



Woodward Flyer

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From Our Principal

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! It is always terrific to see the children after a holiday break. They are smiling and excited to be back in school, and seem very ready to return to classroom routines and learning. I hope your winter break was filled with good cheer, family, fun and relaxation. We all returned with renewed energy and focus for busy days of school in 2012.

The Cookie Exchange sponsored by the PSO and organized by Carolee McAfee was truly spectacular! Thank you so much to Carolee and all of you who contributed to the beautiful, delicious boxes of cookies.

DIBELS

Woodward students will be tested to check for gains in reading skills on Tuesday, January 24. Please ensure that your child is well rested and in school on that day. Please avoid appointments or other things that might disrupt the school day.

As you know, the results of these assessments help us identify students who are at risk for not reaching reading benchmarks. We then intervene with additional instruction to boost their reading skills. The final DIBELS assessment for the year is scheduled for late May.

OAKS Assessments

During the next few weeks Woodward 3rd – 5th graders will take the state-wide assessment, Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. The exams are taken in the computer labs and 3rd & 4th graders test in reading and math. 5th Graders test in reading, math and science. Parents, please avoid scheduling appointments during the school day during the testing window. A good night's rest and healthy

snacks are encouraged to support the children in doing their personal best on the exams.

MW Testing Dates:

3rd Grade January 17-20

4th Grade February 6-9

5th Grade January 30-31 &
February 6-8

This test session is considered a first round or "practice" and students will test again in late spring. Each student's highest score is recorded with the Oregon Department of Education for state report cards and for federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements.

Cultural Extravaganza 2012

After the great success of last year's Cultural Extravaganza we are very hopeful to host it again this year. This grand event is only possible with parent organizers and we need your help. If you would like to be a member of the steering committee for a cultural event this spring, please call the school. We need a core group of enthusiastic parents to work with school personnel and make it all happen. Suma Raviprakash and Amy Krebs have volunteered to be school contacts and will assist the committee as needed. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Caring Closet Gently Used Children's Book Drive

As part of a community service project, Mary Woodward's 4th grade Junior Girl Scout Troop #41508 is leading a gently-used book drive to benefit the Caring Closet. In addition to providing clothes to more than 1,500 economically-challenged students per year, the Caring Closet also collects and distributes books to students in the Tigard-Tualatin school district.

From January 9 through January 20, bins will be placed outside of Mary Woodward's main office for donations. Please consider donating books that your child no longer needs. The Closet is also in dire need of toiletry items such as soap, toothbrushes, non-whitening toothpaste and shampoo.

WHEN: Jan. 9 - 20

WHAT: Newer or gently-used children's books

WHERE: Book Drive bins located in the lobby

Please help us make a difference in our community!

Questions? Please contact Cami Bunnell (camib@msn.com), Michelle Woolfolk (503-579-1838) or Amy Brown (503-430-7811)



MW CALENDAR

1/7	TAG Event at Byrom
1/9	PSO Meeting 8:30 AM
1/9-20	Used Book Drive
1/10	Site Council 2:50 PM
1/16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday NO SCHOOL
1/17	Enrichment Classes Begin
1/20	Science Fair Assembly
1/23	Vision and Hearing Screening
1/24	DIBELS Testing
2/1	3rd-5th Grades to Portland Youth Philharmonic Concert
2/2	End of 2nd Quarter
2/3	Teacher Grade Prep Day NO SCHOOL
2/9	2nd Grade Music Program 7:00 PM
2/13	Grades 1-5 to Broadway Rose Play at TuHS PSO Meeting / Internet Safety Presentation 6:30 PM
2/23	Science Fair 6:30-8:00 PM
2/24	Science Fair School Review 8:30-10:30 AM
2/25	PSO Spring Fundraiser 5:30 PM

Vision & Hearing Screening

This year vision and hearing screenings for students will be conducted by the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation on January 23. Grades K-5 will be tested for vision and grades 1-5 will also be tested for hearing.

To make these screenings successful, please be sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before and brings eyeglasses if he/she wears them.

We will need 25 volunteers to run the screenings, so if you are willing to help out please contact Karen Emerson at 503-579-3955 or the Main Office at 503-431-4700. Thank you!

Tigard Youth Track Info Meeting

Is your athlete interested in track this spring?

Come to an Information Meeting for Tigard Youth Track Club this coming Sunday, Jan 8, 3:00 PM in the Tigard High School Commons. Our philosophy, practice schedule and meet schedule will be discussed. Apparel for sizing will be available.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON JAN. 15th.

Questions? Email tigaryouthtrackclub@mac.com.

[http://web.me.com/tigaryouthtrackclub/TYT_2011/Tigard Youth Track 2011.html](http://web.me.com/tigaryouthtrackclub/TYT_2011/Tigard_Youth_Track_2011.html)

RAISING OUR DAUGHTERS

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

7:00 - 8:30 PM Legacy Meridian Park Hospital

Legacy Meridian Park Hospital is offering a parenting class focused on daughters. Girls have made great strides academically and athletically, yet they still face struggles – internal and external pressures to be cool and to be "the best." Pediatrician and Life Coach, Kathy Masarie will share ways for parents to support their daughters and gain a better understanding of their social lives. Discussion will include developing effective communication to bring about mutual understanding and respect while fostering your daughter's uniqueness.

Topics of discussion will also include media messages, stress, self-image, friendship struggles, seven tips for success, networking and resources.

Please pre-register at 503-335-3500. Class fee is \$10.00 at the door.

See www.legacyhealth.org/classes