

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

February 2020



## CALENDAR

Feb 1 – Saturday at School for Dolphin class 9-10am, Manatee class 10:30-11:30am

Feb 8 – Open House for New Families

Feb 9 – Stacey's Birthday

Feb 10 – Enrollment Current Families

Feb 15 – Saturday at School Starfish Class 10-11am

Feb 17 – Enrollment New Families

Mar 18 – Mid Semester Clean Up 6:30 – 8:30pm

Mar 21 – Spring Fling 9-11am

Mar 23 – Brat Sale Start

Mar 30 to Apr 3 – Spring Break

Apr 6 – School Resumes

Apr 10 – Brat Sale Ends

Apr 13 to 17 – Grandparents Week

Our Winter Open House for POTENTIAL new families is on February 8 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. To folks who may be looking for a preschool, our parents are our best resource of new families, so please spread the word. All of our teachers will be here, our classrooms will be ready to play in, and we would love to meet anyone interested in preschool next year or beyond, or in Toddler Time. Remember! If you are named as the referral on their application, MGNS sends you a gift card to a local coffee shop.

Registration for next year! For our current families, it is MONDAY, February 10 starting at 8 am. We will have coffee and donuts! Your admittance to classes is on a first come-first served basis! Remember that a friend can bring your application too!

Toddler Time Visitation week is coming up February 3-7. During this week, Sue or parent volunteers will, each day, facilitate a "visit" to the preschool and/or 4K rooms if so desired by Toddler Time Families. This is a great way to catch a glimpse of those classrooms before sign-up day!

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## **SPRING FLING**

We're less than two months away from our biggest event of the year! Live music! Pancakes! Kids Raffle! ...and our famous Silent Auction!

It's the Spring Fling! (Saturday, March 21 from 9:00-11:00am - mark your calendars.) More information will be coming out soon; in the meantime, consider a donation to the silent auction. If you'd like to donate an item, gift basket, special skill, or something else, please get in touch with Fundraising Coordinator, Danielle Goldsmith ([dkgoldapple@gmail.com](mailto:dkgoldapple@gmail.com)).

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## **WILLY STREET CO-OP**

Willy Street Co-op Cards are on sale in the office in the denominations of \$50 and \$100. Stop in and support our school!

MGNS is gearing up now to enroll kids for the 2020-2021 school year, and this time of year involves a lot of forward thinking for the Board of Directors too. As we look ahead to the next school year, the board is: reviewing and setting rates for all our programs; approving the next year's school calendar of start dates, holidays, and end dates; and recruiting to fill the vacancies on next year's board of directors. In other exciting news, we'll also be working over the next few months to plan a few sessions of an MGNS summer camp in June 2020. Once it's board approved, more information about that exciting program will be on its way.

You also might be interested to know that the board is also developing a new board position for next year and beyond: an alumni parent position. For years, our board has been composed of current parents, but starting next year, one seat at the table will be reserved specifically for an alumni parent. The position description is still evolving, but if your kids are growing out of our programs, and your time at MGNS is coming to an end, you may have an opportunity to stick around and play an important role in strengthening our future. If this piques your interest, feel free to reach out now to President-Elect Kathryn Mingione ([kpmingione@gmail.com](mailto:kpmingione@gmail.com)) so she can follow up with information when it's available.



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**WINTER PARENT MEETING**

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Exciting news! Our 2020 Winter Parent Meetings have been SET! Below are the two dates and topics that will be offered this year. Please remember that your family needs to be represented at one of the two meetings, though you're welcome to attend both if you'd like. Both meetings will take place at MGNS in Alliance Hall (formerly Fellowship Hall). Please follow the link below to indicate which meeting(s) you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, March 3, 7:00-8:00 PM – TOPIC: Discipline**

**Wednesday, March 11, 7:00-8:00PM – TOPIC: Screen Time**

Childcare, for your MGNS student and their siblings, will be offered for the first time this year. The cost is \$5 per child (cash or check written to MGNS upon drop off) and will be staffed by MGNS teachers. When you sign up for the meeting you plan to attend, you will have the opportunity to sign up for childcare on a first come, first served basis with a limit of 25 children per meeting. If you plan to attend both meetings, please do only utilize the MGNS childcare option for one of the two meetings.

[Sign up here for the meetings and childcare.](#)

Questions can be directed to MGNS Vice President Sarah Kopczyk [sarahkopczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sarahkopczyk@gmail.com).

**Feb 29 (9:00-11:00am; Location: Hearthside Room)** Having knowledge of First Aid, CPR, and how to use an AED can help you be ready to take action when someone needs it most. And those most likely to need your help are those closest to you - your family and friends. In this 2-hour workshop, participants will:

- Learn the basics of CPR
- Learn how to use an AED
- Learn how to relieve choking for all ages
- Learn First Aid for the most common injuries and illnesses
- Have the opportunity to practice First Aid and CPR skills

Perfect for those who do not need formal certification but still want to be prepared. Great information for parents, grandparents, babysitters, nannies, and anyone who wants to learn how to help when it counts the most!

Cost is **\$30/participant** (\*a portion of each registration fee will be donated back to MGNS). Contact instructor, Kathryn Mingione ([kpmingione@gmail.com](mailto:kpmingione@gmail.com)) with any questions and to sign up.



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**FUNDRAISERS**

Thanks to all who came to Revel on January 26th! It was such a fun time crafting and connecting with others. Thanks for helping raise money for our school in this creative way!

The MGNS school photos turned out great! Family Tree Photography was able to donate \$180 to MGNS from the photo sales. The school is deciding on exactly what to do with the earnings, but we are hoping to decorate the preschool's walls with some special images in the near future. If you took advantage of the school photos, we hope you enjoyed them and do for years to come.