



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter December 2016

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 (refridger, TV, etc) boxes. THANK YOU! We are also looking for large pieces of Styrofoam that packs up those big items.



Scholastic Book Order is Due this Wednesday, December 7th! Get your orders in for Xmas Books. Scholastic.com/readingclub and our school code is GL3TW.

OPEN HOUSE!

Do you know a friend or neighbor who would like to come to MGNS next year? Our Open House for the 17-18 school year is Saturday, January 21th 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?

Yard signs will be available starting on January 1.

Thanks for your help!

Moove and Groove Second Annual Dance Party Fundraiser for MGNS

What: Dance Party Fundraiser

When: Saturday January 14th 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: MGNS & Friends

Suggested Donation: \$7-10 per family

- snacks and refreshments

- face painting
- temporary tattoos
- DANCING



MGNS is sad to report that our afternoon 4K teacher, Marcia Hoke, has officially retired due to family emergencies at home. We are so sad to lose her, but we wish her all the best. Stephanie carries on with the Manatees- and we are currently searching for a licensed teacher to join her. Until we find one, we will be using a combination of subs in there including the AM 4K teachers Juli and Diana, and the Seahorse Teacher Sherri. We appreciate your patience with this transition. Please know that if your kids would like to make a card or anything for Marcia, we can pass it on. Due to the added responsibilities in the afternoon, Stephanie has decided not to teach the Spring session of Toddler Time. In her place, Patrice will be teaching the Thursday class, and we have a new teacher, Stacey Neuman, who will be teaching TT on Fridays.



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 \$430! Wow! It was a fun day and great to see our friends!



The signup for second semester helping parent and second semester volunteer duties will be sent out Saturday, December 17th. 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 Wednesday, January 4th. If your kiddo is enjoying lunch bunch and you have not yet signed up for session 2- please do so ASAP



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.

<http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready>



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....



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.

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

Check your Calendar!

Holiday Break- December 22nd-January 3rd

Wednesday, January 4- School Resumes

Saturday, January 14 ---10 am to 12 am Moove and Groove Dance Party Fundraiser

Monday, January 16th No School-MLK Day!

January 21st-Open house for Potential New Families

January 23rd- Enrollment for 17/18 for CURRENT MGNS families- 8 am

January 30-Enrollment for 17/18 for NEW MGNS families-8 am

Grandparents Week 2-March 27-31

Spring Fling- Saturday April 1 from 9-11

An MGNS Tradition not to be missed!

Lots of folks talked with their teachers at conferences about dealing with their children's friendships. Here is a good article about that, as well as a list of picture books about Friendship.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/preschool_friends.html

<https://delightfulchildrensbooks.com/2013/08/29/friendship-childrens-books/>