

MGNS NEWSLETTER

October 2021



CALENDAR

- Oct 1 – Butter Braid Ends
- Oct 1 – Jellyfish Jaunt virtual run/walk starts
- Oct 2 – Meet, Greet and Showcase
- Oct 8 – Scholastic Book Ends
- Oct 13 – School Picture Day Dolphins, Sea Otters and Starfish
- Oct 14 – Butter Braid pick up 11:45am-2pm
- Oct 14 – School Picture Day Penguins and ALL Toddler Time kids and Alumni kids (from 9:30-11)
- Oct 20 – Chipotle Dine Out Night 5-9pm
- Oct 27 – Halloween Parade Starfish
- Oct 29 – Halloween Parade Penguins, Dolphins and Sea Otters
- Oct 31 - Jellyfish Jaunt Ends
- Nov 5 - Jellyfish Jaunt Pledges Due
- Nov 9 – Culver's Dine Out Night 5-8pm

FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Hello MGNS Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year with lots and lots of happy kids. The weather has been great to spend lots of time on the playground, and our kids are all enjoying exploring their new classrooms. Thank you to all the parents who prepared their kids for school, practiced mask wearing and good hand washing, and have followed all of our protocols! We appreciate your help in keeping our kids safe.

A huge shout out to our staff who have been doing all of their regular work, plus all the work usually done by our helping parents, plus all the extra cleaning tasks that are in place. And doing it all with grace, good humor and in a mask! Our whole community appreciates all of you so much!

We have an exciting October coming up! We are all excited for our Covid version of the Meet Greet and Eat on October 2! Our Butter Braid sale wraps up, and the virtual MGNS fun run, "The Jellyfish Jaunt" kicks off! This is our 2nd annual Jellyfish Jaunt, and we loved it last year! Details below, but be sure to participate to support our school.

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CHILD/ FAMILY ILLNESSES

We want to alleviate any confusion about when kids can/cannot come to school. If someone in your family has symptoms, but your MGNS kid has no symptoms, they can come to school. It is when EITHER your child has been exposed to a confirmed positive Covid case, someone in your family has a confirmed positive Covid case, or your child shows two or more of the symptoms listed on the screener that he/she cannot come to school until they have a negative PCR test.

Of course, we appreciate all of your efforts to lean towards the side of caution and keep kids home or get them tested when there is any question.

We are very excited to invite you to the “Meet, Greet, and Showcase” event on Saturday, 02 October. Typically, the annual “Meet, Greet, and Eat” event is held in-person at the school, but due to COVID, we are hosting this event virtually, with a few fun modifications! A flyer was sent home in the brown bags this week, but here is some additional information.

The event will be hosted on Zoom and will include a virtual tour of the classroom with your student’s teachers, fun interactive content with the teachers throughout, and a family showcase. The purpose of this event is to open the classroom to families and to build community within each classroom.

Please join us with your family!

After the classroom tour, each student/family will be given time to “showcase” themselves! Please help your student prepare a 2-3 minute showcase, including:

- Name
- Age
- Favorite part of the classroom
- The showcase - a chance to share or show something that demonstrates your student’s/family’s unique personalities.

What a fun way to learn more about your student’s classmates, their families, and their teachers!

Showcase ideas:

- Show/talk about family members and pets
- Show/talk about favorite things (artwork, books, toys, dress-up costume, vacation spot, thing to do outside, snack or dessert, etc.)
- Sing a short song and/or dance to a favorite song
- Anything else you choose (that can fit within the timeframe.)

The Zoom links for each classroom will be provided by your student’s teachers in email. **Please share the Zoom link with additional family members (for example, grandparents) and encourage them to support your MGNS student!**

Start times:

- STARFISH - 10am
- DOLPHINS - 10am
- PENGUINS - 11:30am
- SEA OTTERS - 11:30am

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue, your student’s teacher, or this year’s Events Coordinator, Nicole Smialek (nicole.leigh.smialek@gmail.com).

Butter Braid Fundraiser Info! Orders are **due Friday, October 1**. Remember, you can turn [order forms](#) into school, or email a picture of your order sheet to (fundraising@mgns.org). Please send in one check for your entire order to MGNS. Orders will be ready for **pick up on Thursday, October 14 from 11:45am-2pm at school**. We will have a drive-up, contactless pick up in the circle drive off Buckeye Road. Thank you for supporting MGNS!

Get your walking/running shoes ready! Our Jellyfish Jaunt virtual run/walk starts October 1!! You can download a tracking sheet [here](#), or use the one that was included in your child's brown bag. For every mile your family walks, your sponsors can pledge \$1 (or more!). At the end of October, add up all your miles! **Pledges are due to the school by Friday, November 5**. Please write one check to MGNS with your total. The top two mile-loggers will earn a \$25.00 Glass Nickel Pizza gift card (refuel after all the hard work)!

CHIPOTLE DINE OUT NIGHT! Order Chipotle online on WEDNESDAY, October 20 from 5-9 p.m. and enter the code: Q4DXFG8 at checkout. Our school will earn 33% of all sales from our event! Spread the word! NOTE: this only applies to the East Washington (4628 E. Washington) location. Orders are submitted online (through website or Chipotle app) and picked up at the East Washington store.

Another excuse not to cook and support MGNS! Culver's Dine Out Night will be on TUESDAY, November 9 from 5-8 p.m. Make sure to tell family, friends and neighbors to stop in and mention **MGNS** when placing their orders. Our school will earn a percentage of all sales from our event! NOTE: this only applies to the Cottage Grove Road (4401 Cottage Grove Rd.) location.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Our first scholastic book order will be due on **Friday, October 8**. We have put a scholastic flyer in your student's brown bag to give you just a sample of the books you can order to help grow your child's library. With a \$25 order, you can pick a FREE \$5 Book (use code: READS) Every order helps MGNS grow its own library as well! Win-Win!

Due Date: **10/08/21** by **12:00pm**

Connect to [Our Class Page](#)

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

MGNS Class Code: **RNZYK**



SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures are coming up **October 13 and 14**. These are absolutely optional. A form was sent home in your child's folder, and there are more on our bulletin board. If you would like to have your child's picture taken by our alumni parent/professional photographer, fill out and bring the form to school that day. We do not take everyone's picture-just the ones who want to have it done!

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