

MGNS NEWSLETTER

January 2022



CALENDAR

Jan 3-7 – Virtually Learning

Jan 14 – Storytime 7pm

Jan 15 – Yard Sign Extravaganza

Jan 23 – Zoom Yoga 6:30pm

FEB 5 – Open House for New Families 10:30am – 1:30pm

FEB 6 – MGNS day at the Monona Bank RiverRink 4:45-6:45pm

FEB 7 – Re-enrollment for our Current Families 8am

FEB 8 – Enrollment for New and Alumni Families 8am

FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Hello and Happy 2022!

MGNS will be starting 2022 virtually for the week of January 3-7 and we will keep our families updated beyond that.

I hope you were all able to enjoy the holiday season and relax and reconnect with loved ones. We will continue to monitor the state of the pandemic and follow all health and safety protocols that will best keep our students and staff safe. As you may have already read, with the continuation of the Dane County mask mandate, students will continue to wear masks on the playground at least through January. Our Toddler Time students over age 2 will also continue mask-wearing per the current mandate. The plan at this time is still to have classroom volunteers/helping parents return starting January 31st, but this may have to change so stay tuned. Thank you for your continued cooperation, understanding, and support on all of this into the new year.

This wintry month has much in store for MGNS: our beloved box unit (where kids get to build and engineer anything they can imagine with...you guessed it - boxes!) so hold on to any cardboard cuboids you accumulated around the holiday season!

We're also getting ready for "Yard Sign Extravaganza" on January 15! The idea here is to get as many MGNS yard signs in the area as possible to help promote enrollment for our wonderful school. If you'd like a sign in your yard contact School Director, Sue Carr suec@mgns.org. Let's get as many signs out there as possible and show our school pride (and post that pride on social media!)! Your personal experience and recommendation goes a long way to boost our enrollment numbers - thanks in advance for spreading the word!

Even though it's winter, we're already starting to think about our Spring Fling coming up on Saturday, April 9. The Silent Auction that goes along with this event is our biggest fundraising event of the year. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating an item or service to our silent auction, please contact our Fundraising Coordinators, Aimee and Clint.

fundraising@mgns.org.

We are also starting to think about our MGNS parent school board for the 2022-2023 school year. As always, a few parents currently on our board have 4K students who will be moving on and so, we will have spots to fill! If you are interested in learning more about serving on this volunteer board, please contact me at president@mgns.org. The parent board plays an important role in helping make decisions for our school. Thank you for considering joining this fundamental part of our co-op community.

Happy New Year to all of you! Let's make it an awesome one!

Kathryn Mingione
MGNS Board President
president@mgns.org

2022-23 ENROLLMENT

We are excited to remind you of our enrollment dates this year!

- First, we are having an open house on February 5 from 10:30-1:30. This is a time for families that are new to MGNS to come through and see our classrooms and meet our teachers. Please let your friends and neighbors, co-workers or people you meet at the park know about MGNS and send them our way! I am also doing tours if folks are more comfortable with that. Please spread the word!
- Enrollment for preschool and 4K for next year for our current families (currently enrolled in any of our classes including Toddler Time) is at 8 am on Monday, February 7th. I will be at school to accept applications in person, and there is also an online application that will open that morning and will be monitored by another staff member. Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis
- Enrollment for new families to our school will be on Tuesday, February 15 - same process and timeline.
- Fall Toddler Time applications will be available on April 1, 2022 both in person and on the website.



ZOOM STORYTIME AND YOGA

We continue to offer a fun Friday night **Zoom storytime!** Our next date is Friday, January 14 at 7pm. Please watch your weekly wrap ups for the zoom link.

AND

Don't forget about family yoga on **Zoom with Megan** on Sunday, January 23 at 6:30pm! Zoom link will be sent!

Our **Culver's dine out night** fundraiser had a great turnout and we made \$844 for our school! **A big THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who helped that evening, and also to our school families for stopping in and placing orders!** Thank you for sharing our event with your family and friends and thank you for supporting MGNS.

SPRING FLING 2022 – Now is a great time to start thinking about items you can make or purchase for our biggest fundraiser event of the year, the **Spring Fling** coming up in **April 2022!** If you have any gift basket ideas, gift certificates or items you would like to drop off for our silent auction, please reach out to Aimee or Clint at fundraising@mgns.org.

Join MGNS at the **Monona Bank River Rink** for an afternoon of skating on **February 6!** We have rented the whole rink, and will be sending out a sign up soon. The hours are 4:45-6:45pm! The cost is \$7 per family. Sharpen those skates and stay tuned!