



Woodward Flyer

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Greeting Woodward Parents,

Welcome back to school! This first week has been terrific with a school full of smiles, enthusiasm, and busy, active children. Thank you all for supporting your children and staff as we begin an exciting, new school year.

This year we have three classes at each grade level. Class sizes are within the ratios established by the district with some at the lower end of the range and some at the upper end. We feel very lucky to have three kindergarten classes once again. Our total enrollment is 445 students.

Please join me in welcoming our new staff members. They come to us with experience and a love for children, teaching and learning.

Mrs. Heidi Bachofner	Media Assistant
Ms. Paulette Barry	School Psychologist
Mrs. Hillary Hoersten	AM Kindergarten
Mr. Dan Howard	Day Specialist
Ms. Kelly Rulon	Learning Specialist
Mrs. Jill Weinstein	Playground Supervisor

Library Changes

As you know, we no longer have librarians in our elementary schools. Despite this budget cut, our goal is to ensure that our wonderful library collection continues to be fully utilized by students and staff.

Each classroom will need at least one "library parent" who will assist each week with checkout. We are also putting together a library team of volunteers who will assist with all aspects of running the library: check in, check out, re-shelving books, book repair, etc. Heidi Bachofner, Media Assistant, will lead the team along with Jennine Follett. Mrs. Bachofner will be here every Friday to coordinate these efforts.

Technology

Jo Barendse will teach technology at Mary Woodward and CFT. She will be here full time every other week. We have enjoyed having her at MW the first week of school and she has met with every class. Classes will report to Mrs. Barendse on a regular schedule for technology instruction. Teachers can then sign up to use the computer labs at other times throughout the school day. We are excited about increasing the use of technology to engage all students in their learning.

Lunchtime

This fall we implemented a new system where students attend recess before lunch instead of after lunch. Research has shown several benefits to this schedule:

- Students eat more and don't rush to get to recess.
- Less food is wasted and thrown away.
- Children return to class from a calmer atmosphere by leaving the cafeteria instead of the playground.
- Transitions into classroom activities are smoother.

We are trying it out and will talk about the benefits and challenges at the end of the month. Students are using hand sanitizer before they eat. Students who have allergies or concerns about the hand sanitizer may wash their hands before eating.

Back to School Night

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 PM for Back to School Night. Please note: This event is for parents only.

Teachers will present important information to parents during two sessions. Families with more than one child will have the opportunity to attend both sessions. Parking is always challenging, so carpooling is encouraged. We hope that you will attend this important event during the busy fall season!

All sign ups for Jog a Thon, Art Literacy, Room Parents, etc. will be set up by grade/teacher in the library. Please stop by before or after the teacher presentations to sign up!

6:30 PM	Welcome in the cafeteria
7:00-7:30	Session #1
7:30-7:40	Break
7:40-8:10	Session #2

Parent Reps Needed

Four parent representatives serve each year on Site Council and two positions are open. The parents selected this year will serve for two school years, 2011-2013. Jennine Follett and Greg Bunnell currently fill two of the four positions and would be happy to answer your questions.

Licensed and classified staff, parents, and the principal collaborate to provide direction and support for student achievement. Serving on the MW Site Council is an excellent way to positively impact our school and we need your voice.

Woodward's Site Council meets every second Tuesday from 2:50-4:00 PM. By state law, site councils have specific duties: develop plans to improve the school's instructional program, support staff development, and oversee any grants awarded to the school.

Interested parents should submit a short statement of interest to the school by September 20. The statements will be published and parents will vote if we have more than two applicants.

Important Reminders for Parents

- Parents and all visitors must sign in at the main office and receive a visitor's badge for any stay in school. Volunteers are asked to sign in and log onto the computer for volunteer hours. Volunteers must also wear a badge for identification.
- Parents pick up and drop off their children at the island before and after school. Please keep the bus lane free at all times for the school buses and daycare vans.
- School begins at 8:20 and the children should be in their seats and ready to learn at that time. Students arriving after 8:20 must sign in at the office and take a late pass to class.
- Students wait in the cafeteria for a short time after buses and parents drop off in the AM. They are released by grade level, K-5, at 8:05 when classrooms open. Children should not arrive before 8:00, as adult supervision is not available until 8:00.
- Pets are not allowed in the building. Dogs must be leashed and should stay with their owners on the lawn, away from the front walkway.
- The Main Office is open 7:30-4:00, Monday - Friday.
503-431-4700
- Please call the Attendance Line if your child will be absent or late to school. The automated phone system will call if we have not heard from you by 9:30 AM. However, we want to know first thing if your child is not at school. We need to know that he/she is safe at home with you!

Attendance Line 503-431- 4720.

Volunteers

I encourage you to become involved at Mary Woodward. Your volunteerism and teamwork with staff, students and other parents will continue our school's rich tradition of partnership and success for all.

My door is open and I welcome your ideas and your feedback as we strive for continuous school improvement. I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

Working with you on behalf of your children and their education,

Vickie Foiles, Principal

Picture Day Sept 13

School Pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, Sept. 13**. The payment Flyer is being sent home today. Please check your child's backpack. Return the order form with payment on picture day, or you can place your order online before picture day at www.HJClix.com/order/4009884

RECYCLE YOUR OLD TENNIS SHOES!

The MW Ambassadors are kicking off their first service project next week and they need your OLD SHOES! We are collecting old, used, dry athletic shoes. (no cleats, dress shoes, sandals or flip flops) Our goal is to collect 500 pairs of used shoes! Please drop off your old shoes in the boxes in the lobby. The grade to collect the most shoes will win a free recess on the last day of the shoe drive! See the attached flier for more details.

Recess/Lunch Schedule

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Recess</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Kindergarten	10:55-11:15	11:15-11:35
1 st grade	10:55-11:15	11:15-11:35
2 nd Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
3 rd Grade	11:35-11:55	11:55-12:15
4 th Grade	11:55-12:15	12:15-12:35
5 th Grade	12:15-12:35	12:35-12:55

MW CALENDAR

9/13	Picture Day and Vision Screening Site Council 2:50 PM
9/19	PSO Meeting 8:30 AM
9/22	Back to School Night 6:30 PM
9/23	DIBELS Testing
10/7	Jog-A-Thon
10/10	PSO Meeting 6:30 PM

MW CALENDARIO

9/13	Foto día y examen de la vista Consejo Local 2:50 PM
9/19	PSO Reunión 8:30 AM
9/22	Regreso a la Escuela 6:30 PM
9/23	DIBELS pruebas
10/7	Jog-A-Thon
10/10	PSO Reunión 6:30 PM



Every day children of low-income working families in the Tigard-Tualatin School District fall through the cracks of the social service system. Their parents have jobs, but they can't afford adequate clothing and school supplies for their children.

The Caring Closet helps by providing school age children with new shoes, new socks, new underwear, and gently used clothing, bedding, school supplies and books.

Donations may be made to the marked Caring Closet bin in your school cafeteria or directly to the Caring Closet located on the Tigard High School campus. For more information call 503-603-1576.