

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

January 2023



## CALENDAR

Jan 4 – School Resumes

Jan 9 – Sign up Opens for Monona Bank RiverRink Skate Night 9am

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

FEB 11 – Open House for New Families 10:30am-1:30pm

FEB 13 – Re-enrollment for our Current Families 8am

FEB 20 – Enrollment for New and Alumni Families 8am



**FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

Happy New Year to MGNS!

We hope you all had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed your winter activities! Remember to bring in your recycled snowman for our hallway-an MGNS tradition.

A new year means the enrollment process for next year begins soon. We count on word of mouth and positive recommendations for our enrollment, and so please help in any way you can! Here are some ways you can help, and some information for YOU if you are returning to us!

- **Yard Sign Extravaganza:** Please sign up on [this form](#) if you are willing to host a yard sign from January 20 to February 20. If you sign up, we will leave a sign in your bin on the appropriate day, and you can return it at the end. **BONUS!** If you take a picture of your sign (preferably with your adorable kids) and post it to Social media with the date or our open house (February 11) and tag MGNS or send it to us, you will be entered to win a family pizza party!
- **OPEN HOUSE:** for families who might be interested in next year! Spread the word, post on your social media, mention to friends, post in neighborhood groups that you belong too-
- **Remember!** If a new application comes in and your name is on it as the person who recommended our school, you get a \$5 coffee card.

If YOU are re-enrolling and we certainly hope you are- Here are some important dates:

- Re-enrollment for current families is **Monday, February 13 at 8am**. You can bring your application to school and drop it off at 8, or the online application will open at 8 am. Either way, your application will be date/time stamped and classes will fill on a First come first serve basis. "I am hoping to have Toddler time for next year open at the same day and time." You will get a packet of information about that in January in your brown bags. Remember kiddos who do not live in Madison can come to us for 4K through the miracle of open enrollment. Your packet will have information about that and I can always help-although it is a simple process.
- New families get to enroll on **Monday, February 20 at 8am**. Same process, so if you have friends who might be interested, that is their date. That is also the date for Alumni families, although they get preference over new families.
- I am also having an open office hours ZOOM on Tuesday, **February 7 from 1:30-3pm** and Wednesday, **February 8th from 10-11:30am**. I will be on and the meeting will be open so, if you have any enrollment questions, hop on and I will help.

[Enrollment Zoom MGNS 2/7 and 2/8](#)

Meeting ID: 837 4902 5489

Passcode: 791716

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## FUNDRAISERS

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](mailto:fundraising@mgns.com). Thank you!



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STORYTIME

Our popular Friday night storytimes on Zoom continue on **Friday, January 13 at 7pm**. Board member Robin Smekal and Brooke Logan will be your storytime hosts!

MGNS [ZOOM STORYTIME](#)

Meeting ID: 889 0424 4729

Passcode: 091244

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## PARENT MEETINGS

Being a part of our parent cooperative, your family is required to be represented at one of the two meetings, though you're welcome to attend both if you'd like!!

Option 1 - February 7th 7pm-8pm "Managing Dysregulation in Our Children" In Fellowship Hall at MGNS

Option 2 - More information on second training to come soon!

January Book Orders Due 1/22/23

Celebrate the season of love, friendship and family with a good book! 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. Books will be delivered prior to Valentine's Day. **\*To help ensure books are sent home with the right kiddo, please put your child's first and last name on your order!** \*Please note that paper flyers will not be sent home this month.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

MGNS school code: RNZYK



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**SUPPLIES NEEDED**

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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.



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**MISCELLANEOUS**

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**Any interest?**

A couple of ideas that have been floating around, and we are trying to gauge interest. These would likely be in person, or zoom, evening meetings.

1. Would anyone be interested in a presentation with the financial planner for our school to learn about 529 plans for college, IRA/Retirement options, etc.
2. Would anyone be interested in a panel discussion with a few alumni parents about the transition to kindergarten, kindergarten options etc.?

Please indicate your interest on [this GOOGLE form](#). If there is enough interest, we will pursue setting up.

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## MONONA BANK RIVERRINK SKATE NIGHT

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MGNS has rented the whole rink on **Sunday, January 22 from 4:30-6:30**. The cost is \$10 per family which includes skate rental. We have a limited number of spots available, and a limited number of kid sized skates. A sign up will go out on **Monday, January 9 at 9 am** for folks to join this event.

Watch your inbox!