a larger student and teacher population, and we had to trim budgets on many programs. With careful stewardship of our donated funds, we are on track to stay within our budget this year. We had a great turn out for the jog a thon, the restaurant nights are popular, and we have the auction set to be a fantastic fundraiser. It's a good time to look ahead to next year and decide how the PSO can best continue to support our students and staff at Mary Woodward. To add new programs or fully fund existing programs next year, we'll need to meet and beat our fundraising goals this year (remember – we operate with funds raised the previous year). Several parents have shared with me some fun ideas for new PSO programs which would be great to implement and we'd love to increase support to the existing programs that benefit our kids so much. Since we are not holding a December PSO meeting, at our January meeting (Friday, January 22 at 8:30 am) we'll be doing a check in on fundraising and goals for the 2016/2017 school year. Please join us and provide input – your voice matters!

Sending you and yours warmth this holiday season!

Laura Wieking, PSO President

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Next Scrip Order due Monday, December 7

Our last scrip ordering date before the holidays is this next Monday, December 7.

Get your hard-to-buy-for uncle a gift card to Columbia- with a \$50 gift card, you will get a pass to the employee store! Passes are good until January. Ordering can be done online on our PSO website or pick up a form in our school office.

Thanks for a great start to our school year with your orders!

Kristi (Scripmw@gmail.com)

Wanted: Treats for the Staff Cookie Exchange

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Our teachers and staff give so much to our kids, we have a chance to give a little back to them by hosting a cookie exchange on



December 16. It's really easy! Simply bring cookies, or send them with your child, and deliver them to the staff lounge by 12:30 on **Wednesday, December 16**. The teachers and staff will be able to stop by and create their own delicious cookie platters to take home.

Store bought works just fine, or you can have fun baking with your child. If you have a favorite recipe, please include it in the container to share. If you would like your container returned, please label it with your child's name.

If you have any questions, contact Cyndi at mwstaffappreciation@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your support and Happy Holidays!

Fundraising Tip of the Month

If you do a lot of holiday shopping on amazon.com, the PSO could benefit! Visit smile.amazon.com and select Mary Woodward PSO Foundation as your recipient. The PSO will receive a donation of a percentage of your purchase.



Upcoming Events

December

7: Scrip Orders Due
11: Box Tops Contest #1 ends
15: Eagle Mingle (6:30 pm)
16: Staff Cookie Exchange
18: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
21-31: Winter Break

January 2016

1: Winter Break (cont)
4: School resumes



- ▶ Set a regular time each day for doing homework. That time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone calls.
- ▶ Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure all the appropriate materials -- such as paper and pencils -- are available.
- ▶ Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.

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Join us on December 15 for the Eagle Jingle Mingle

We'll be meeting at the family friendly Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub at 6:30 for a happy hour to celebrate our community and the season. Principal Nihill and Laura Wieking will take just a few minutes to provide a School/PSO update for those who aren't able to attend the morning PSO meetings and then it will be a casual and fun time to mingle with your fellow Eagle parents. RSVP to Laura at mwpsopresident@gmail.com so we have a general idea of head count.

We hope you join us!

Box Top and Labels Contest Update

Just a reminder that our first collection contest ends next **Friday, December 11**, so please send the box tops and labels you've been saving in with your student soon.



Our top 3 collecting classes so far are:

Miller, Langeliers, and McCombs

The top 3 classes will win a fun prize after all the box tops and labels have been counted!

Questions? Email Jessica at jlbrown003@hotmail.com

Five Guys Fundraiser

Thanks to all the families who dined at the Five Guys Restaurant night fundraiser last month.

Mary Woodward earned \$93.90!

We're on Facebook

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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.

For more PSO news online, visit www.marywoodwardpso.com.