



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter February 2015

Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them. -Lady Bird Johnson

Happy February to all of our families!
We are looking forward to our Valentine's Celebrations!

YUM! Spring Butter Braid Sale!

It's time to get ready for our spring butter braid sale! This is perfect timing for Easter or Spring Break guests! Remember butter braids are wonderful to have in the freezer for any special occasion! The Sale begins on February 20 and runs through March 13. Pickup will begin on March 25th. Any questions about Butter Braids please contact our fundraising coordinators- Krista Massian-(Krista.gullick@gmail.com) and Sara Jorgensen (Sarasuepeterson@Yahoo.com)



Congratulations goes out to Shannon Anderson (Eli-Manatee) who is the winner of our raffle drawing of MGNS Swag Bag. Thank you to everyone who took a yard sign or sent a friend to our Open House!



A huge thank you to Cory Neeley (Lila-Starfish, Lena TT) and Joe Check (Logan-TT) who have built the first ever MGNS garden boxes. We are so excited to get those boxes installed in our garden area and have our first gardening season this spring. Joe and Cory have gone way above and beyond and we are indebted. Our garden committee is headed up by our Board President, Alison Downey. She is looking for donations of compost and dirt for our spring set up. If you would like to donate or help, please contact her at boardpresident@mgns.org



Thank you to our Board VP Maureen Treichel for setting up our January Parent meeting Speakers. Fabulous! We would love to hear any suggestions or feedback you have about the parent meetings. Remember, if you were unable to attend either meeting, please sign up for an extra helping parent duty or an extra coop duty on Sign Up Genius.



Parenting book club! One of our parents is interested in starting up a MGNS Parent book club based on the book "How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk". We would read ½ of the book, meet for a discussion, and repeat. Interested in coming along? Contact Mike Christopherson at mchristo@uwalumni.com or me director@mgns.org.



Appreciation Sunday! In appreciation of the longstanding partnership between Monona Grove Nursery School and Lake Edge United Church of Christ, the preschool will host Appreciation Sunday on February 19th. This is a time for church members to visit the preschool and Toddler Time classrooms, meet the board and the staff of the preschool, and enjoy special treats for coffee hour provided by Monona Grove Nursery School. Preschool parents are welcome to visit for church services and see what goes on in the rest of the building!



Spring Fling Fundraiser

Please join us for a fun family fundraiser on Saturday, April 18th. Our annual Spring Fling will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-11:00 am. The morning's events include a pancake breakfast, great shopping at our silent auction and wonderful entertainment by David Landau!

The silent auction is a HUGE fundraiser for the Nursery School. We encourage your family to participate by helping us secure donations for the silent auction. Here are a few ideas to get you thinking of how you can help:

- Do you have a special talent that you could donate?
- Can you offer handyman work, sewing, landscape design, etc?
- Do you work for a business that would be able to donate a product, service or gift certificate?
- Are you a consultant for an at home business? Could you donate a gift certificate or product sample basket?

These are only a few ideas, be creative, think of what your family is interested in and help us make this a successful and fun fundraising event.

Continue to watch for more details!

Have questions? Want to volunteer to help? Please contact Krista (Krista.gullick@gmail.com) or Sara (sarasuepeterson@yahoo.com)



Board Members for Next Year

The members of our board are beginning to do a great deal of thinking about next year. We are asking all returning parents to consider taking a position on the MGNS Board of Directors. Without the Board, the school cannot run. There are a wide range of jobs on the board, and we have monthly, evening meetings. This is a great way to get involved in the school and to help to make decisions that will make the school grow and prosper. If you think that you might have a contribution to make, please contact Vice President Maureen Treichel (maurentreichel@gmail.com) or talk to your classroom teacher. Serving on the Board of Directors fulfills your parent volunteer duties for the year.

Helpful Hints from the Teachers:

- ✓ Have you changed jobs, phone numbers, cell numbers, or any other important contact information? Please keep your teachers updated.

- ✓ Please do not leave younger siblings in the parking lot while you pick up your preschooler. It can be a dangerous place!
- ✓ Remember to dress kids warmly and prepared for the playground. We prefer no scarves at preschool.
- ✓ Please be considerate of others when you are parking. If you only have one child in school it would be helpful if you used street parking. Be sure your spot is safe and legal.
- ✓ Please use the rug runners in the hall to wipe your feet on as you enter the building on snowy days. Tim works hard to keep the floors looking nice.
- ✓ Please keep glass doors shut, we need to keep the cold air out of the building.

Is your Calendar Marked?

SPRING BREAK! March 30-April 3th - School resumes on Tuesday, April 7th

Spring Fling! Saturday, April 18th - 9-11 am

Open House for POTENTIAL families- May 9th 10:30-1:30

Saturday at School:

Starfish- Saturday, February 28 9-10 am

Manatee-Saturday, February 28 10:30-1:30 am

Dolphins-Saturday, March 21 9-10 am

Seahorses- Saturday, March 21 10:30-11:30 am

Fun Recipes!

Silly Putty

2- Cups white glue (approx.)

1- Cup of liquid starch (approx.)

Drops of food coloring

Add glue to starch. Knead. If it is stringing add more glue, if it is sticky add more starch. Store the silly putty in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Play Dough

2 tsp. Cream of tartar 1-cup water

1-cup flour 1TBS.oil

½ cup salt food coloring

Put cream of tartar, flour and salt in pan on stove. Add water oil and coloring. Mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until dough forms a ball. Cool and knead. Store the play dough in an air tight in refrigerator.



Chocolate Scented

Play Dough

1- $\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon cream of tartar

1- $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons cooking oil

1 cup boiling water

Mix the dry ingredients. Add the oil & boiling water. Stir quickly, mixing well. When cool, mix with your hands. Store the play dough in an airtight container. If the play dough becomes too dry, mix in small amounts of water.

Bubbles

2-cups Joy dish detergent

6 cups water

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup corn syrup

Mix and let stand for 4 hours.