



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter December 2018

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey



OUR BOX UNIT is coming soon! Please save and bring in larger boxes anytime after the winter break. We will take all kinds of brown shipping boxes, and especially large (fridge, TV, etc) boxes. THANK YOU!

Art Cards: Orders Due Friday November 30th!

*Not sure what to do with all the beautiful artwork that your student creates at MGNS? **Art Cards** to the rescue! Just hand in your child's artwork and a crafty team of parent volunteers will turn those preschool masterpieces into one-of-a-kind greeting cards that you can use all year round! A set of **Art Cards** makes a great gift for a family member or friend too. The best part? We do all the work!*

- o Turn in order form with payment and your child's artwork by: **Friday, November 30th**
- o Please bundle all artwork together - a large paper or plastic bag will work great!
- § **Please put your name on this bag!**
- o Drop off orders in large plastic tote in hallway
- o Artwork will NOT be returned. Volunteers will cut and craft cards from original art pieces.
- o **Orders will be delivered to brown bags December 10-14th**
- o **Questions? Need an Order Form?** Contact Fundraising Coordinator Kathryn Mingione:
- § **Email:** kpmingione@gmail.com
- § **Phone/Text:** 608.225.4959

HELP WANTED

Our landlord, LEUCC, is looking for a new janitor. Know anyone who would be interested? Here is the posting:

Job Opening: part-time Janitor

Lake Edge United Church of Christ

20 hours/week (52 weeks; occasional Saturday or Sunday, minimal hours)

\$15/hr

2 weeks paid vacation

Scheduled time dependent in some respects on MGNS school, but still reasonably flexible and can be modified to fit your personal/family needs.

Details upon request

Position to be filled by years end.

Begins January 2019

Contact: pastor@lakeedge.org

Remember to use our Amazon Smile account when shopping this holiday season.

Visit: smile.amazon.com when you need to place an order. Then search for “Monona Grove Nursery School” and link your account to support MGNS while doing your regular online shopping. When you go to smile.amazon.com to start your shopping, be sure it says “**Supporting: Monona Grove Nursery School**” near the top of the page.



Scholastic book orders are due Dec.3rd to ensure delivery by the holidays. Paper copies were sent home this week, but all fliers are available to view online at <https://clubs.scholastic.com> Our school code is GL3TW. Also, if you are interested in keeping books a secret from your child, please email Stacey at staceynmgns@gmail.com to arrange a special pickup in the office.

OPEN HOUSE!

Do you know a friend or neighbor who would like to come to MGNS next year? Our Open House for the 19/20 school year is Saturday, February 9 from 10:30 am-1:30pm. Please send folks our way! Remember that if a new family puts your name on their application, we send you a gift card to our favorite coffee shop! Yum!

Are you willing to put a yard sign up in your yard?

Yard signs will be available starting on January 1.

Thanks for your help!



Thanks so much for all of our MGNS friends who came to both Fired Up Pottery and Culvers on our special days in November. We appreciate the support. Also thank you to Teresa Bentler of Family Tree Photo for taking our school pictures this year. She also made a generous donation to the school!



Our fantastic staff is dedicated to lifelong learning. For this year, we are participating in a monthly “Conscious Discipline” training that is provided to us from the City Of Madison Early Childhood Accreditation team. Each month we watch a video and review some articles about the conscious discipline approach. We have found it thought provoking and interesting.



Speaking of lifelong learning! Here is an opportunity for YOU!

CPR & First Aid Certification at MGNS!

Knowing CPR, First Aid, and how to use an AED can help you be ready to take action when someone needs it most. Get certified in CPR and First Aid in a small group setting right here at MGNS. Sign up for one or both courses! Great for grandparents, babysitters, and nannies as well as parents!

CPR/AED Course Covers:

- Adult, child, and infant CPR
- AED use for all ages
- Relieving choking for all ages.

First Aid Course Covers:

- First Aid Basics
- Medical Emergencies (e.g. heart attack, stroke, seizure, severe allergic reaction, etc.)
- Injury Emergencies (e.g. bleeding, burns, concussion, etc.)
- Environmental Emergencies (e.g. animal/insect bites, heat/cold-related emergency, etc.)

When: Saturday, January 19, 2019

- CPR/AED (9:00am-12:00pm)
- First Aid (12:30-3:30pm)

Where: Monona Grove Nursery School - Hearthside Room

Cost: \$60/course (includes certification card, valid for 2 years; AND a portion of each registration will be donated directly to MGNS)

Registration Required! Space is limited; sign up is first come, first served.

To **register**, contact course instructor, Kathryn Premo Mingione

Email: kpmingione@gmail.com

Phone/Text: 608.225.4959

SIGN UP! The sign-up for second semester helping parent and second semester volunteer duties will be sent out **Saturday, December 22 at 9 am** . So watch your email!



Reminder that our playground times will SWITCH after the winter break. So if your class currently starts on the playground, you will end on the playground for the second semester. And vice versa! Your teachers will also remind you!



Lunch Bunch Session 2 starts Tuesday, January 8th . If your kiddo is enjoying lunch bunch and you have not yet signed up for session 2- please do so ASAP. There are spots available for kids who would like to join us!



We are getting to the time of year when inclement weather may cancel school. Monona Grove Nursery School closes when Madison Public Schools (MMSD) close. Please watch your TV or Radio for school closings and watch for MMSD 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, and carpools, whatever....



Need a great idea for a gift? Remember MGNS is selling Willy St Coop gift cards in various denominations. Gift Cards are available in Sues Office.



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 yearlong fundraiser...www.oliverslabels.com/mgns.*

Lost and Found Box is on the cart with our parenting library. Missing something? Come check it out.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

November 27 - Benvenuto's Dine Out (Mention MGNS and 20% of your order will be donated - dine-in, carry out, delivery and gift cards included!)

November 30 - Art Card Orders Due (turn in orders to plastic tote in hallway)

December 15- Penguin Saturday at School 9-10 am

December 21-Last day of Session One Toddler Time and Lunch Bunch

Saturday, December 22 at 9 am-Sign ups for helping parent and spring volunteer duties sent out.

Holiday Break- December 22nd-January 4th

Monday, January 7- School Resumes

Monday, January 21st No School-MLK Jr. Day!

January 28-Feb 1- Toddler Time Visitation Days to Preschool and 4K rooms

February 2 Dolphin (9-10) and Manatee (10:30-11:30) Saturday at School

February 9th- Open house for Potential New Families

February 11th - Enrollment for 17/18 for CURRENT MGNS families- 8 am

February 18-Enrollment for 17/18 for NEW MGNS families-8 am

Spring Fling/Silent Auction- Saturday April 27th from 9-11

An MGNS Tradition not to be missed!