



## Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter March 2017

**\*\*4 Weeks and counting til our Annual Spring Fling Event!**

Thinking about donating?

Past favorites have been:

\*homemade cakes or delivery of a dozen cookies a week.

\*craft or theme baskets

\*donation of a service-lawn care, massage, plumbing, carpentry

\*tickets to an event

**Think Out of the Box! What skills do you have that you can share?**

**(Donation form available in the office or attached)**

### **MGNS Scholarships (somewhat) Available**

We are sad to announce that after 50+ years of providing scholarships for MGNS students, the church (LEUCC) has made a difficult decision to no longer be able to fund scholarships due to budgetary constraints. However, some church members along with the board of MGNS are committed to some structure of scholarships for next year. So! If you have a need for help paying for a 2 or 3 day preschool class, please see Sue in the MGNS office for an application. We want to continue the tradition of providing a high quality preschool for all kids!



**Thank you!** Our Spring Butter Braid Sale was a wonderful success, and thank you to all of you who helped us raise a lot of money! We appreciate the support.



Our playground is alternating between wet, snowy and muddy! Snow pants are still a good idea, not only for warmth, but to keep pants from getting wet.

## Our favorite parenting/education books:

For those of us living and breathing the world of early childhood, the resources are endless. About a year ago, our staff compiled a list of some of our favorite parenting/early education/inspirational books-Here are our thoughts:

Nurture Shock- Po Bronson

The Importance of Being Little –Erika Christakis

Peace is Every Step by Thich Naht Hahn...great book about mindfulness in every aspect of your life

The Whole Brain Child by Daniel Siegel

My Toddler Talks by Kimberly Scanlon

E is for Ethics: How to talk to kids about morals, values, and what matter most by Ian James Corlett

The Essential 55 by Ron Clark

Parenting with Love & Logic by Foster Cline

Boys Should Be Boys by Meg Meeker

Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys by Stephen James

You Can't Say You Can't Play and A Child's Work: The Importance of Fantasy Play-(or anything by Vivian Gussin Paley)

Powerful Interactions by Amy Laura Dombro



Don't forget! Willy St Coop gift cards are available in the office! The coop is a great place to shop for great, fresh, healthy food, and we earn 9% on the cards. Denominations available are \$20, \$50 and \$100! Thank you for your support!



We are proud to share the news that MGNS has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from Youngstar. Sue, Juli and Patrice worked on the grant which was written to support our school goal of including more outdoor education in our program. In that vein, we have created outdoor backpacks for kids to use when we go on nature walks and discovery trips. They include magnifying glasses, binoculars, journals,

etc. In addition, we will have a traveling game set that we can use when we venture out to parks in the area. Yay Us! Yay Youngstar and thank you!

## *Is your Calendar Marked?*

*Grandparents Week #2 March 27-31*

***Spring Fling! Saturday, April 1- 9-11 am***

*NO SCHOOL FRIDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day*

*Spring Break- School Closed-Saturday, April 8 through Monday, April 17*

*Return to School on Tuesday, April 18*

*Spring Field Trips: (ALL KIDS CAN BRING A PARENT)*

*Aldo Leopold Nature Center: Wed. May 3-Dolphins and Starfish,  
Thur. May 4- Penguins Seahorses Manatees.*

*Hinchley's Dairy Farm: Wednesday, May 31- Starfish*

*Thursday, June 1- Dolphins, Penguins, Seahorses, Manatees*