



# PSO News

## Mary Woodward Elementary



### A Message from the PSO President

Where did January go?!?! I hope all of our families were able to create some special memories during the month that went by too quickly!

Thank you to all the **families** who dined at Pizzicato last month and McMenamins this week. Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for organizing these amazing fundraising events.

Thank you to all of our **parents** who helped direct our students to last week's DIBELS testing.

As always, please contact me if you have any thoughts or questions about anything PSO!

Karen Emerson ([karenemerson@frontier.com](mailto:karenemerson@frontier.com))

### Next PSO Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, February 9 at 8:30 am in the cafeteria. Please come join us!

### PSO Auction Update

**We will not be hosting a dinner auction on February 21.** We are currently recruiting parents to help obtain donations for an Online Auction to be held in April. If you have an item or service to donate, please contact Karen Emerson at [karenemerson@frontier.com](mailto:karenemerson@frontier.com). If you are interested in asking 10 past donors to donate again this year, please contact Karen. If you have any fun auction ideas, please contact Karen!

### Update: McMenamins Night at the Greenway Pub

We want to thank all the families who joined us this week at McMenamins for dinner. The evening was a huge success and thought we would share the good news.

**Our school received a check from McMenamins after the event for \$1589.35!!** Thanks for helping support our school.



February 6, 2015

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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](http://www.marywoodwardpso.com).

## Purchase Valentine's Day Gifts or a Night Out through Scrip!

**Purchase gift cards through the scrip program and Mary Woodward will benefit!** There are many restaurants to choose from for a Valentine's Day dinner or purchase gifts from See's Candy, Starbucks, or Cold Stone Creamery to just name a few!

### Next Scrip order date is Monday, February 9.

Order forms can be found on the PSO website, [www.marywoodwardpsoc.com](http://www.marywoodwardpsoc.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.marywoodwardpsoc.com](http://www.marywoodwardpsoc.com). Orders will be available for pick up on the morning of Friday, February 13. You can also choose to have your order mailed to you.

## Foundation's Annual Fund Drive

The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools' Annual Fund Drive kicked off February 1st and is our biggest event of the year. The FTTS pays for more than 30 part-time staff that teach in all areas to all populations. School funding is on the increase, but The Tigard Tualatin School District still has 30 less full-time teachers than in 2009! **Let's raise more money to hire more teachers to offer more learning.**

The FTTS Phone Outreach calling nights are February 24th, 25th and 26th at the District Office with the great phone bank. The details are the same: training and dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., then calls can begin. We have some extra special raffle prizes this year, and that's always fun.

We are also looking for supporters to place a lawn sign in their yard to draw attention to the Fund Drive. *(Please email Jessica Magnusen at [jmagnusen@comcast.net](mailto:jmagnusen@comcast.net) regarding lawn signs).*

The FTTS is using VolunteerSpot to facilitate sign-ups this year. Your e-mail is never shared outside of the event. However, if you feel more comfortable e-mailing Ann Cole at [schakelcole@comcast.net](mailto:schakelcole@comcast.net) directly, that is fine.

### Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/UUifhM>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!



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## 2014-2015 MW PSO Executive Committee & Board Support

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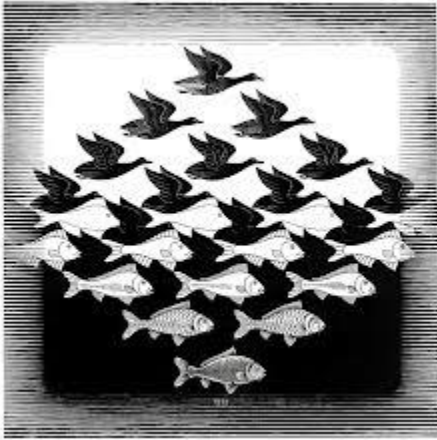
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## Upcoming Events

### February

6: Father/Daughter Dance  
9: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)  
9: Scrip Orders Due  
13: Valentine's Day parties  
23: Scrip Orders Due  
25: Hearing Screenings

# MC Escher and Tessellations



Maurits Cornelis Escher was born and grew up in the Netherlands, which is in Europe. He is known as M.C. Escher. He was the fourth and youngest son of a prosperous Dutch government civil engineer.

After failing his high school exams, Escher enrolled in the School for Architecture and Decorative Arts in Haarlem, the Netherlands. After only one week of school there, he informed his father that he would rather study graphic art instead of architecture. His graphic art teacher had seen his drawings and linoleum cuts, and encouraged Escher to continue with graphic arts. Escher considered this teacher to be a very important mentor and friend in his life. After finishing school, Escher traveled extensively throughout Italy, and he eventually settled in Rome, where he stayed with his wife until 1935. During these 11 years, Escher would travel each year throughout Italy, drawing and sketching for the various prints he would make when he returned home.



Escher visited the Alhambra Palace in Spain in the 1920s and this was the turning point in his life and his art. He was fascinated with the designs throughout the Palace, and his focus turned to Tessellations. A tessellation is a collection of shapes called tiles that fit together without gaps or overlaps to cover the mathematical plane.

*“Are you really  
sure that a  
floor can’t also  
be a ceiling?”  
MC Escher*

Although Escher was a graphic artist, he did much to influence the mathematics world because of his tessellations. He could be considered the ‘Father’ of Tessellations. M.C. Escher made 448 lithographs, woodcuts and wood engravings and over 2000 drawings and sketches during his lifetime. Like some of his famous predecessors, - Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, M.C. Escher was left-handed.

It’s never too late to sign up to help with Art Lit! Helping hands are always appreciated. Please contact [artlit chairs@gmail.com](mailto:artlit chairs@gmail.com) for more information.

