

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

December 2019



## CALENDAR

Dec 7 – Saturday at School  
Penguin Class

Dec 13 – Art Card Order Forms  
Due

Dec 14 – Art Card Work Day

Dec 20 – Last Day of Lunch  
Bunch Session 1

Dec 20 – Last Day of Toddler  
Time Session 1

Dec 23 – Jan 3 Winter Break

Dec 26 – Juli's Birthday

Jan 6 – School Resumes

Jan 6 – First Day of Toddler Time  
Session 2

Jan 7 – First Day of Lunch Bunch  
Session 2

Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day No School

Jan 26 – Revel "Share" Night

Thank you to all of our parents who came to conferences, brought ingredients for our feasts, ate at Culvers on our Scoopie Night, shopped at Fired Up Pottery during our fundraiser, and more! We are so thankful for your support and generosity.

This is the time of year when people ask us about things that we may need for the classroom as a holiday gift. While we appreciate the sentiment, please know that trusting us to take care of your children is enough of a gift!

BUT...we also have an Amazon Wish List of things that we are interested in having in our classroom. Here is the link, and thank you! [MGNS Wish List](#)

At a recent staff meeting, our fantastic teachers explored the rituals and traditions that we hold dear at MGNS, and talked about some other things that we could do to build and create community at our school. We know that young children thrive on repetition and rituals. Here is an article about creating your own family rituals: [How to Grow Happy Kids with Family Rituals](#)

Now that we have full on winter weather, please remember to label all of your kid's outdoor and indoor clothes.

Olivers Labels is one of our ongoing fundraisers and is a great way to get your name on everything! [Olivers labels for MGNS](#)

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## SECURITY DOOR UPDATE

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We are still working out the kinks with our entry door.

### **Here are some helpful hints:**

The door unlocks automatically 15 minutes before the start and end of each class. Please try to wait for this time to enter the building.

If you get here at 11:20 or 3:20 and ring the doorbell, the staff has to take the time to look at the phone and unlock the door. So, if you can wait til the 15 minute green zone, please do so!



Who are the people in your life who feel impossible to shop for – those people who “have everything” or who say they don’t want more things? If those folks support the mission of educating young people through play, then please keep Monona Grove Nursery School in mind as you decide on gifts this holiday season. Those people might truly appreciate having a donation to MGNS made in their names.

Making a gift to MGNS in the name of your family, friends, neighbors, or even clients, says that you are thinking

about them during the holiday season. These kinds of tribute contributions do more than demonstrate your thoughtfulness. They also support our school and its future growth.

Donations of all sizes help us build our future, but for a minimum gift of \$100 to MGNS, donors can now add a block to our new donor display. Blocks can have the name of the donor family, honor a child or grandchild, or showcase a business. (This just might be the perfect gift suggestion for the grandparents in your life!)

Don’t forget: You can potentially double the impact of your gift if your employer, or your partner’s employer, has a matching fund program.

To make a gift to MGNS, simply look for the envelopes to the left of the donor display (down the first hallway on the left side). Enclose a check, and tuck it in the tuition lockbox in the office. Or even more simply, visit [mgns.org](http://mgns.org) and click the donate button.

As 2019 winds down, we appreciate you considering MGNS in any charitable giving plans. There are many ways to support a bright future for our school and for the children who come through its doors, and we thank you for all the ways you support our mission to be the perfect place to learn through play.

## UP COMING EVENTS and FUNDRAISERS

**Thank you to all who were able to come to Culver’s Night on November 5th. We had a great time and earned \$750.00 for MGNS! Awesome!**

**Thanks also to those who came to Fired Up Pottery. It was a very fun day and it was great to see some super MGNS artists at work!**

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### ART CARDS

**Art Cards! - Order forms are due Friday, December 13!** Cards (with envelope!) are just \$1.00 each and can be ordered in any quantity. They will be delivered to you before winter break. This is a great way to up-cycle your child’s one-of-a-kind artwork (and a set of cards makes a great gift too!) Questions? Contact Kathryn Mingione ([kpmingione@gmail.com](mailto:kpmingione@gmail.com))

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### REVEL “SHARE” NIGHT

**Revel “Share” Night - Sunday, January 26 (5:00-9:00pm)** - Mark your calendar for this parents night out! Revel is a DIY Craft Bar (with a real bar!) so you can enjoy a beverage snacks, and the company of friends, all while crafting a project of your choice.

Check out [revelmadison.com](http://revelmadison.com) to see current items on the craft bar menu. Space is limited for this event - RSVP at [revelmadison.com/mgnssharenight](http://revelmadison.com/mgnssharenight). Spread the word! All (adults :) are welcome!