



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter December 2015

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

John Dewey

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Book Sale, and attended our pajama party. It was a blast! We especially want to thank our teachers who volunteered to come in and read- Sherri, Dawn, Juli, and Stephanie and Jodi to run the sale. Overall, the book sale netted us \$370 in Scholastic dollars to purchase items from the Scholastic catalog. In previous years we have bought the Toddler Time Book shelf, a rug for 4K room and the listening station that all our kids use to listen to our books on CD. We are still pondering what to buy this year.

A huge thank you also to Jamie Wohlgamuth for organizing our Second annual Fired Up Pottery fundraiser on November 22. We all had a blast- and made a nice chunk of money for our school!



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!

(Also, we are looking for juice containers (the frozen plastic ones), and a old hairdryer if someone has one to donate)

OPEN HOUSE!

Do you know a friend or neighbor who would like to come to MGNS next year? Our Open House for the 16-17 school year is Saturday, January 23th from 10:30-1:30. 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? All yard sign people get entered in a drawing for a coffee gift card! Yard signs will be available starting on January 1.

Thanks for your help!

January Parent Meetings!
Our Mandatory Parent Meetings will be as follows:

****Self Defense class is Jan 12, 7 pm**

****Teaching Your Kids About Money is Jan 26, 7 pm**

One meeting is required for each preschool and 4k Family.
More information to come!



Lunch Bunch Session 2 starts Tuesday, January 5. If your kiddo is enjoying lunch bunch and you have not yet signed up for session 2- please do so asap!



Our signups for second semester parent helper and volunteer activities will be sent out the evening of Thursday, December 10th. Please watch for that and sign up for both. Thank you

Meet this month's featured MGNS Board Member!

My name is Jesse Pagel and I am the Equipment & Inventory Coordinator this year at MGNS. My daughter Nyla started out in Toddler Time 2 ½ years ago and this year is in the Penguin class.

I have been a stay at home dad for the past 3 ½ years, being able to watch Nyla change and grow. It has been exciting and challenging, but I love every minute of it. I probably know more about princesses than I ever thought I would!

In my spare time, I am a wood worker, avid archery hunter, fisherman, and fitness enthusiast.

As a family, we enjoy fishing around Wisconsin's lakes, watching Badger Hockey, and planning our next adventure.

As the Equipment & Inventory Coordinator, I am responsible for repairing and troubleshooting some MGNS equipment, as well as helping to secure pricing and ordering of some MGNS equipment and consumables, like sand for our playground sandbox.

I am thrilled to be part of MGNS for the next few years!



We recently had a great visit from the Fire Dept from Monona who taught us all about Fire Safety and we saw their Fire Engine and Ambulance. Here are some more resources about keeping your kids safe.



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, carpools, 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 year long fundraiser...*www.oliverslabels.com/mgns.

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

Check your Calendar!

Penguins Saturday at School 9-10 am Saturday, December 12th.

Seahorses Saturday at School 1-2 pm Saturday, December 12th.

Holiday Break- December 19th-January 3rd

Monday, January 18th No School-MLK Day!

January 23rd- Open house for Potential New Families

January 25th- Enrollment for 16/17 for CURRENT MGNS families- 8 am

February 1st-Enrollment for 16/17 for NEW MGNS families-8 am

MGNS ANNUAL SPRNG FLING! An event not to be missed!

Saturday, April 2nd 9-11 am