

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

February 2023



## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Happy February, MGNS Families!

We LOVE our families and community here at MGNS and hope that you'll also share the love by getting the word out about our open house coming up on Saturday, February 11th. Word of mouth is a huge advertiser for us - nothing beats hearing about a great experience right from the families who've had those great experiences! You can help by leaving reviews on platforms like "Google" and using your own social media to share too. Thanks also to those hosting a yard sign for "Yard Sign Extravaganza"! We appreciate your help in helping others discover MGNS.

Our Parent Meetings are coming up this month and next. Our Vice President, Beth Kernan, has set up two great options for you: Tuesday, February 7: *Managing Dysregulation in our Children* and Wednesday, March 8: *They won't listen, now what? Helping our Kids Regulate Through Empowered Parenting*. One adult from each family is required to attend one of these informational meetings as part of our co-op based preschool format, but you are welcome to attend both (sign up via the SignUpGenius links). Our presenters will have some great information to help us along our parenting journey....adventure?...roller coaster? - you choose! :) Read on for more info.

Lastly, it's that time of the year when we start thinking ahead to next year, not just for enrollment purposes, but also for our MGNS Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is a group of parent volunteers, plus our staff, that serve as the decision-making entity for the school. Those on the Board play an important role in helping our school run - and helping keep it the wonderful place where our children get to learn through play for a few wondrous years. If you are curious about serving our school in this capacity, I encourage you to reach out with questions and to learn more! Fill out this form to start the conversation: [MGNS Board of Directors: Expression of Interest Form 2023-2024](#) or feel free to reach out to me directly: [president@mgns.org](mailto:president@mgns.org).

**Happy February! WE ❤️ YOU!**

Kathryn Mingione  
MGNS Board President

## CALENDAR

FEB 7 – Zoom Q&A about enrollment 1:30-3pm

FEB 7 – Parent Meeting 7-8pm

FEB 8 – Zoom Q&A about enrollment 10-11:30am

FEB 10 – LAST Zoom Story Time for this year 7:00pm

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

FEB 13 – Re-enrollment for Current Families 8am

FEB 20 – Enrollment for New Families 8am

MAR 8 – Parent Meeting 7-8pm

MAR 15 – Qdoba 4-8pm

MAR 31 – Spring Fling Silent Auction begins

APR 15 – Spring Fling

MAY 10 – Ian's Pizza

## Dine Out Events!

- **Qdoba - March 15:** Mark your calendars! We are partnering with Qdoba in Monona for an MGNS Dine-Out event on **Wednesday, March 15th 4-8pm** (101 W Broadway Ave Monona, WI 53716). Simply present the QR code located on the flyer when you order in store, or use the digital coupon for online orders and MGNS will get 25% of the sales! Be sure to share the date for this food fiesta with family friends and neighbors too! [Qdoba Flyer](#)
- **Ian's Pizza - May 10:** Save the Date! You'll have one more chance this school year to eat pizza and feel GREAT about it because you're supporting MGNS! Another Ian's Pizza Dine Out event is on the calendar for **Wednesday, May 10th**. (Garver Feed Mill). Details to come!



## SPRING FLING

### Did someone say Spring Fling?!!


Good news: we're just 2 months away from our biggest fundraising event of the year! The Annual **Spring Fling is Saturday, April 15 from 9:00-11:00am**. Join us in Fellowship Hall for a pancake breakfast, and live music entertainment from the one and only David Landau! Even better news: the **Spring Fling Online Silent Auction goes LIVE Friday, March 31!** Watch your email that day for our auction link and instructions to start bidding on tons of great items. The best news: you can keep on bidding until 9:00pm on Saturday, April 15th! In the past, our auction has started online and then transitioned to a "live silent auction" during our in-person event. This year we are keeping it completely online; you can bid via your phone at our live event and keep it rolling up until 9:00pm on April 15th! Winners will pay for and collect their items the following week. Thank you for spreading the word (and the online auction link!) to family and friends to help support MGNS at this fun family event. We're back in-person for the first time since 2019, and we're so excited to celebrate SPRING with our MGNS community! See you there!

### Auction Donations

Do you have a talent or skill to share? A vacation house to rent? Over the years, our families have donated wonderful and unique things to our Spring Fling Auction. In the past, we had a grandparent who was a fantastic baker and he donated coupons for 2 cakes. Musicians have donated things like background music at an event or a serenade at someone's house for a birthday! We had a firefighter dad who offered a private tour of his firehouse, and seamstresses who have offered t-shirt quilts or personalized baby blankets. We have a mom who is a wine enthusiast and offers a food and wine pairing course party for 6, and we have had massage therapists offering a free massage. What skills, talents, places or things do you have to offer?



**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. This year for the first time, we are taking Toddler Time applications at the same time.

 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.

School Director Sue Carr will have office hours onshi **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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**PARENT MEETINGS**

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The Parent Meetings are just around the corner and we look forward to seeing you all there!

As part of our parent cooperative, your family is required to be represented at one of our two parent education meetings, though you're welcome to attend both if you like! Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius links below!

**Option #1 - February 7th, 7pm-8pm** in Fellowship Hall MGNS

**Managing Dysregulation in our Children.**

Led by Cerissa Wills - Child, Adult and Family Therapist.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEAD2AA1F85-parent2>

**Option #2 - Wednesday March 8th, 7pm - 8pm** in Fellowship Hall MGNS

**They won't listen, now what? Helping our kids regulate through empowered Parenting.**

Led by Jennifer Bluske Director/Occupational Therapist Children's Therapy Network

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEAD2AA1F85-parent3>

Questions can be directed to MGNS Vice President Beth Kernan  
[bethiekernan@gmail.com](mailto:bethiekernan@gmail.com)

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**ZOOM STORYTIME**

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Our last Friday night Zoom story time for the season is on **Friday, February 10 at 7pm**. MGNS Board members Chyna Benzine and Kathryn Mingione will be your storytime hosts! We hope you'll join us for books, music and fun!

Meeting ID: 889 0424 4729  
Passcode: 091244