

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

December 2020



## CALENDAR

Dec 4 – Scholastic Book Ends

Dec 7 – Zoom the Zoo  
Penguins and Starfish at 10am

Dec 8 – Zoom the Zoo  
Dolphins at 9am

Dec 8 – Zoom the Zoo  
Manatees at 1:00pm

Dec 21 – Jan 1 Winter Break

Jan 4 – Virtual Learning Resumes

## UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

During this very unusual holiday season, we want to express our thankfulness for sharing your children with us. Whether you are joining us now for Octopi virtual learning or waiting until we are back in person, we appreciate your confidence and support through this crazy year. As a reminder, we are keeping our building closed until at least January 25th and will continue to teach virtually until that time. In the past week, or in the upcoming week, you should have received a short update on our observations of your kiddo so far this year. As always, please do feel free to reach out to your teachers or to me if you have concerns or questions about what is happening in your virtual classroom.

At this point, we are continuing to follow the lead of MMUSD in terms of returning to our physical building. Our tentative return date is January 25. However, if we return to in-person learning, we will continue to hold virtual preschool and 4K. Your child will keep at least one of their current teachers either way. In very early January, we will ask each family to commit to either in-person or virtual learning for the January 25 date, providing we do actually open.

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## PARENT MEETING

Traditionally, in January, we have parent meetings to discuss and examine some element of child development or parenting. Our meetings will likely occur later in the year and also look a little different. HOWEVER, if you need resources or ideas about anything, please know that the entire staff is available to you. I am always happy to talk through parenting issues and am willing to help find appropriate resources. Stay tuned, too, for some parent gatherings to talk through the anxiety of parenting in a pandemic.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the families that participated in our first-annual Jellyfish Jaunt! It was a huge success and we raised \$685 for our school. We hope everyone had fun getting out to zoom with your feet, instead of from your seat!



## ***WAY TO GO!***

Also, thanks to everyone for participating in school pictures, Family Tree Photography was able to make a donation of \$143.76 to our school. Thanks, Family Tree Photography!!

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that stopped by Fired Up! pottery to pick up a piece to paint or purchase a gift card to use at a later date. Part of every purchase comes back to support our school!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is only 5 months away -- our annual Spring Fling event will be on **Saturday, April 10, 2021**. Be sure to save the date! More details to come!!

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### **BUILDING BLOCKS AND AMAZON WISH LIST**



This is the time of year when folks often think of gift giving! While our teachers appreciate that, we also encourage you, if you are so inclined, to give to the school. Adding your family's name to the block wall "[Building Blocks for the Future](#)" is one way to support us and remind folks for years to come of your support. The money donated to our building block wall goes straight into our savings, emergency funds, and scholarships

Another way is to have a peek at our [Amazon wish list](#). All staff are able to add things to this list that we think would enhance our program and build our future. Or pick something to add to our collection that your child really loves.

Regardless, you have already shared with us the best gift of all- allowing us to spend time-now or in the future- with your kids.

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### **WINTER BREAK**

There will be no zooms, toy check out, or playground meetings during Winter break December 21-January 1.

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## FOOD DRIVE

Wow! MGNS! Thanks so much for participating in our annual Food Drive! We had a great response, and felt so happy to be able to drop all of this at the St. Stephens food pantry.



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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Give the Gift of Books! Our Scholastic Book Club will ship books to your house with an order of over \$25! Otherwise we will deliver!

Due Date: **12/04/20**

Connect to [Our Class Page](#)

Shop the flyers for your child's grade together: [Scholastic Flyer](#)

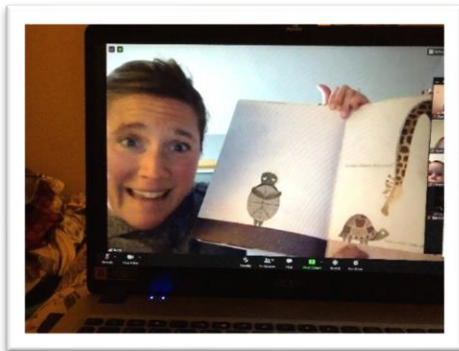
Class Code: **RNZYK**

If you celebrate Christmas, there are lots of holiday books to share. If your kids are Pete the Cat fan, check out the book pack available this month!

And don't forget to check out the Non-Fiction books to help kids learn about the world around them and themselves. Also lots of great beginning reader sets for those kiddos that are starting to read!

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## STORYTIME



Our Friday bedtime stories were a blast! I wish Stacy could read me a story every night!

Stacey and Friends will be doing another storytime on Friday, December 11 at 7 pm. Link to come!

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## ZOOM THE ZOO

MGNS is taking a virtual field trip to see all sorts of animals without leaving home. A Zoom link will be emailed to you soon!

Monday, December 7 at 10:00am for the Penguins & Starfish

Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00am for the Dolphins

Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00pm for the Manatees