



# PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



## PSO Parent Survey Results

**Thank you to the parents who completed the PSO Parent Survey!**

Congratulations to Anu Shrestha and Chez Strachan - winners of the gift card drawing! Although the respondent pool (51 individuals) is a small sample of the overall Woodward community, the feedback has highlighted areas that can be improved and has provided confirmation that the committee members' efforts are appreciated.

**Below are a few highlights:**

- Of the respondents, 55% volunteer for the PSO and 75% volunteer in the classroom.
- A majority of respondents understand the role the PSO plays in providing funding and volunteer support to Mary Woodward very well or somewhat well.
- Most respondents felt that the school and the PSO provides the right amount of information via newsletters and that the current format (attached PDF) works for them.
- Many families have young siblings at home or tight work schedules which limit their volunteering capacity.
- The PSO can do a better job of letting people know when volunteers are needed for activities and events.
- Among respondents, Art Lit, Field Day, Field Trips and the Spring Carnival are the four most valuable PSO sponsored/coordinated activities.
- Some respondents have had negative experiences with how a PSO activity was run or with individuals, which has reduced interest in future participation.
- PSO signups at Back to School night are hit and miss.
- Parents may value access to programs like a parent resource night or a new family matching program.
- Overall, PSO volunteer efforts are appreciated.

We don't have a lot of answers at the moment, but we do have several ideas for improving communications. Some of the issues raised in this survey won't have an easy answer, but we appreciate getting candid feedback from parents. A link to a copy of the survey responses is posted at [www.marywoodpsa.com](http://www.marywoodpsa.com).

If you would like to see the PSO evolve, we hope you consider getting involved next year if your schedule allows. Every year parents move on and we need fresh faces, new ideas and input to keep the PSO moving forward. Your presence is valuable!

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## Box Tops and Labels Update...

Congratulations to the top 3 classes of our collection contest:

**Rice, Waffle, and Orchard PM! Enjoy your treats!**

The final collection contest of the school year ends on May 29th so please continue to collect and submit those box tops and labels.

Questions? Email Jessica at [jlbrown003@hotmail.com](mailto:jlbrown003@hotmail.com)

## Save the Date for the Pizzicato Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for Mary Woodward day at the Murray Hill Pizzicato **Tuesday, April 14th**. Keep an eye out for the flyer to come home after spring break!



## Mary Woodward Art on Display

Mary Woodward's student art project, NW Native Totems, is currently on display at the Tigard Library through the beginning of April. We are so proud that the wider Tigard community can see our our students efforts in such a prominent display.



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## Mary Woodward PSO Auction Update

Plans are under way for this year's PSO Online Auction! Donated items are coming in like:

- Disney tickets
- Enchanted Forest passes
- The popular, annual Mother-Daughter Tea
- PE Birthday Parties
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Splash 'n' Fun Party
- High Desert Museum passes
- an Inflatable Paddle Board
- and the extremely sought after Parking Spots!

Classroom projects and baskets are also being created, so please donate if you can when the organizing parent asks for items for your class' donation. We are still looking for parent volunteers to coordinate baskets or projects for :

- Both of Mrs. Orchard's classes
- Miss Bell's class
- Mrs. Barendse's class
- Mrs. Petterson's class.

You can visit [www.biddingforgood.com/MWPSO](http://www.biddingforgood.com/MWPSO) now and get registered so that you are ready to go when bidding opens on April 6. The auction will remain open until 9 pm on Saturday, April 18. You can access this site from your home computer, your laptop, and your smart phone, so you will be able to bid anywhere you can get internet access! You will receive a message when you get outbid, and items will be added during the auction as we receive them.

Online donations will gladly be accepted in addition to winning bids. Please share this auction website with your friends and family so that the auction can be as successful as possible. In addition to raising money for next year's PSO programs, we have a "Paddle Raise" goal of \$3000 to pay for the shipping of the new playground equipment. Both donation opportunities will be part of the auction website.

*If you can help create a class basket for one of the classes who needs your help, or if you are interested in helping pass out the items to the winning bidders after the auction ends, or if you have any questions about this year's auction, please contact Karen Emerson ([karenemerson@frontier.com](mailto:karenemerson@frontier.com))*

## Fulfill your dream of being a carnary!

Thank you to the early responses to our call for volunteers for the **Totally Sweet Carnival!** We will need many volunteers to make the carnival on May 29 a success. Below are our top areas of need. Contact the Woodward Carnies at [woodwardcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:woodwardcarnival@gmail.com) to sign up and check "be a carnary" off your bucket list!

- Classroom Booth Rep for Orchards AM/PM (one shared booth), Rice, Brown, Langeliers, McCombs, White, Petterson, Krebs, Zell, Smith, Waufle, Sheffels, Barendse
- Booth Shift Worker
- Set Up/Clean Up (many hands make light work!)

## Upcoming Events

### March

23-27: Spring Break  
30: Box Tops Contest #3 starts  
31: Auction donation deadline

### April

6: Spring Enrichment Classes start  
6-18: PSO Online Auction  
13: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)  
14: Pizzicato Fundraiser  
20: [Scrip Orders Due](#)

### May

4: [Scrip Orders Due](#)  
4-8: Staff Appreciation Week  
11: Final PSO Meeting (8:30 am)  
11-22: Art Lit Gallery  
18: [Scrip Orders Due](#)  
29: Box Tops Contest #3 ends  
29: Totally Sweet Carnival

### 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).