

MGNS NEWSLETTER

January 2021



CALENDAR

JAN 4 – Virtual School Resumes

JAN 12 – Adult/Teacher Yoga
7:30-8:30 pm

JAN 15 – Scholastic Book Orders
End

JAN 15 – Yard Sign
Extravaganza Day

JAN – 18 No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

JAN 22 – PJ Storytime 7pm

FEB 8 – Current Families 2021-22
Enrollment at 8 am

FEB 15 – New Families 2021-22
Enrollment

UPDATES FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello MGNS Families,

Happy New Year to all of you! The past calendar year has definitely been one for the books. As we ring in 2021, I hope we can look back at the strength we mustered up, feel proud, and keep it going strong as winter continues on.

A new year, and especially this one, brings hope and the promise of new opportunities. For Monona Grove Nursery School, it brings these things and also the chance to reboot, reinvigorate - and recruit! While we are still in the thick of hard times, we are looking ahead to next school year as enrollment for 2021-22 comes up in just over a month. We invite you to spread the word about our wonderful school and programs. See below for more information on our "Yard Sign Extravaganza" and more! Sharing our social media posts, telling friends and neighbors about our programs, and sharing your own personal experience and connection with MGNS goes a long way for us. We truly appreciate it.

We are also readying ourselves for the potential of re-opening in this next semester. Please be sure to thoroughly read the information about our possible re-opening and promptly respond to the survey that will be sent to all families soon. It is very important for us to have this information to help us make the best decisions for our students and families. The board voted to continue to follow the guidance of MMSD, so if the district keeps 4K virtual, MGNS programs will follow suit. Look for more information and announcements to come in the next few weeks. For now, your input on the survey will greatly help us to know how our families are viewing the transition back to in-person learning. With all we have been able to accomplish over the past months, I have no doubt that 2021 is going to be a great year for MGNS! Cheers to the new year!

Kathryn Mingione
President, MGNS Board of Directors

My name is Nicole Blattner and I am the Advertising Coordinator! This has obviously been a challenging year, so I just want to take a moment to thank you for reading this and for supporting our school! With enrollment season ahead of us, we know one of our greatest resources for advertising is you! So we are asking for your help, which we will need even more this year!

This year, we have increased our referral incentive. As always, when you refer a family to enroll with MGNS and they name you on their application, you will receive a coffee gift card! This year you will also be entered to win a family pizza party delivered to your home! So think about friends, neighbors, co-workers, family who might have a kiddo who will be ready for preschool, 4K or Toddler Time in the fall!

Mark your calendars! Friday, January 15th, 2021 will be our Yard Sign Extravaganza Day! We are turning to MGNS families, past and present, to proudly display a Monona Grove Nursery School sign in their yard. Be sure to snap a picture of the sign in your yard and share on the MGNS Facebook page for your chance to win a family prize pack + MGNS mugs and tees! I will be going Live on Facebook on January 15th to kick off our Yard Sign Extravaganza Day! Feel free to put your family in the picture, or decorate your sign! Be Creative!

How to get a sign? Email suecmgns@gmail.com by January 14th and arrange for pickup or delivery!

(Don't use social media and still want a chance to win the prize pack? No problem! Just e-mail your yard sign picture to Sue at: suecmgns@gmail.com or Nicole at: nicole.kemnitzer@gmail.com)

How else can we spread the word? We will not be having an open house in February, but we will have both in person tours and Zoom tours by appointment. AND look for a "virtual tour" of the place premiering soon on our webpage and our Facebook page.

AND remember to invite any friends you know to "like" our Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram.

Thank you for your help in this very challenging year.

ENROLLMENT 2021-22

MGNS! We are definitely hoping that the 21-22 school year is a regular one for us! And so it is time to enroll! Please keep this date in mind! Monday February 8th at 8 am is when you all (current families, virtual or not, and all toddler time folks) can sign up for next year for preschool or 4K. (Next year's Toddler Time applications will come later). You can either come to school and we will come out and take your application from your car- masked and distant - or you will be able to fill out the application online and submit it that morning. All 21-22 applications will be up on our website by January 15, as well as information about enrollment in the MMUSD 4k program, Open Enrollment, and Scholarships and Financial aid. If you have friends or family who might be new to our school who might want to sign up, their date is Monday, February 15.

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, January 22 at 7 pm**. Link to come!

LET'S THINK SPRING FLING! Our biggest fundraiser of the year, our annual SPRING FLING, is coming up on **April 10, 2021**. As with most things in the past year, this year's Spring Fling won't be quite the same ... BUT, it will be just as much fun! We're working on plans for a virtual concert with everyone's favorite, David Landau, and may have a drive-thru breakfast too! Give us your ideas!!!!

Just like in years past, this year's Spring Fling will again feature a silent online auction with amazing products, services, experiences, handmade items and more! A huge part of our success every year is donations from our families - if you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, please reach out to your fundraising coordinators: Danielle (dkgoldapple@gmail.com) or Aimee (aimeewendt14@gmail.com) and we'll make arrangements to pick up your donation.

In the past we've had everything from handmade bird houses to quilts to hats and more! These long winter months are just the time to craft something up that someone else would love! More details will be coming in the next few months!

PARENT/TEACHER YOGA

"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." **Anne Lamott**

Parents, this one is for YOU! Please join Megan, our Yoga Teacher, for a parent nighttime yoga class - **Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30-8:30 pm**. It will be a gentle flow, easygoing class, and you are welcome to bring an adult beverage along with your water. This is a MGNS gift to you. To remind you to take care of yourself, as well as all of the other people you care for! Treat yourself to an evening of stretching and relaxation. Email Sue at Suecmgns@gmail.com for the ZOOM link. And JOIN US!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Give the Gift of Books!

Due Date: **1/15/21**

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Class Code: **RNZYK**