

MGNS NEWSLETTER

October 2019



CALENDAR

- OCT 4th - Butter Braid sales end
- OCT 4th - Meet, Eat, and Greet
5 - 7pm
- OCT 16th - Sutter's Ridge Farm
Field Trip Dolphin class
- OCT 17th - Sutter's Ridge Farm
Field Trip Manatee class
- OCT 17th - Butter Braid pick-up
- OCT 21st - Dawn's Birthday
- OCT 23rd - School Pictures for
Starfish and Dolphins
- OCT 24th - School Pictures for
Penguins and Manatees
- OCT 31st - Food Fight cards end
- Nov 4th - 8th Grandparent's
Week
- NOV 5th - Culver's Night 5-8pm
- NOV 13th - Mid Semester Clean
Up 6:30 - 8:30pm
- NOV 17th - Fired Up Pottery
Fundraiser 11am-4pm
- NOV 22nd - Penguins Feast Day
- NOV 25th - Starfish Feast Day
- NOV 26th - Dolphins &
Manatees Feast Day
- NOV 27th - 29th Thanksgiving
Break

We had a wonderful start to school in all of our classes. Thank you to our families who helped get supplies and paperwork in, and helped to get their kids started out on the right foot. If you still owe us the immunization paperwork, the health report, or the field trip or MMSD fees, please do get those in!

A BRIEFING FROM THE BOARD

When we celebrated our 60th year as a school last year, we decided the occasion was a good opportunity to look forward and define the future. Our board did some strategic planning over last winter and spring, and that process is still powering a lot of the work the board is doing this year. In the strategic planning process, the board honed in on the opportunities: (1) to invest in our facility and improve its safety with new security features, (2) to expand our programming, and (3) to engage in long-term fiscal planning to put ourselves on the best possible financial footing.

Our board is an active and engaged group of parents working to make MGNS the best it can be. I thank them heartily for all they do, and I invite all of you to start thinking now about being part of this wonderful group in 2020-21 if this year is not your last!

You have seen -- and will see -- the results of some of this work later this year. If you've walked our halls before this school year started, you might have noticed quite a bit of fresh paint, new bulletin boards, and a new wall of donor blocks. Later this fall, you will notice security updates, including new locks on the front doors so that the doors will automatically unlock just before pick-up time and re-lock afterwards, among other things.

On the programming front, we are now planning new, optional, special programming for kids on Mondays in the 4K room with potential themes like water play, cooking, and science. Look for more details about this winter.

TODDLER TIME NEWS

Toddler Time Parents! If you are loving Toddler time and you have not yet put down a deposit to save your space for next semester, please do so! Thursday's class are already full, and the others are filling! Spring Applications coming soon!

UP COMING EVENTS and FUNDRAISERS

MEET, EAT, AND GREET

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT - OCTOBER 4TH

Bring the whole family to meet other preschool families and spend time in your preschooler's classroom. Options to register are per person or for the whole family. Pizza, fruit, drinks & dessert are included. Children under 2 are FREE. We will be including a pizza raffle again this year, so bring a few extra bucks to enter in the drawing to win a gift certificate to local pizza establishments.

Pizza Raffle @ Meet, Greet & Eat! Win gift cards to area pizza restaurants! Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Drawing will be at 6:45pm in Fellowship Hall. (You do not need to be present to win). We hope you're a pizza winner!

BUTTER BRAID

Butter Braid Sale is still going! Order forms and payment due by Friday, October 4th. Questions? Contact Kelly Griseta grisetakj@gmail.com or 608.206.6691 (**Butter Braid delivery will be on Thursday, October 17th starting at 11:30am. Please plan to pick up your order that day.)

FOOD FIGHT CARDS

Food Fight Cards for a Cause fundraiser ends October 31st. We earn 10% of all gift card sales when you enter the code MGNS. Purchase gift cards at shop.foodfightinc.com/cards-for-a-cause and enter "MGNS" as the donation code. Gift cards are mailed to you at no additional cost and are good at ANY of the 20 awesome Food Fight Restaurants.

PICTURE DAY

MGNS SCHOOL PICTURES

Starfish & Dolphins: Wednesday, October 23rd

Penguins & Manatees: Thursday, October 24th

Toddler Time: Either Wednesday 10/23 or Thursday 10/24 at 10:00am

This is an MGNS Fundraiser! 15% of all orders are donated to MGNS! Order forms will be handed out in brown bags. Photography will be provided by Family Tree Photography.



CULVER'S NIGHT

Mark Your Calendar! Culver's Night is Tuesday, November 5th from 5:00-8:00pm. An easy and delicious way to support MGNS!

GRANDPARENT'S WEEK

Grandparent's Week is coming up! All grandparents are welcome to join us in the classrooms for a day. We do this twice a year, and week one is November 4 to November 8. Your teaching team will send you a sign up for that week. We hope to have lots of Grandparents joining us to share their special skills or talents.

Reminder! Save your child's artwork this fall (or even from last school year!) for ART CARDS! Your child's artwork becomes one-of-a-kind custom greeting cards. More details coming later this fall.

FROM THE STAFF

Please take your child to the bathroom before class AND before Lunch Bunch—we really need them to go! Even if they say they do not have to go, please ask them to go and try.

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.

Children at MGNS will be using the playground whenever weather or ground conditions permit. If your child is at school, she will be included in outdoor activities, so dress appropriately.

PARENT LIBRARY

Our Parenting Library is open and ready for checkout! Our parenting library contains a wide range of titles including some teacher favorites like Parenting with Love and Logic, 1, 2, 3, Magic, and Positive Discipline for Preschoolers. Feel free to borrow any books and just sign them out on the clipboard. The cart with the books is usually out in the hall, if not it is in my office. But come down and take a look!

DONATION WALL

Have you noticed the little shelf of blocks along the wall next to Toddler Time? That is our "major donors" wall- Folks who have supported our Sunflower Scholarship Fund and our Long Term Growth fund through a flat donation of at least \$100. Each family who does so gets a block on the wall. These two funds are important to us - and we have had several families donate with a company match, which is also great! Please feel free to take a look, and a donation envelope!

PARENT'S CORNER



PLAY DOUGH RECIPE

HOW TO MAKE PLAYDOUGH

Playdough ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 Tablespoons of vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)
- Food coloring, optional
- Quart sized bags

Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you're only making one color, add in the the color now as well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a gallon sized bag or onto wax paper. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you're adding colors after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colors you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of color and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Once it's all mixed together you're ready to PLAY.