

MGNS NEWSLETTER

December 2022



CALENDAR

Dec 11 – Madison Capitols
Hockey Game

Dec 16 –Storytime Zoom 7pm

Dec 21 – Jan 3 Winter Break

Dec 31 – Helping Parent Sign up
9am

Jan 4 – School Resumes

Jan 13 –Storytime Zoom 7pm

Jan 16 –Martin Luther King Jr.
Day - No School

Jan 22 – Monona Bank RiverRink
4:30-6:30pm

Jan 22 – Scholastic Book Due



We had a wonderful collection of feathers on our "Thankful Turkey" this year. Thank you to all the families who helped their kids think about what they are thankful for! We loved seeing all of the responses! In addition, we dropped off 3 very large and heavy boxes of non-perishables to the River Food Pantry on behalf of MGNS. I hope you were able to share with your kiddos about why we were collecting food. If they, or you, are interested in more about food insecurity here is a list of [good picture books](#) on the topic. Thank you to all for sharing and caring!

Well Friends, winter is here! It is cold outside, but we hope to have a lot of beautiful snow soon to play in! A reminder! MGNS kiddos go outside everyday unless the "feels like" temperature is below zero! So please dress your kids in warm clothes! For those kiddos who go out at the end of the day, help them out by laying the clothes out in their bin for them to easily find everything. It is hard to find your boots and mittens in a zipped backpack or bag! Our rule is if they brought it, they wear it! [Here is a chart](#) about the order in which we get our winter clothes on so you can practice!!!

And speaking of going outside, after our winter break at the end of December, the morning classes will SWITCH the schedule for the playground. This means that the Starfish and Penguins will meet at the playground gate at 8:45 and the Dolphins will go first into their classroom! So be sure that you are aware of this switch starting on Wednesday, January 4th! Sea Otters- your schedule remains the same!

Finally, as 2022 draws to a close, we appreciate that you have chosen MGNS for your kiddos and we have simply loved getting to know them. We are looking forward to lots of fun winter adventures, and a great spring! We also appreciate all of the

FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

time and energy you have taken to keep our kids healthy! We know that filling out the form, calling in, testing etc is not fun and we appreciate it very much! Our board has recently updated our COVID protocols guidelines, and that can be found [here](#). In addition, if you need rapid tests, you can get 5 free every month at this [link](#)!

Sue Carr
School Director

MADISON CAPITOL HOCKEY GAME

December 11 at 3:05pm is the Madison Capitols Hockey Game. Make sure to get your tickets to participate in the raffle that some familiar people from MGNS will be selling at the entrance and during the first two periods of the game! To buy tickets, use [this link](#) and then use the "Let us Seat you" option. The system will then place you in section 105. We need 4 volunteers to help! [Here is the sign up](#) if you can pitch in! Hope to see you there!

FUNDRAISERS

Jellyfish Jaunt

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Jellyfish Jaunt for the month of October! Our top finishers were Elizabeth Logan, Georgie Mingione and Marco Gokey! All those hard-earned miles brought in a total of \$268 for the school! Great job everyone!

Fired Up Pottery

Our Fired Up event on November 6 not only provided you all with fun memories and pottery for the holidays but also raised \$89.80 for MGNS! Thank you!

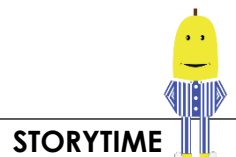


Ian's Dough-nation Night

Ian's tossed around some extra dough Wednesday November 16 on behalf of MGNS! All those extra pies sold that night brought in \$\$ for MGNS! What a night! Thank you!

Spring Fling and Silent Auction

MGNS's annual Spring Fling and Silent Auction will be April 15. We're looking for donations of gifts/items to auction off. If you have any ideas or items that you would like to submit, please contact Denay and Clint via e-mail at fundraising@mgns.com. Thank you!



Our popular Friday night storytimes on Zoom continue in December on **Friday, December 16 at 7.** Board member Chyna Benzine and her husband Craig will be your storytime hosts! Should be great fun so mark your calendar for **Friday, January 13 and February 10.** [Friday Night Storytime!](#)

Meeting ID: 889 0424 4729

Passcode: 091244



We are gearing up for our yard sign extravaganza coming up soon in Mid-January. This helps promote enrollment of potential students in your community by showing your love for MGNS. Participation is simple. A board member will place a yard sign in your front yard and then pick it up a few weeks later.

You can continue to promote MGNS by posting it to social media and/or having conversations with those that take notice. Your personal experience and recommendation goes a long way to boost our enrollment numbers - thanks in advance for spreading the word and considering participating. Last year we had 73 households, and we would love to meet or beat this number! [You can sign up here to host an MGNS sign!](#)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Our next Scholastic book order will be due **January 22**. Thank you to everyone who ordered books in the December Book order!

Those will be coming soon, and we will get them out to you as soon as we can!

Remember that our school code is **RNZYK**.



FAMILY FUN

Family Fun event coming up for Monona Grove Nursery School Kiddos.

- MGNS night at the rink! We will be taking over the [Monona Bank RiverRink](#) on **Sunday, January 22 from 4:30-6:30**. There are a limited number of spots and a limited number of skates, so watch for a sign up in Early January.

HELPING PARENT SIGN UP

It is soon time to sign up for your Co-op Job and your helping parent days for the spring semester. Helping parent sign up will be sent by your teachers on **December 31 at 9 am**.

AMAZON WISH LIST

We are so appreciative of all the support we receive from our families!

We also know that sometimes families like to get a gift for the school at this time of year!

You can see our [wishlist on Amazon](#) for a few ideas!

A few things we are looking for at our school! Save and Send them in!

- Starfish are looking for hard plastic lids like on Peanut butter jars or on some applesauce jars
- The Dolphins/Sea Otters are collecting 1/2 gallon plastic milk jugs for a special project. Please save and send them in!!
- We will have box week coming up in January! Please save any large, plain boxes for us as things get shipped to you!
- We always take paper towel tubes.

