



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the President

We are two months into the school year, and I hope you and your family have already made some wonderful memories! There is always something going on at Mary Woodward, and that will continue for the rest of the year.

Thank you to all of the following parents for their hard work and creativity to make the PSO programs so great:

- Thank you to **Jill Weinstein** for coordinating the volunteer team for Picture Day. They did a great job of getting the students ready for their pictures.
- Thank you to **Jill Weinstein and Amanda Pileri** for organizing the successful Jog-a-thon event. This fundraiser is key to raising money for next year's budget to keep programs going. The kids did a great job of jogging laps in the Japan typhoon rain!
- Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for organizing the fun and successful Burgerville night, and thank you to the Ambassadors for serving the food.
- Thank you to **Jenny Herman** for organizing the Missoula Children's Theatre Week! There was a great turnout of both student actors and audience members.
- Thank you to **Stephanie Henson** for coordinating the Scholastic Book Fair. There was a fantastic crew of parent cashiers, and a lot of money was raised to purchase new books for the library.
- Thank you to **Laura Wiekig** for setting up a delicious appreciation lunch for the staff during conferences last Thursday.
- Thank you to **Shaylene Haswarey** for organizing the fall after school Enrichment Classes. Most of them started this week, and they are an excellent opportunity for the students to find new interests.
- The Halloween Parade was, as always, fabulous to witness, and thank you to the **Room Parents** for organizing fun class parties.
- Thank you to **Tracy Sandford and Kim Markozen** for scheduling the Science Fair Kickoff assemblies today. Please ask your student what project they are interested in studying.

Summer Reading medals were passed out, the Ambassadors' Student Store opened, and the Vision and Hearing Screening results have been shared.

We held the special PSO Board meeting Wednesday morning and voted to use PSO reserve funds to purchase a brand new RISO machine. It should be delivered soon!

The next PSO meeting is on Monday, November 18 at 8:30am in the cafeteria. We will be presenting the recommended PSO budget and we will be approving a final version. Please contact me if there is any topic that you would like the group to discuss, and I will add it to the agenda.

Karen Emerson

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Got (Leftover Halloween) Candy?

Bring your leftover or unwanted candy from Halloween into school and help us raise money!

We will be collecting candy starting Friday November 1st thru Wednesday November 6th to bring to Wilson Orthodontics! They will pay our school \$250 just for participating, plus \$ 1.00 for each pound of candy that we bring in. If our school brings in the most candy of all the participating schools, we will win \$500! Let's make it happen!! We will be collecting the candy outside the main office.

Call for Auction Volunteers

A successful auction depends upon the involvement of parents, community and teachers. Please consider one (or more) of the following ways to participate in our most important fundraiser of the year:

- **HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM PROJECT:** Volunteers are needed to contribute their ideas, time, talent and/or donations toward materials and construction. To learn how to help, please contact mwauction2014@gmail.com.
- **BECOME A FAMILY OR BUSINESS SPONSOR:** Monetary donations of any amount are welcome and help underwrite this event. To learn how to take advantage of advertising or business promotion opportunities, please contact mwauction2014@gmail.com.
- **HOST A SIGN-UP EVENT (Buy-In Party):** Big money maker and a great way to meet new people! It can be kid focused, adult focused for family focused. Examples include: Flip Flops and Lemon Drops, Girls Tea Party, Jewelry Making Party, Civil War Party and more! If you have a new Buy-In Party idea, would like to host a Buy-In Party; or if you have any questions regarding Buy-In Parties, please contact mwauction2014@gmail.com.
- **DONATE AN ITEM, VACATION, UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OR SERVICE:** Donations of all kinds are needed and are fully tax-deductible. Donation Forms are available in the school office, or by email through mwauction2014@gmail.com.
- **JOIN THE AUCTION COMMITTEE:** Help coordinate class project, class baskets, collect donations, work on step-up and clean-up sub committees and much more!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions. Let's make another memorable event!

Sincerely,

Jen Cook and Nicole McNutt
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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

Goody's Fundraiser

Ice Cream, Candy, Carmel
Corn....oh my!!

Love Goody's? Please visit their store on **Friday, November 8th** from 2:30PM-10:30PM!

Mary Woodward will be earning 10% of ALL sales during those hours. Please mention that you are a Mary Woodward student when you visit their store.



Piccolo Mondo Fundraiser Days

Nov. 11th- Nov. 14th, 2013

Mary Woodward is teaming up with Piccolo Mondo for a very special fundraising opportunity from Nov 11th through Nov 14th. The store will donate 15% of purchases made by Mary Woodward families during those four days. Just bring in the flyer that will be coming home soon or mention that you are from Mary Woodward.

Have fun shopping!



Family Movie Night



Friday, Nov 22nd at 6:00pm

Mark your calendars for a fun family event at Mary Woodward. More information will be coming home soon.

Upcoming Events

November

- 1: Science Fair Assembly
- 8: Goody's Fundraiser (2:30PM-10:30PM)
- 11-14: Piccolo Mondo Fundraiser Days
- 14: Scrip Orders Due
- 18: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
- 22: Family Movie Night (6:00pm)
- 28: Scrip Orders Due

December

- 6: Box Tops Contest #1 ends
- 7: Holiday Bazaar (9:00am – 3:00pm)
- 9: PSO Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 12: Science Fair (6:30 pm)
- 13: Science Fair All School Review
- 13: Scrip Orders Due
- 18: Staff Cookie Exchange
- 23-31: Winter Break

Fundraising Tip of the Month

If you do a lot of holiday shopping on **amazon.com**, the PSO can really use your help! If you go to www.marywoodwardpso.com and click on our amazon.com link before you shop, then the PSO can earn up to 15% of your purchase.

We know this is a difficult habit to develop, so we are asking for your help to set up a reminder. Maybe you can place a post-it note on your computer screen that says "PSO before amazon." Maybe you can write a reminder in your holiday shopping planner. Please consider making the extra click before you do your online shopping.

Mary Woodward Holiday Bazaar

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Holiday Bazaar scheduled for **Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am - 3:00pm**. Kick off the holidays at this festive event with shopping, sweet treats, hands-on craft area, a toy drive for those in need, fun holiday photos and more!



Again this year, 4th and 5th grade students are invited to create and sell their holiday products at the Bazaar. The fee is \$5 and tables are reserved on a first come-first served basis. Erin Farquhar is managing student vendors. Get your RSVP to her quick at: Erin.Farquhar@comcast.net

Happy Holidays!
Margie Wargo & Sue Crawford

Scrip Orders due Monday, November 18

Please keep the Scrip program in mind as you start your Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping!

Chinook Coupon Books are now available through Scrip. The book is \$20 and the mobile app is \$15. The PSO receives 50% of the cost.

Order forms and instructions can be found on the PSO website, www.marywoodwardpso.com, under Events & Fundraisers.

For check orders, please leave the order form and payment in the Scrip box in the office by 2:30 pm.

To pay by credit card via PayPal, place your order online at www.marywoodwardpso.com.

Orders will be available for pick up on Friday, November 22.

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