



## Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter November 2015

*There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.*

*Hodding Carter*

Wow! We can certainly feel fall in the air! Our playground has been chilly and windy and inundated with leaves! Please remember to dress your kids warmly so they can play comfortably outside.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall fundraisers. Our Butter Braid Sale was great—we raised \$1900. Thanks also to those that bought bulbs, participated in our Resale, or chose the buyout option. It is much appreciated.

\*\*\*\*Don't forget that Oliver's Labels is a year-long fundraiser and a great gift for those hard to buy for people on your holiday shopping list!

\*\*\*\*And! We still have Willy St Coop Cards available for sale in the office—\$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

**Thanks** to everyone who came to our Meet Greet and Eat event. A special shout out to Stacey Neuman who is our Board of Director Event Coordinator for all of her hard work on the event!



### Book fair is coming!



Our fourth annual Scholastic book fair will be in the hall outside the office from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. We welcome you to come and do all your holiday shopping!

Book Fair will be open:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30-9:45 and 11:30-1:00

**Tuesday, it will be open from 11:30-1:30**

**AND...most of all!**

**We will be having a pajama party storytime on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. from 6:00-7:00. Kids can come and listen to stories in Hearthside room, and parents can shop.**

**AND**

**There is an online fair accessible through this link that has thousands of titles for all ages even adults!!!! . Many ways to get your shopping done AND support our school.**

**<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/mgnsbookfair>**

### **Meet the Board Member- Jamie Wohlgamuth- Fundraising**

Hello, I'm Jamie Wohlgamuth and I am one of the fundraising coordinators for the board this year. Lots of parents have probably seen me riding up to the school with my kids in tow in the burley cart. This is my first year working with the board and my third year as an MGNS parent.

I have two children, Trip and Willow, who both attend classes at MGNS. They started in Toddler Time (Willow is still there), Trip was a Penguin last year and is now in the Dolphin 4K class. They both love MGNS and all their teachers, I swear Willow would go to Toddler Time everyday if I let her!

Participating on the board is such an amazing opportunity. I have learned a great deal about the school and all the many ways parents help make our co-op so successful. I'm sure you've heard about, or participated in, all the great fundraisers that we've been working with. We are always open to suggestions and feedback, so let us know your thoughts!

In addition to the board activities, I work at the Willy Street Co-op in Middleton and trade off child-raising with my husband, Bill. We try to utilize any free time as a family, going to fun (free) events around the city, attempting to visit all 247 Madison parks, or relaxing at home with some Phineas and Ferb or Wild Kratts. I'm looking forward to another amazing year at MGNS and getting to know more parents



## **Pottery Painting Family Outing!**

**Join us for a great family outing to make some fun gifts and support MGNS! Please see the Flyer that is also attached and join MGNS on Sunday, November 22!**

**All the details are on the flyer-----be sure to check it out!**



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, carpool, whatever....

## Helpful Hints from the Staff



We have had some issues with parents being late to pick up their kids at school, or from Lunch Bunch. Please be respectful of our teachers' time and know that they have other duties and jobs to do. Our pick up time for the am class is 11:45, and for lunch bunch is 12:45 and for the pm class is 3:45. Please be there a couple of minutes early to ensure that you are there for the class dismissal.



Our art project table could use some toilet paper/paper towel tubes and some clean, completely washed yogurt and frozen oj containers for paint. Thanks for recycling with us!



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 year long fundraiser....*



There are lots of families dropping off and picking up at our school and our parking lots can get crowded. If you are only bringing one kiddo, and can easily walk up the hill, please think about parking on the street.



Please be sure you are our partners in teaching kids how to get dressed by themselves. We also teach them to flip their coat over their head. It would really help if you could encourage them to try this at home. We help them here, but after they give it a good try!

Here is a YouTube video to show you the Preschool Flip- (aka The Dive and Flip, or Tags to Toes) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqw0-gplqhc>

## **Is your Calendar Marked?**

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

*November 2-6*

### **Book Fair Pajama Party**

November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-7

### **Fired UP Pottery Event and Fundraiser**

Sunday, November 22 from 11-3

### **Feast Days**

Penguins-Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Starfish- Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Manatees, Dolphins and Seahorses- Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

### **No School Wednesday Thursday and Friday**

*November 26 and 27 and 28*