



## Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter November 2014

*There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.*

*Hodding Carter*

Wow! We can certainly feel fall in the air! Our playground has been chilly and windy and inundated with leaves! Please remember to dress your kids warmly so they can play comfortably outside.



### Book fair is coming!



Our third annual Scholastic book fair will be in the hall outside the office from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. We welcome you to come and do all your holiday shopping!

Book Fair will be open:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:45-9:45 and 11:30-1:00

Tuesday, it will be open from 11:30-1:30

AND....most of all!

We will be having a pajama party story time on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00. Kids can come and listen to stories in Hearthside room, and parents can shop.

AND

There is an online fair accessible through this link that has thousands of titles for all ages even adults!!!! . Many ways to get your shopping done AND support our school.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/mgnsbookfair>



### Pottery Painting Family Outing!

Join us for a great family outing to make some fun gifts and support MGNS!  
Please see the Flyer that is also attached and join MGNS on Sunday,  
November 23!

All the details are on the flyer-----be sure to check it out!



**We need your help!** Some MGNS parents and teachers are investigating the possibility of MGNS starting a private, play based kindergarten. Could you help us by taking a quick survey? Even if your child will not be in kindergarten for some time, please give us your feedback, thoughts and ideas. If you are not at all interested, please take survey and tell us that! THANKS!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kindergartenmgns>

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall fundraisers. Our Butter Braid Sale was one of the best we have ever had—we raised over 2,000.

Don't forget that Oliver's Labels and Snack Taxi are year-long fundraisers!

These would make a great gift for those hard to buy for people on your holiday shopping list! And remember winter gear will be out in full force soon and Oliver's Labels will help your kids and teachers make sure that all the right items stay with the right kids. Direct links to all of our fundraisers are on our website-[www.mgns.org](http://www.mgns.org)

**Thanks** to everyone who came to our Meet Greet and Eat event. A special shout out to Theresa Bentler who is our Board of Director Event Coordinator for all of her hard work on the event!



We are getting to the time of year when inclement weather may cancel school. Monona Grove Nursery School closes when Madison Public Schools close. Please watch your TV or Radio for school closings and watch for the Madison Public Schools. If MGNS is not closed, please use your own discretion when the weather is bad. Don't travel if you don't feel safe!



Our parent coop bulletin board is available to all coop members to advertise home businesses, things for sale, playgroups, babysitters, and carpools, whatever....

## Meet this month's featured MGNS BOARD MEMBER!!!

Hi! My name is Maureen Treichel and I am the Vice President this year at MGNS. My daughter Sloane started out in Toddler Time last year and this year she is in the Penguin class and loving it!

I have been a stay at home mom for the past 3 years (I also have a 14 month old daughter Blythe) but am slowing transitioning back into the working world as a realtor, which is both exciting and challenging. I have always had a passion for real estate and am looking forward to turning my hobby into a career.

In my "free" time I enjoy running, biking, reading and cooking. I competed in a number of running races this year, including my first triathlon (and it will hopefully not be my last)!

As the Vice President I am responsible for securing a speaker for the January Parent Meeting, attend board meetings and assist in the decision making for MGNS, and fill board positions for the following year. I am thrilled to be part of MGNS for the next few years!

## Helpful Hints from the Staff



We have had some issues with parents being late to pick up their kids at school, or from Lunch Bunch. Please be respectful of our teacher's time and know that they have other duties and jobs to do. Our pick up time for the am class is 11:45, and for lunch bunch is 12:45 and for the pm class is 3:45. Please be there a couple of minutes early to ensure that you are there for the class dismissal.



Please label all coats, sweaters, mittens, hats, backpacks, and anything else your child brings to school. Show your child where the labels are placed so they can find their own things easily. *Remember Oliver's Labels is a year long fundraiser....*



There are lots of families dropping off and picking up at our school and our parking lots can get crowded. If you are only bringing one kiddo, and can easily walk up the hill, please think about parking on the street.



Please be sure you are our partners in teaching kids how to get dressed by themselves. We also teach them to flip their coat over their head. It would really help if you could encourage them to try this at home. We help them here, but after they give it a good try!

Here is a YouTube video to show you the Preschool Flip- (aka The Dive and Flip, or Tags to Toes) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqw0-gplqhc>

## Is your Calendar Marked?

**Scholastic Book Fair**

*November 3-7*

**Book Fair Pajama Party**

November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-7

**Family Pottery Painting Event at Fired Up!**

Sunday, November 23 from 11-3

**No School Thursday and Friday**

*November 27 and 28*

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