



PSO News

Mary Woodward Elementary



Message from the President

I hope March finds you with a Spring in your step. February was a great month!

Huge kudos to Karen Voorhees & Shelly Smelser for an amazing Daughter Dance. We had 326 daughters and dates joining in the fun – thanks for coming out! Some fun new touches such as corsages made by Kari Vandergriff and her mom, and having photos to take home that night were much appreciated by the attendees. Although not set up as a fundraiser, the dance and corsage sales raised \$1,400 for the PSO!

Thank you to Devon Kelly and volunteers for working at the hearing screening – this an important service we help with every year.

We had a fun Burgerville night too. Thank you for coming out and joining the fun! Thanks also to all the Ambassadors who volunteered to be the best servers ever, and to Amanda Pileri and Jennifer Feeney for setting it up. Thank you to all the families who came out to the Sherwood McMenamins to participate in the dine out night in January, which brought us \$857 from the evening.

And last but certainly not least, the Soaring Eagles Safari Auction was a huge success! We are still finalizing numbers, but it's looking like we far surpassed our goal and will net over \$40,000. WOW!! Thank you to everyone who came out, bid high, and had a great evening while making a huge impact on the programs we can offer next year for our growing population of kids. Thank you to our fearless auction leaders Claudine Payne and Heather Listy, as well as all the parents who helped procure items, decorate and all the other tasks that go into pulling off a huge event like this. What a treat to have all the lovely marketing materials donated and to have a volunteer swap set up with Alberta Rider parents so we could all enjoy the evening. We will need about 8 parents to help with the Alberta Rider carnival on April 9 to fulfill our end of the swap – so please contact the auction team if you can help.

Please join us for a PSO meeting! These monthly one-hour meetings are a great way to find out what's happening at school. The next meetings are on: March 18; April 22 and May 20.

Happy Springing!

Laura Wiekling
PSO President

March 4, 2016

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Upcoming Events

March

- 7: Scrip Orders Due
7-10: Foundation Coin Drive
11: Mango Tango Fundraiser
16: Box Tops Contest #2 ends
18: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)
21-25: Spring Break
29: Box Tops Contest #3 starts

April

- 4: Spring Enrichment Starts
4: Scrip Orders Due
5: Eagle Mingle (6:30 pm)
22: PSO Meeting (8:30 am)

Only 4 more scrip sales left this school year!

Order online or pick up an order form in the school office. Find order forms on our PSO website at <http://www.marywoodwardpso.com/events-fundraisers/scrip/>. Orders due by next **Monday, March 7th** and will be available the following Monday, March 14th!

Thanks for your support — to date we have made \$820 for our school!

Questions? Email Kristi at scripmw@gmail.com

Mango Tango Fundraiser

Please mark March 11th on your calendar to visit Mango Tango Yogurt!

They will be donating 15% of the entire days proceeds back to Mary Woodward. We have no school that day, so make a plan to meet a friend there for a cup of fro-yo! Be sure to let the cashier know that you are from Mary Woodward so we get credit!



Volunteer Wanted! 2016-2017 Treasurer



Looking for a new Treasurer for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30th (and beyond?). The current Treasurer will have a 5th grader next fall and was looking to transition the job to someone who could commit to doing the job for 1 more more years. The workload typically ranges from 1 - 3 hours a week, with a few weeks at 4 - 5 hours. The current Treasurer also prepares the tax return (Form 990-PF), and is willing to continue to do so, if the new Treasurer does not have experience in tax return preparation.

All financial statements are in Microsoft EXCEL, so no need to know Quickbooks or Peachtree accounting/bookkeeping programs. These programs are not used in order to save costs and allow more money to go directly to the activities supported by the PSO. Person needs to understand how to balance a checkbook and use EXCEL as the check register. Treasurer also logs in to various charitable giving sites to authorize the release corporate matching donations. Existing Treasurer is willing to train the new Treasurer and be there to answer any questions during the 7/1/16 - 6/30/17 fiscal year.

This position is a volunteer (unpaid) position, like all of the other PSO positions. Please send inquiries to mwpso.treasurer@gmail.com or call (503) 524-4241.

The Carnival is Coming to Town on June 3

Calling All Carnies! Mary Woodward's Splish Splash Beach Bash Carnival is coming to town Friday, June 3rd!

We need help! We are looking for a few fun and energetic co-chairs to be in charge of vendors, rentals, and ticket sales. These positions are great for parents who can't be at school often. We also need shadows/helping hands for the prize, decorations, and booth rep chairs, which are currently filled but will need to be handed over next year. Take your chance to learn from seasoned carnies!

This is the most highly anticipated event of the year and one where we need lots of help to make it happen for the more than 1,000 guests who attend the carnival. It's a great way to get involved!

For more information on how you can join in on the fun, contact us at woodwardcarnival@gmail.com.



Last Auction Item Up for Bid!

We saved the best for last in our Wild auction! Mrs. Niemi's PE Party for up to 30 kids.

Mom and Dad: you provide the food & drinks and Mrs. Niemi will provide the fun! Date To Be Determined On A Mutually Agreed Upon Date!

