

MGNS NEWSLETTER

November 2021



FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

CALENDAR

- Nov 5 - Jellyfish Jaunt Pledges Due
- Nov 9 – Culver's Dine Out Night 5-8pm
- Nov 7-14 Fired Up Pottery
- Nov 4 – Scholastic Book Orders End
- Nov 12 – PJ Storytime 7pm
- Nov 8-22 Food Drive Collection
- Nov 24 – 26 No School Thanksgiving Break

Hello and Happy November!

Traditionally a month for reflecting on all the things we are grateful for, this November is no different. It has been wonderful to see students back in the hallways and classrooms this fall. Our fabulous teachers have really been going above and beyond as they continue to be diligent about COVID protocols, classroom cleaning, and doing the extra tasks that are usually part of "helping parent" duties. Thank you, teachers, for your continued hard work and dedication!

Thanks also to our Event Coordinator, Nicole, for organizing our virtual "Meet, Greet, & Showcase" in October! It was such a fun way to get to know classmates and families. What a fun morning! Our Fundraising Coordinators, Aimee and Clint, have been busy with some very successful fall fundraisers too! We had a great Butter Braid sale - thanks to all who participated! Read on for info about our Culver's Night on Tuesday, November 9th and our Fired Up Pottery Fundraiser this month. Your support in spreading the word about these events for our school goes a long way!

Here's another fun thing to look forward to: zoom story times are back! Last year, Friday night zoom story times were a great way for us to connect during virtual learning... and they were loved enough that we're keeping them going this fall and winter! Our first story time night is Friday, November 12 @ 7:00pm - look for a zoom link closer to that date. I'm brushing up on my ukulele skills so join me and Sea Otter Teacher Erin for some music and stories before bedtime on November 12th!

I hope you are all finding many things to be grateful for this fall. As always please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, ideas, or if you would like information about an upcoming board meeting (president@mgns.org). I'm grateful to be a part of our wonderful MGNS community! Thank you for being a part of it too!

Kathryn Mingione
MGNS Board President
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All of our teaching teams are excited to share our observations of your kiddos with you, and to hear about your thoughts and goals for the rest of the year ahead. If you have not yet signed up, please look for a sign up genius from your teachers:

Sea Otters: November 15

Penguins: November 18

Dolphins: November 22

Starfish: November 22

SURVEY – PARENT HELPERS

MGNS parents - we would like your opinion about bringing back helping parents to our classroom this spring. Please take this 3 question survey about your views about that issue. We appreciate your feedback!



[Helping Parent in the Spring](#)

FUNDRAISERS

Our Butter Braids fundraiser was a HUGE SUCCESS this year! We sold a total of 473 Butter Braids and made just over \$2600 for the school! So a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated and hope you enjoy your Butter Braids!

We hope you were able to get those running shoes on and enjoy the nice fall weather we've had this past month. Our **Jellyfish Jaunt virtual run/walk** wrapped up on October 31. If you haven't done so already, **pledges and your mileage forms are due to the school by Friday, November 5.** Please write one check to MGNS with your total. The top THREE mile joggers will win gift card prizes to Glass Nickel Pizza and our 1st place winner will also receive a Target gift card! All child participants will receive a fun medal award too! Prizes and medals will be distributed in your child's brown bag mid-November.

Culver's Dine Out Night will be on TUESDAY, November 9 from 5-8 p.m. at the Cottage Grove location only (4401 Cottage Grove Road). Come on out and dine in or place an order to go and support MGNS! 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!

The Fired-Up Pottery painting fundraiser will be held the week of November 7-14. Due to covid19, we will be holding the Fired-Up pottery fundraiser as a week-long event, similar to last year, versus a single evening in the store like we did prior to covid19. Stop by the Fired Up Pottery business (4112 Monona Dr.) to pick out a piece of pottery to take home to paint, or you can reserve a table at the studio to paint there. When you check out, be sure to mention MGNS so we get a portion of your sale! If you're not comfortable shopping during regular business hours, you can call the store (608-442-9900) to set up a time to shop. If you take your piece home to paint, you will have to return it to the store to be fired. **Gift card purchases are included in the fundraiser, just mention MGNS when purchasing.**

Because of the ongoing pandemic, and our school precautions about gathering we are cancelling this year's MGNS Family Feasts in the days before Thanksgiving break. Each class will celebrate friendship and thankfulness in their own way. We are continuing the MGNS tradition of a canned food/nonperishables in the month of November. We will have boxes to collect canned goods in the halls starting on **November 8th and we will collect for two weeks.** We appreciate you taking the time to talk to your kids about the need for a food drive, and if you like to start conversations with books, [here is a good list.](#)

STORYTIME

We are pleased to announce the second annual Virtual Storytime series! Join us on the **second Friday of November at 7pm** for a fun, family event including live readings of children's stories, songs, and other entertainment brought to you by the MGNS teachers and board members! The events will be on Zoom and school-wide. Zoom links will be provided by teachers in advance. Invite the whole family to put on cozy jammies and cuddle up for a bedtime adventure!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Thank you for your interest in ordering Scholastic books! Unfortunately, the company has been hit hard with COVID-related disruptions. Shipping times are estimated at 5-6 weeks on new orders. We want you to have your next shipment in time for December holidays! Orders should be placed no later than Thursday, November 4 to accommodate the longer shipping times. We will be submitting orders as they come in. To place an order, simply go online and use our school code. Place your order, pay, and when books arrive at school, they will be placed in your child's bin or brown bag. You can choose to have books shipped directly to your home; however, Scholastic has informed us that that option may actually take longer. *Please list your child's first and last name along with their class name on your order. **If you'd like your order to be a surprise, let us know and you can pick up your order in the office!

Due Date: **11/04/21** by **12:00pm**

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MGNS Class Code: **RNZYK**

