



Monona Grove Nursery School Newsletter April 2019

We are so thrilled that ALL of our classes for the fall of 2019 are full!

We are still taking applications for our waitlist, but we are so happy that so many of you are sticking with us! Look for your enrollment packets coming home sometime this month, or early May. Lunch bunch application will be included, and remember that LB fills on a first come first serve basis!

We do have a lot of space for kids in Toddler Time! Spread the word!



Spring Brat Sale!

We had a GREAT Brat sale this spring selling over 500 packages in total! **Thank you so much** to everyone who sold and ordered! Your Brats will be available for pick up on May 1 and 2. Special shout out to our 2 top sellers: the Madelyn Peterson Family & the Thea Kaufman Family (your Crema Cafe gift card prizes are on the way!)



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):

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| • Music lessons | • Personal training |
| • Landscaping | • Sewing |
| • Fix-it services (home, computer, etc.) | • 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 for your at-home business

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

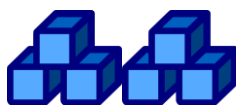
Gift certificates to a favorite place or business:

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| • Restaurant | • Classes (Dance, Martial Arts, etc.) |
| • Children's Center or Gym | • Auto Services |
| • Movie Theatre | • Salon Service |

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 or Kathryn Mingione - kpmingione@gmail.com

Donor Wall



Monona Grove Nursery School has been fortunate enough to receive monetary donations in the past. As a way to recognize these donors, we are pleased to announce the construction of a donor wall display, which will be finished in time for the Spring Fling. Look for this display outside of the Toddler Time room. And while we appreciate any amount, a donation of \$100 or more will be eligible for an engraved block on the wall to display your family's name



Thank you so much for everyone's patience this winter as we got through some rough situations. We struggled with both heat issues and parking lot clearing issues. As renters, we have to jump through a lot of hoops for these things, and work together with the church. As an update, the church has

repaired the heat in the hall and in the Toddler Time room, and they have also worked on some insulation issues over spring break. In addition, they have committed to a different plowing company for a more consistent clearing of our lot for next year. Again, thank you for your patience!



We are pleased to let you know that we have contracted with Megan Planey, of To the Moon Yoga for Kids, to do a bi-monthly yoga class with all of our students next year! She currently comes in for the Dolphins and the Manatees, but will expand next year to check in with all 4 classes. Here is a little bit about the benefits of yoga and mindfulness for kids.

[7 ways kids benefit from yoga](#)

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to get more involved with the MGNS Community? Join the Board of Directors!

WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO?

The MGNS Board of Directors sets school policy, considers new programs, approves tuition rates, etc. In addition to the board's overall leadership role, individual board members also have specific jobs they do on behalf of the school (e.g. volunteer coordinator, advertising coordinator, etc.). Meetings are held monthly at MGNS and last an average of 1-2 hours.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

To serve on the board you should:

- ✓ Have a child enrolled in one of our programs.
- ✓ Be willing to work hard on the school's behalf.

That's it! Previous experience serving on a board, working in a school, and/or volunteering with a non-profit is helpful but not necessary.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SERVING ON THE BOARD?

- » You can have a meaningful impact! MGNS is a small school, and serving on the board offers opportunities to people who want to make a real difference in the years your family is involved at MGNS and beyond.
- » You will work with other committed parents and develop relationships with other school families.
- » Board service counts as your family's volunteer duty in both semesters.
- » Board members get first choice when scheduling helping parent days.
- » Board members get priority enrollment for their children.
- » It can be FUN!

If you'd like to learn more about serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Sarah Kopczyk to get the conversation going. We have open positions starting May 2019 for the 2019-20 School Year!

Email sarahkopczyk@gmail.com Call/Text (612) 747-7485

Submit your interest form today at <https://tinyurl.com/MGNSboardinterest>

Is your Calendar Marked?

Week of April 15-19 Grandparents Week #2. Sign up with your teachers.

Monday, April 15 MGNS Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 16 Manatee Field Trip: Monona Fire Dept. & Monona Public Library

Thursday, April 18 Dolphin Field Trip to Monona Fire Dept. & Monona Public Library

Monday, April 22 Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 24 Dolphins and Starfish to Hinchley's Dairy Farm

Thursday, April 25 Penguins and Manatees to Hinchley's Dairy Farm

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

Wednesday & Thursday, May 1 & 2 Brat Order Pick Up

Monday, May 20 MGNS Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 22 Starfish to Aldo Leopold Nature Center (ALNC)

Thursday, May 23 Penguins, Manatees, Dolphins to ALNC

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

May 28-31 MGNS Spirit Week