Email your bid to mweaglesauction@gmail.com. The highest bidder by **Thursday, March 10th** @ 5 pm will be the winner of the best party in town! We will send out an email blast each morning (starting Monday 3/7/16) letting you know where the bid stands so you can raise your bid if you would like.

Bidding starts at \$50. Winner will be announced on Friday, March 11th! Good Luck!



Spots Still Open for Auction Buy-In Parties



Hey, Parents! If you were not able to make it to the WILD Auction, the good news is we still have some party spots open on our buy-in parties! We currently are still selling spots to: **The Garden Tea Party, Bingo Party, PokéMon Party, AM Northwest Party & the Ladies Craft Night Party.**

Attached is a form for each party with more details. If you would like to buy in to the party please fill out the attached party sheet you would like to buy into and make your check payable to Mary Woodward PSO. You can drop your check and party form off in the office & we will get it picked up for you.

If you have any questions please let us know!

Thanks,
Claudine Payne & Heather Listy, Co-Chair Auction Committee

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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.



garden party

A beloved tradition at Mary Woodward
The Mother Daughter Garden Tea Party!

Sunday, June 5th at 1:00pm

Cost \$25.00 per person / 22 spots left

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Email Address:

Make check payable to Mary Woodward PSO



**Come Join Tigard's Tiger Mascot
for a Bingo & Ice Cream Party
in Mrs. McCombs classroom on
Date: Weekday TDB / Time 2:30-3:30
Cost \$20.00 per child / 15 spots left**

Childs Name: _____

Childs Name: _____

Childs Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Make check payable to Mary Woodward PSO



Pokémon Party with 4th grader Gabe Wright

An afternoon of playing Pokémon & trading cards.

Each child will also receive 2 new sets of cards.

Saturday, April 2nd 2:00-4:30

Cost \$20.00 per child / 5 spots left



Childs Name: _____

Childs Name: _____

Email address: _____

Make check payable to Mary Woodward PSO



Come sit in the LIVE studio audience on the set of

AM Northwest

After the show kids will take a studio tour & will be able to get in front of the green screen, sit at the news desk and take lots of pictures.

Friday, April 15th @8:30 am

Cost \$20.00 per person / 21 spots left

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Guest Name:

Email Address:

Make check payable to Mary Woodward PSO



Come join the laughs with plenty of wine
in a fun evening of guided crafts!

Hosted by: Laura Wiekking

Saturday, April 30th @ 6:00 pm
\$20.00 per person / 6 spots left

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Make check payable to Mary Woodward PSO

The Japanese have extremely long history of art, and they have made significant contributions in the areas of architecture, ceramics/pottery, prints and paintings and calligraphy (the art of lettering using a brush), to name a few. This month's Art Lit project will focus on the use of paper in Japanese art... and more specifically in a form of art called **Origami**.

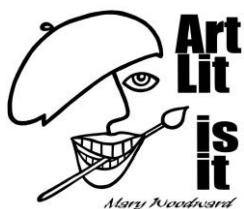
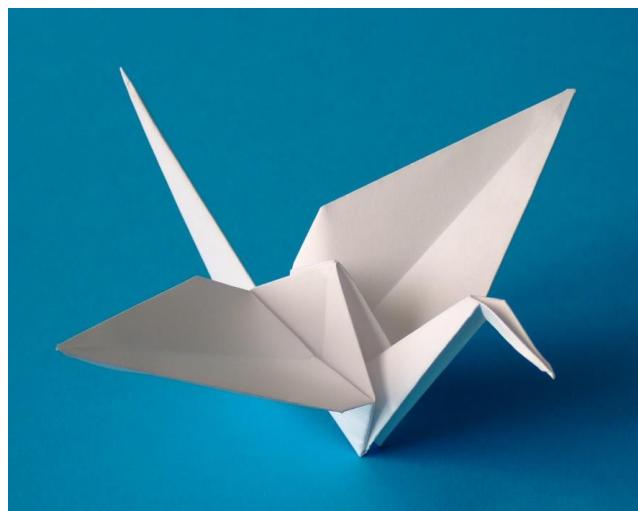
In historical Japan, paper was considered a valuable and expensive product. It was used in many aspects of Japanese life and artwork, most notably in architecture. Shoji doors are a very famous example of how handmade paper was used in everyday life. Umbrellas, fans, lanterns and, of course, art, are other areas where paper was and is used heavily in Japanese culture.



While we're not sure if origami began in China or Japan, we do know that the name "origami" comes from the Japanese words oru (to fold) and kami (paper). In the early stages of origami, it was an art form practiced only by the upper class, because paper was not readily available. Traditionally, most origami instructions were passed on by oral tradition, one generation teaching the next. As paper became more affordable, origami began being practiced by people other than the elite, and it began to be taught publicly in schools.

In traditional origami, the designs are created from a single sheet of paper, with no cutting and no glue. While some of the simpler designs require just a few folds, more complex designs and techniques can be used to produce some truly amazing works of art!

For the month of March, students will create their own **origami shadow boxes**, comprised of two pieces – a dove and an origami-style frame. Students will be reminded that many of the folds made in origami pieces are **symmetrical** – the same fold is repeated on both the left and right sides to create a piece that looks the same on both sides.



If you still haven't signed up to help with Art Lit, it's never too late! Please contact artlitchairs@gmail.com for more information.