MGNS NEWSLETTER

April 2021



UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

CALENDAR

APR 5 – MGNS Reopening

APR 10 – Spring Fling

APR 13 – Scholastic book orders end

APR 14 – Heartland Field Trip Starfish 10-10:20am Penguins 10:30-10:50am Dolphins 11-11:20am Manatees 12-12:20pm

APR 16 – Storytime Zoom 7pm

Happy April to all of our MGNS friends!

We are so happy to be in our school, readying ourselves for inperson learners arriving the week of April 5. It will be an intense 10 weeks or so, as all of our teaching teams teach both their inperson kids and their virtual kids, but we all wanted to stay with the classes that we know and love. If you did not get a chance to see the letter I sent out about changes to our in person learning routines, <u>please take a look here</u>. If you are staying virtual, please check out <u>this note</u>.

We continue to enroll for our 4K, preschool, and Toddler Time Classes for the fall. If you know of someone who might be interested, please direct them to our <u>website</u>, and remember! If they mention you on the application, a coffee card will be coming your way!

April always brings the ever popular and important **Spring Fling**. **April 10** is the big day! This year, again, this is a virtual event, with some fun twists. First of all, our fundraising team has been working so hard to get items for our <u>silent auction</u>, and it looks great! It is live now, and I encourage you to bid high and bid often! Bidding ends April 10 at 6:00 PM. All of your bids go directly back to getting MGNS back on its feet after the past year.

This year, we also will be having a live <u>ZOOM concert</u> at 10:00 AM with the one and only David Landau, and a drive through/pickup breakfast from our friends at Just Bakery!

<u>Fill out the order form</u> for breakfast treats – you can send a check, or pay at the drive through on that Saturday morning. And you can use the same form to buy your raffle tickets too! We have some great prizes including gift cards for pizza, coffee, buckets filled with springtime fun (chalk! bubbles! yay!) and more! Raffle winners will be chosen after the concert.

All of the information and links can be found <u>here</u>.

There is still plenty of time to let us know you are interested in serving on next year's parent Board of Directors. Thank you to those who have already been in touch! If you think this is something that could be for you, please take a moment to complete this <u>Expression of Interest Form</u> to let us know. It is not a commitment; just a way for us to connect and start conversation if you are thinking about contributing to the school in this way. There are a few perks to being on the board too - it fulfills your co-op duties for both semesters, you get to register for classes before enrollment officially starts, and you get first dibs on signing up for being the parent helper (and fingers crossed we can see that feature of a "normal" school year in 2021-22!). The Board of Directors plays an important role in our school and how it moves forward. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Board President Kathryn Mingione: <u>kpmingione@gmail.com</u>

We appreciate all of your support and input as we turn this corner and move into the next couple months of teaching two ways!

Sue MGNS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

2021/22 SCHOLARSHIP

Parents! If you are planning to join us in preschool next year, and your family is having some financial hardship, our scholarship committee has extended the deadline to apply for the MGNS scholarship until May 8th. There are also state, city, and other sources for tuition assistance on the application, and we encourage you to examine them all. Our scholarship application can be found <u>here</u>.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for MARCHing out of your kitchen last month! We raised \$217 at MOD Pizza and \$223 at Noodles & Co.!

DONOR WALL



March Madness is still going on! A very generous alumni donor has offered to match up to \$1000 donated to the school this spring. This could be your moment to give a little back to our school! Any donation is more than welcome, but remember that your family can be memorialized forever on our Building our Future Block Wall that resides right as you come in the door for a \$100 or more donation! Which during this special match means you have raised \$200 for our school! Thank you in advance!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Give the Gift of Books! Due Date: **4/13/21** Connect to <u>Our Class Page</u> Shop the flyers for your child's grade together: <u>Scholastic Flyer</u> Class Code: **RNZYK**

HEARTLAND FIELD TRIP

MGNS is taking a virtual field trip to HEARTLAND FARM SANCTUARY. A Zoom link will be emailed to you soon!

Our virtual field trip for ALL kids in-person and virtual classes on Wednesday, April 14 Starfish 10-10:20 Penguins 10:30-10:50 Dolphins 11-11:20 Manatees 12-12:20

STORYTIME

Our Friday bedtime stories were a blast! I wish Stacey could read me a story every night! Stacey and Friends will be doing another storytime on **Friday**, **April 16 at 7 pm**. Link to come!

YOGA

We are thrilled to welcome back our Yoga Teacher Megan this spring! Megan will be teaching virtual yoga on ZOOM to both our in person learners and our virtual learners. Starting the week of April 21, Megan will offer Yoga on Zoom to our IN PERSON friends on Wednesdays from 9-930 and to our VIRTUAL learners on Thursdays from 9-930. The zoom link will be included in your

CALENDAR UPDATES

Our end of the year 20-21 calendar has changed.

Penguins: Last in person class – Friday, June 4. Last virtual Zoom- Monday, June 7, Penguin picnic Tuesday, June 8.

Starfish: Last in person class – Monday, June 7, Last virtual Zoom- Wednesday, June 2, Starfish picnic Tuesday, June 8

Dolphins: Last in person class – Tuesday, June 8. Last Virtual Zoom- Monday, June 7, Dolphin picnic Wednesday, June 9

Manatees: Last in person class – Tuesday, June 8. Last Virtual Zoom- Monday, June 7 Manatees picnic Wednesday, June 9

Toddler time – Last class Thursday, June 10