

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

March 2020



## CALENDAR

Mar 3 – Winter Parent Meeting  
Discipline 7:00 – 8:00pm

Mar 10 – Spring Fling Online  
Silent Auction Starts

Mar 11 – Winter Parent Meeting  
Screen Time 7:00 - 8:00pm

Mar 11 – Brat Sale Starts

Mar 11 & 12 – Brat Sample Day  
11:30 -12:45pm

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

Mar 21 – Spring Fling 9-11am

Mar 30 to Apr 3 – Spring Break

Apr 6 – School Resumes

Apr 10 – Brat Sale Ends

Apr 14 – Starfish Field Trip

Apr 16 – Manatee Field Trip

Apr 17 – Dolphin & Penguin Field  
Trip

Apr 20 to 24 – Grandparents  
Week

Registration for next year's classes has begun. A huge thank you to all of you who sent friends and neighbors to look into our school. We appreciate the support. While all of our classes are full for next year, we continue to encourage folks to get on the waiting list as lots of things can change over the summer.

Toddler Time registration for the fall is now open. Applications went home with current Turtles this week and the applications will be on the bulletin board and online next week. Encourage your friends to join us!

Please be careful! I notice that a lot of our friends like to climb the snow hill in the parking lot after school. Parents please be aware that you need to be with your child and extremely attentive to her while there. Also, I have seen a few parents send their child there while they grab the stuff. Please accompany your child and be sure that they are holding a hand in the parking lot!

If you are feeling generous, it is that time of year when we are running low on a few school supplies. If you would like to drop off an extra packet of paper towels, a box of tall kitchen garbage bags, or a large refill bottle of hand soap, that would be most appreciated!

Please remember to bring your brown bags back each week. It is helpful for us to be able to fill them up.

Reminder! Kids should always be prepared to go outside when they come to school. We may go out, we may not, and we may go out at a different time. So always come prepared!

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## SPRING FLING

**Saturday, March 21! Online Silent Auction March 10!** Please try to have donations for the silent auction in by Friday, March 6. Forms were sent home mid-February (extra forms available on the bulletin board in the hallway!) Donations can be turned in to your child's teacher. Contact Fundraising Coordinator, Danielle Goldsmith with questions ([dkgoldapple@gmail.com](mailto:dkgoldapple@gmail.com)).

With the school's primary enrollment period behind us, the Board of Directors is now digging into the details of the school budget for next year. Key program rates for next year have been approved, so now we turn our attention to the expense side of the equation. We are also recruiting now for board members to serve next year and beyond, and refining the details of our summer camp program, tentatively scheduled for one week (M-Th) in June and another in August. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions about the board's work, please refer to the Board of Directors section on our website ([mgns.org](http://mgns.org)) or reach out to Katy Kaufman at [mgnsresident@gmail.com](mailto:mgnsresident@gmail.com).

See you all at the Spring Fling on March 21!

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**WINTER PARENT MEETING**

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A friendly reminder that the link for the Winter Parent Meetings and optional Child Care is live. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mgnswinter2020signup> to sign up!

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

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

Representation from each family at one of the two meetings is mandatory as part of our parent co-op requirements, with the exception of Toddler Time families who are still welcomed and encouraged, but not required, to attend. You're also welcome to attend both meetings if that would be valuable to you and your family. Child care is available for each meeting for \$5 per child, but please only utilize it for one meeting if you choose to attend both. There is a limit of 25 children per meeting for child care. Questions can be directed to Sarah Kopczyk, [sarahkopczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sarahkopczyk@gmail.com).

**“Think and Wonder,  
Wonder and Think.”**

**–Dr. Seuss**



**Reminder - Save Art Work for Art Cards!** Our Spring edition of Art Cards is coming up in April! More info coming soon.

**On Deck:**

- **BRAT SAMPLE DAYS!** Wednesday, March 11 & Thursday, March 12 (11:30am-12:45pm) Try'em before you buy'em (and sell them!)
- **Brat Sale!** mid-March-April 10; Delivery May 8. More info coming home in brown bags soon!
- **Art Cards!** Orders Due Friday, April 24
- **Mallards Game MGNS Family Night - Tuesday, June 23!** Mark your calendars! More details coming soon!

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**WILLY STREET CO-OP**

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We have Willy St Co-op Gift Cards in the office for sale in the denominations of \$50 and \$100. If you are a Willy Street shopper, this is a great way to support our school as we earn 9% back on each card!

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**ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR**

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As stated in the February 2020 Newsletter, there is a new position on the MGNS Board of Directors beginning with the 2020-2021 school year being created specifically for an alumni parent. The [Alumni Relations Coordinator](#) will be responsible for the general communication of school happenings and events to alumni families as well as the continued growth of our Building Blocks wall.

If you're interested in furthering your involvement at MGNS even after your children have grown out of our programs, please complete this form or reach out to President Elect Kathryn Mingione, [kpmingione@gmail.com](mailto:kpmingione@gmail.com).