



# PSO News

## Mary Woodward Elementary



### Final President's Message

The school year has been full of events with wonderful memories, and the PSO made a big difference at Mary Woodward.

We purchased a replacement playground structure! We provided reading assistants to help with the large class sizes. We provided funds to the teachers so that they could purchase needed classroom items and take their students on field trips. We provided educational opportunities for our kids with Art Lit, Science Fair, after school classes, and Missoula Children's Theatre. We hosted several fun Family Events. We raised lots of money for next year's PSO budget. I am proud to have again been on the PSO Board!

Thank you to my fellow **PSO Board members – Jenna Smith, Judy Swiger, Cheryl Payne, and Carlene Turpen** – for making this such a great year and for being so wonderful to work with.

Thank you to **Kayleen Mendenhall** for her professionalism and for doing an outstanding job of maintaining the PSO website with useful information and for publishing our informative newsletter twice a month.

Thank you to **Monika Gray** for making our deposits all year long!

Thank you to our **Art Lit Co-Chairs – Laura Wieking, Kari Vandergriff and Trissa Davis** - for creating this year's Art Lit curriculum and providing such creative mediums for the students to work with. Thank you to the **classroom teams** who setup the Gallery to show off the student art work.

Thank you to the **Carnival Committee Co-Chairs Kari Vandergriff, Laura Wieking, Cheryl Payne, Carlene Turpen and Chez Strachan** – for producing an incredibly fun carnival! The decorations, new games, entertainment, and prizes were all over the top sweet!

Thank you to **Laura Wieking** for the inspired owl themed Staff Appreciation Week showing our teachers how much we care. Thank you to the **families who contributed** to the potluck.

Thank you to **Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney** for setting up our last Burgerville Fundraising Night, and thank you to the **families who dined** there last month.

Thank you to **Jessica Brown** for collecting and counting all of our Box Tops and Labels this year and organizing reward parties for the classes who collected the most Box Tops.

Thank you to **Julie Flint and Kristi Sloan** for diligently processing Scrip orders this year to help us raise extra funds for next year's PSO budget.

June 5, 2015

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## Final President's Message (cont.)

Thank you to **Deborah Anderson and Jennifer Feeney** for once again organizing photos and creating page layouts for the fantastic yearbook.

Thank you to **Devon Kelly** for coordinating the Room Parents this year and providing them with guidance. Thank you to all of the **Room Parents** for organizing fun year-end parties for the students.

Thank you to **Heather Jordan** for organizing the parent volunteers for Monday's Field Day.

### Congratulations to next year's elected PSO Board:

- Laura Wieking – President
- Wendy Jenkins – President Elect
- Cheryl Payne - Treasurer
- Jenna Smith – Secretary
- Natalie Como – Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you for the opportunity to again serve as the PSO President. It has been a privilege to meet so many families, to be able to answer the teachers' calls for help, and to help carry on so many of Mary Woodward's wonderful traditions.

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

## Box Tops and Labels Update

Our top 3 classes for our last collection contest of the school year are...

### White, Waufle and Orchard PM. Congratulations!

Please continue to collect and save your box tops and labels for education over the summer. We will have classroom collection envelopes ready for you when school starts again. Thanks to your support and efforts, we were able to collect nearly **\$2000** dollars this school year!

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



## Specialty Fundraising Success!

We want to thank all the families who participated in joining us at the Mary Woodward Restaurant Fundraisers, bought Valley Movie Tickets, or donated left over candy at Halloween.

**The grand total for Specialty Fundraising this year was \$5,500! That's over \$2,000 more than what we brought in last year.**

Thanks for helping support our school!

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

### President

Karen Emerson  
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### President Elect

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### Co-Secretaries

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## Playground Update

The replacement playground structure has been ordered and is being manufactured right now!

The anticipated schedule looks like this:

- **Remove existing structure:** June 20-21
- **Install new structure:** June 27-28

However, the dates will be selected based on when the structure can be shipped. Be on the lookout for an e-mail coming soon with a link to sign up genius where you can sign up for a shift that works with your summer schedule.



The holes for the upright supports will be professionally made and the installation process will be supervised by the same company. We just need volunteers to come lend a hand or two to complete the project!

## Thank you for supporting Scrip

Thanks to all the families who have ordered scrip and helped support our school. **We have made \$914 this year!!**

We look forward to generating more scrip opportunities next fall. Until then,

*Kristi Sloan*  
**Scrip Coordinator**  
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## Upcoming Events

### June

- 5: Yearbooks delivered
- 5: [Kinder Field Day](#)
- 5: 5th Grade celebration
- 8: [1st-5th Field Day](#)
- 10: Last Day of School (1/2 day)



**Have a safe and fun  
summer!**

**See you in September!**

## 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).

## Open PSO Committee Positions for 2015-16

The Mary Woodward PSO is the fun group that involves all parents and that does important work supporting our students and staff. We all want what is best for our kids, and parent involvement at Mary Woodward is good for our kids and helpful to our teachers. The school year is filled with a wide variety of events, and getting involved is one of the best ways to show your kids how much you prioritize their education. The PSO Committee Chairs need to be filled **now** in order to start making plans for next year. Listed below are descriptions of some of the open positions:

Picture Day – Recruit a few volunteers to help make Picture Day and Retake Day run smoothly, assist the photographers, review order forms, and help students be prepared for pictures. (Pictures are usually at the end of September and Retakes are at the end of October.)

Holiday Bazaar – Organize all aspects of this shopping event – advertising, decorating, and engaging vendors. (Event is usually on a Saturday at the beginning of December)

Spring Fundraiser – Coordinate the details of our second major fundraiser of the year – it can be a dinner auction, casino night auction, online auction, family spaghetti feed auction, or a non-auction event! (This event usually happens between February and April, but reservations and procurement need to start as soon as possible.)

Cultural Fair – Celebrate Mary Woodward’s cultural diversity by creating a special day that could include an all school assembly, after school country booths, or an evening event serving a wide variety of foods and featuring entertainment from different lands! (This event is usually held at the beginning of May.)

Family Events – Create fun evening events for our Mary Woodward families to enjoy during the school year. Would you choose Movie Night, Game Night, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Dance, or something else?

Please contact Karen Emerson at [karenemerson@frontier.com](mailto:karenemerson@frontier.com) or 503-579-3955 to learn more about these positions or to sign up.