



## Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter December 2017

*Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.*

*John Dewey*



OUR BOX UNIT is coming soon! Please save and bring in larger boxes anytime after the holiday break. We will take all kinds of brown shipping boxes, and especially large (refridge, TV, etc) boxes. THANK YOU!

### WE NEED YOUR OPINION!

MGNS's board of directors is considering about making some changes to our schedule. Please help by taking this very short survey.

[Early Drop Off/Seahorse Survey](#) We are hoping everyone will participate! Even if you are going to be finished with MGNS, please let us know what you would have preferred. Thank you so much for helping us guide the future of the school.

Remember to use our Amazon Smile account when shopping this holiday season.

Our MGNS Amazon wish list is up to date and accessible online! ☺



Scholastic book orders are due Dec. 5th to ensure delivery by the holidays. Paper copies were sent home this week, but all fliers are available to view online at <https://clubs.scholastic.com> Our school code is GL3TW. Also, if you are interested in keeping books a secret from your child, please email Juli at [julihmgns@gmail.com](mailto:julihmgns@gmail.com) to arrange a special pickup in the office.

### **OPEN HOUSE!**

Do you know a friend or neighbor who would like to come to MGNS next year? Our Open House for the 18-19 school year is Saturday, February 3 from 10:30 am-1:30pm. Please send folks our way! Remember that if a new family puts your name on their application, we send you a gift card to our favorite coffee shop! Yum!

*Are you willing to put a yard sign up in your yard?  
Yard signs will be available starting on January 1.  
Thanks for your help!*



Thanks so much for all of our MGNS friends who came to both Fired UP Pottery and Culvers on our special days in November. The numbers are not yet in from Fired UP but at Culvers we made a total of \$391! Wow! Both were fun events and it was great to see our friends old and new! Also a big THANK YOU to Kathryn Mingione for teaching our parent CPR/First Aid class on November 11. She also made a generous donation to the school!



Our fantastic staff is dedicated to lifelong learning. For the last three months, we have spent a couple of hours with the trainers from [Imagine a Child's Capacity](#). We have had classes on Autism in Preschool, Sensory Regulation, Emotional Regulation, and Behavior Issues. We have learned a lot and highly recommend this group. We have a lot of great handouts too; let me know if you are interested in looking through them!!!! Thank you to our 2017 Youngstar Grant for this great Training.



The signup for second semester helping parent and second semester volunteer duties will be sent out Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am . So watch your email!



Reminder that our playground times will SWITCH after the holiday break. So if your class currently starts on the playground, you will end on the playground for the second semester. And vice versa! Your teachers will also remind you!



**Lunch Bunch Session 2** starts Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. If your kiddo is enjoying lunch bunch and you have not yet signed up for session 2- please do so ASAP



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 carpool, whatever...



**Need a great idea for a holiday gift? Remember MGNS is selling Willy St Coop gift cards in various denominations. Stop in!**



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 yearlong fundraiser...[www.oliverslabels.com/mgns](http://www.oliverslabels.com/mgns).

Lost and Found Box is on the cart with our parenting library. Missing something? Come check it out.

**Check your Calendar!**

December 20-Last day of Session One Toddler Time and Lunch Bunch

December 28<sup>th</sup>- Winter Clean Up 6:30-8:30!

Holiday Break- December 21st-January 3rd

Thursday, January 4- School Resumes

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> No School-MLK Jr. Day!

January 29-Feb 2- Toddler Time Visitation Days to Preschool and 4K rooms

February 3<sup>rd</sup>- Open house for Potential New Families

**February 5<sup>th</sup> - Enrollment for 17/18 for CURRENT MGNS families- 8 am**

February 12-Enrollment for 17/18 for NEW MGNS families-8 am

**Spring Fling- Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-11**

**An MGNS Tradition not to be missed!**