



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter March 2019



Thank you to everyone who attended our parent meetings, and a special thank you to board member Sarah Kopczyk for setting those up.



Toddler Time registration for 19/20 for new families begins on March 1!



Spring Brat Sale!

Time to think spring and... brats! brats! brats! Our spring brat sale is going on now through March 22nd (order forms sent home this past week in brown bags!). We are selling 12 varieties of bratwurst from Rackow's Family Sausage. (Stop in between 11:30-12:45 on Wednesday, March 6 or Thursday, March 7 to try samples of the brats!) This is a great sale to get your family, friends, and neighbors set for all those summer barbeques and backyard bashes. Brats will be available for pick up on May 1 & 2. Questions? Contact Fundraising Coordinator **Kelly Griseta**:

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Spring Fling Fundraiser



Saturday, April 27th (9:00-11:00am) - Our BIGGEST Fundraising Event of the Year!

- Bring the whole family for the **pancake breakfast** in Fellowship Hall!

- Live family entertainment by local musician **David Landau!**
- **Silent Auction:** One-of-a-kind “shopping” experience - browse our fun selection of gift certificates and unique items donated by our families and local businesses.

We like to give our families the opportunity to donate an item or service to the silent auction. If you'd like to contribute to the silent auction, here are some ideas:

Offering your time or special talents (examples):

- Music lessons
- Landscaping
- Fix-it services (home, computer, etc.)
- Personal training
- Sewing
- Childcare/Babysitting

A donation from your place of business

Special access to “behind the scenes” experiences

- Past donations have included a fire truck ride and a behind-the-scenes tour of Hy-Vee

Gift certificate or product sample basket if you are a consultant for an at-home business

Tickets to special events (theater, sporting events, etc.)

Gift certificates to a favorite place or business:

- Restaurant
- Children’s Center or Gym
- Movie Theatre
- Classes (Dance, Martial Arts, etc.)
- Auto Services
- Salon Services

Feel free to come up with your own idea too!

Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks! If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact one of your Fundraising Coordinators:

- Kelly Griseta - grisetakj@gmail.com
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From Board President Katy Kaufman:

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE! At the February board meeting, our board members kicked off a months-long strategic planning process that has us asking some big questions about the future of MGNS. For example:

- What kind/size of space do we want/need to serve our mission and meet our vision -- to be the perfect place to play and learn?

- What is our ideal size, program by program, both now and as the community around us grows and changes?
- How do we want to grow to make the school day/experience different? For example, including yoga, incorporating Spanish, focusing on K readiness, etc.
- How do we want to grow to make the school day/experience longer? For example, wrap-around care options, summer camps, connections for alumni families, etc.
- And more...

Later in the planning process, we will be welcoming more perspectives from the broader community of parents and families. Stay tuned for opportunities to speak your mind about how MGNS can build its strongest, most vibrant future!

Did you know? Our staff is always learning and growing as teachers! We are required by state law to have a certain number of hours of professional development each year, and we always learn so much while fulfilling this requirement. This year, the City of Madison has paid for several centers to take part in a 10 part training, which we do monthly, in Conscious Discipline. We have found the thoughts and ideas fascinating. Are you interested in what we are doing? Here is the Conscious Discipline Guru, Becky Bailey in a short video explaining the basic tenets. [Conscious Discipline Summary](#)

Is your Calendar Marked?

Monday, March 11: Benvenuto's "Dine Out" for MGNS: (11:00am-10:00pm) - Mention MGNS and we will receive 20% of your purchase (includes: carry out, delivery, gift cards, and dine-in purchases).

Friday, March 22: Brat Sale Forms Due

Tuesday, April 16: Manatee Field Trip to Monona Fire Department and Monona Public Library

Thursday, April 18: Dolphin Field Trip to Monona Fire Department and Monona Public Library

Saturday, April 27: Spring Fling! (9:00-11:00)

