



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter January 2016

We had a wonderful December at Monona Grove Nursery School- thanks to all of our families for the wonderful gifts, treats sent in, ingredients and party items.

We love our supportive parents!



Our January Open House for POTENTIAL new families is on January 23 from 10:30am-1:30pm. To folks who may be looking for a preschool, our parents are our best source of new families, so please spread the word. All of our teachers will be here, our classrooms will be ready to play in, and we would love to meet anyone interested in preschool next year or beyond, or in Toddler Time. Remember! If you are named as the referral on their application, MGNS sends you a coffee card to a local coffee shop.



OUR BOX UNIT is coming soon! Please save and bring in larger boxes anytime over the next two weeks. We will take all kinds of brown shipping boxes, and especially large (refrigerator, TV, etc) boxes. THANK YOU!

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



Mark your Calendar! January Parent Meetings!
Our Mandatory Parent Meetings will be as follows:

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

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

One meeting is required for each preschool and 4k Family.

Please see Attached Flyer.

MGNS! You will soon be getting a re-enrollment packet in your take home bags.

For all current families, enrollment for preschool and 4K begins at 8am on Monday, January 25th at MGNS. All of the details will be in your packet including a FAQ and information about open enrollment for those kids interested in our 4K program who live outside of the Madison District. **For any new parents to our school, registration will begin at 8 am on Monday, February 1.**

We hope that ALL eligible kids will consider 4K at MGNS. We are proud of our program- and are thrilled to be a part of the MMSD system. We think we are the best of both worlds -- your tuition paid by Madison Schools, and yet we still have small classes with the lowest teacher/student ratio possible. Our teachers are gentle, loving, caring people with the necessary credentials.

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Did you enjoy a delicious butter braid over the holidays? Well keep in mind our spring sale is just around the corner. Information will be coming home in your bag!



Save the Date!

We know it doesn't feel like Spring outside but Spring Fling is on the way! This year our annual pancake breakfast and silent auction will be held Saturday, April 2. Come and join us for breakfast, fabulous entertainment from Mr. David Landau and a unique shopping experience.

Do you run your own business or have a special talent? We'd love to include your services or handmade items in our auction! Watch for more information in your child's take home bag next month or contact one of our Fundraising Coordinators with questions.

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Introducing our board member of the month: Erin Kernkamp!

Hi, I'm Erin Kernkamp, Volunteer Coordinator for MGNS. This is my first year in the position, so I am learning the ropes. My husband, Chris and I have two children, Ben, in the Dolphins class, and Eva, who will start Toddler Time on Thursdays in January. Professionally, I'm an elementary Bilingual/English as a Second Language Teacher for the MMSD, but am currently on leave to have more time with my own niños before they head off to elementary school. As a family we enjoy traveling (next trip-Mexico here we come!), camping, putzing around the backyard with our dog, Lucy and our chickens, and meeting up with friends at events around town. I'm enjoying getting to know all of you and putting faces with all of the names!

Our friends at Move and Groove Dance Company are throwing us a fundraiser!
Come and join us and have a great time while supporting MGNS!

What: Dance Party Fundraiser for MGNS
Who: MGNS and M&G folks (may bring a friend)
Where: Fellowship Hall
When: Saturday 1/30/16 4:30-6:30pm
Cost: Suggested donation of \$7-10 per family
Includes:

- Dancing
- Bouncy House
- Snacks, Appetizers, and Beverages
- Face Painting
- Games



Lunch Bunch is available! Sign up forms are on the bulletin board! Lunch bunch is a wonderful way to help prepare your children for elementary school!



Remember that MGNS closes when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes for inclement weather!

Is your Calendar Marked??

Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, January 11 at 7pm

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Tuesday, January 12 or Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00pm

School Closed: Monday, January 18 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

Enrollment for the 2016-17 School Year **Current** MGNS families:

Monday, January 25 at 8AM

Enrollment for the 2016-17 School Year **New** MGNS families:

Monday, February 1 at 8 am

OPEN HOUSE:

January 23 from 10:30am-1:30pm—Please spread the word to prospective families who might like to join our school community.

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Monona Grove Nursery School: 2016 Parent Education Night

**All preschool and 4K parents are required to attend one meeting. Toddler Time parents are welcome too, of course. Any questions? Please contact Jessica Kennedy at jewise_22@hotmail.com

“Self Defense Workshop” with Hwa Rang Do (Madison West)

Tuesday, January 12th 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Everyone should have basic and effective knowledge on how to defend themselves against an attacker, bully, or any other act of physical aggression. This kind of physical and awareness training is invaluable, and our classes will be sure to leave an impact on the participants and help prepare you just in case a “what if” happens.

The class will be “hands-on” in which participants will be practicing the material taught in a safe and controlled environment. The curriculum will provide MANY real life applications and practice.

The workshop will last for an hour, and participants should wear regular clothes that are relatively loose to actively move around

“Teaching Your Child About Money” with Summit Credit Union

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

This workshop will focus on identifying what your own money values are and addressing how our children learn about money. What motivates them to spend and save? How can you help your child set goals, budget, save, and invest? As parents, it is beneficial to identify teachable moments in our kids’ financial education, practice teaching techniques, and learn examples for practicing with our kids.