



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter May/June 2014



Thank you Thank you Thank you! Thanks to all of you our Spring Fling was a great success-we all had a great time and we made over \$5000 for our school. Thanks to all who volunteered, all who donated and all who bid! A great big thanks goes to Dawn VanHorn, Krista Massian, and Gwyn Radtke our awesome board members for all of their hard work running the event. And again, a thank you to **Summit Credit Union**, **Affiliated Insurance**, and **32 Auctions** for being our corporate sponsors. And of course, thank you to all the parents who donated amazing things, bid high, and supported our school!



Summer Camp at MGNS! Year Two of our great new summer camp programs. Week one is Cooking and Food, which includes cooking, eating and food science. We will also have some outside time and some songs and stories. Week Two is Science with experiments, projects and science in all of its forms. Summer Camp is taught by Stephanie and Valerie and is a TON of fun. Camp is open to students of MGNS who have already attended preschool or 4k and are between the ages of 3-6. Interested? A bright orange flyer is posted on the Bulletin Board. **DUE DATE IS MAY 15 !**



MGNS RESALE!

Before you pack your winter gear away, please consider donating it to MGNS. In early fall, we will host the 2nd Annual MGNS Resale. This fundraiser gives you a chance to buy inexpensive gear for your child and raise money for teacher

appreciation. We would love all winter gear-jackets, boots, hats, etc, and would love more 4+ sizes next year. Then watch this space or our Facebook Page for the dates of the sale next year.

Open House for New and Potential Parents—Saturday, May 10th from 10:30-1:30. Please tell your friends or neighbors who might be interested in preschool, toddler time, or 4K at MGNS!



Parenting Book Club!

Two of our fabulous moms are starting a parenting book club here at MGNS. What a great way to get helpful hints and to talk about the parenting challenges of raising preschoolers. The first book they are reading is **Positive Discipline for Preschoolers**. First meeting is Monday, May 5th at 7pm here at MGNS. Join us!

HELP WANTED!

We have two needs here at MGNS so if one of these things is your interest, and you would like to volunteer, let us know!

1. We have two possible grants to write for the implementation of an improvement to our outside space/development of a school garden. If anyone would like to work on this project, I would love to have support!
2. If you are a technology guru, we have a lot of issues with the wireless internet in our office, and our two computers using the printer. If anyone has skills and can help us with this issue, please let us know.



Gifts! Many families like to give their teacher a small gift at the end of a school year- we so appreciate that thought! Instead, how about a small gift to the

school.... so that future generations can enjoy. The staff has created a wish list at Amazon of toys and books that we would love to see here at school- if you are so inclined- here is the link:

<http://amzn.com/w/2GZ11PH348ZGP>



Don't forget about our Oliver's Labels fundraiser that is still going on as you start getting ready for all your fun summer vacations, camps, college ☺ and other activities. A great idea from one of our MGNS families is to order labels with just your last name so that everyone can use them. Oliver's Labels offers multi-color packs that are gender neutral!

www.oliverslabels.com/mgns

(Look for the pink flag with MGNS on it in the upper right hand side of your screen to be sure we get credit for your order!)



Year End Picnic

The annual end of the year event takes place on the last day of school. Teachers, parents and their child, the whole family if you like, meet at The Dream Park in Monona. We all stay to play, laugh, talk and reminisce about the school year. Parents or caregivers are responsible for their child so parents and caregivers must stay the whole time. We spread out blankets and have a picnic lunch (each family brings their own). It is a happy way to say good bye.



If you are joining us again next year, watch your brown bags or the mail for your enrollment package. We are shooting for mid-May and it will contain all the necessary forms, information about tuition payments, a 14-15 school calendar, and a lunch bunch sign up form.



On behalf of MGNS, and next year's board president, Alison Downey, we would like to thank the Awesome Parents who have put in a ton of time in support of the school on this year's Board of Directors:

13/14 Board

Julie Tokheim-President*

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(*person remaining on the board for next year)

And... welcome to the board our new members for 14/15:

Maureen Treichel-Vice president

Lara Kenny-Secretary

Katy Kaufman-Treasurer

Sara Jorgensen-Fundraising

Teresa Bentler-Event Coordinator



Is your Calendar **Marked?**

Parenting Book Club at MGNS- May 5 2014 7 PM

Field Trips to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center:

Starfish Wednesday, May 14th

Dolphins and Penguins Class Thursday, May 15th

Manatees and Seahorses Thursday, May 15th

Join us on the trip- **all parents are welcome!** (sorry no siblings)

We take a school bus from MGNS and return to MGNS all within school hours

Farm Field Trip- To Sassy Cow Creamery-

Starfish Wednesday May 28th

Dolphins and Penguins Thursday, May 29th

Manatees and Seahorses Thursday, May 29th

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Year end Picnics at Monona Dream Park:

Penguins- Friday, June 6th

Seahorses-Tuesday, June 10th

Starfish, Manatees and Dolphins-Wednesday, June 11