

MGNS NEWSLETTER

March 2023



FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

CALENDAR

MAR 6 – Summer Camp Sign Up Goes Live 3pm

MAR 8 – Parent Meeting 7-8pm

MAR 15 – Qdoba 4-8pm

MAR 27-31 – Spring Break
No School

MAR 31 – Spring Fling Silent Auction begins

APR 3 – School Resume

APR 15 – Spring Fling

May 10 – Ian's Pizza 4-8pm

Welcome to March! March is a great month and a time when we begin to think about Spring! For MGNS, that means our garden boxes, being outside more, helping our playground recover from all the snow and ice, and SPRING FLING! We are so excited for our event on April 15 AND for the spring fling auction that is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please be sure to read all of the important information below AND think about what you can donate this year to support the auction. A form to accompany any donations is attached to this newsletter. We appreciate you!

Spring also means, this year, the return of Field Trips. All four preschool and 4K classes will be heading to Aldo Leopold Nature Center and Heartland Animal Sanctuary in May. The dates are all listed below. A permission slip and fee request will be coming home in brown bags. The cost is \$50 per child for the bus to Heartland and the fee for both places. If that fee causes a hardship for your family, please contact Sue and we will work out a scholarship.

And... spring leads to summer! Summer Camp returns for two weeks in June! Details are below, but the sign up link goes live on Monday, March 6 at 3pm.

Finally, we appreciate those of you who have signed up to return to us next year. Our enrollment numbers look great for 23-24 with nearly all of the classes being full plus having waitlists. That is because you have stuck with us, or sent a friend, or put up a yard sign, or talked about your good experience, and we appreciate that. Please know that if your family is leaving us this spring, you are always a part of the MGNS family. (And remember! You can leave a small part of you behind by adopting a building block on our wall outside of the Toddler Time Room! Envelopes are there and a \$100 donation to our Sunflower fund gets your name on a block forever!)

Next year we know that we have a few spots to fill on our fabulous volunteer parent board. If you think you have something to contribute, please consider having a conversation with our current and future board president, Kathryn Mingione. That conversation starts with this form. [Board of Directors Expression of Interest Form](#).

DINE OUT NIGHTS

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Qdoba - March 15: 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 [Qdoba Flyer](#) when you order in store or use the digital coupon for online orders. MGNS will get 25% of the sales! Be sure to share the date for this food fiesta with family friends and neighbors, too!

Ian's Pizza - May 10: 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 location). Details to come!

SUMMER CAMP

Looking for a fun adventure this summer? Join us for summer camp at MGNS! There are two sessions available - sign up for one or both! Your camp counselors this summer are Sue and Juli.



Session 1 (6/13-6/16): Exploring Our Natural Environment!

Investigating, experimenting, and creating in our big beautiful world!

Session 2 (6/20-6/23): Water, Water Everywhere!

Hydroscience, water sports, cooking, and FUN with water!



Sessions run from 9am-12pm each day and include time inside and outside, snacks and projects. Camp is limited to current MGNS preschool and 4K students.

Cost is \$175 per student per session. *We require a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 16 kiddos each session. Use this [Google form to sign up](#) that opens on **Monday, March 6 at 3pm**.

PARENT MEETING

We had a great response to Parent Meeting #1 in February. Lots of great information about dysregulation and the science behind it plus some great techniques to help. Thank you to our VP Beth Kernan (Nina and Rose) for setting it up and for taking wonderful, complete notes. You all can access those notes [here](#).

Parent Meeting #2 is scheduled for **Wednesday March 8, 7-8pm** in Fellowship Hall at MGNS.

The topic is: 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>

Thank you to everyone who put a yard sign out for us during our extravaganza. We appreciate your support. AND if you posted a picture of your sign with an MGNS tag, you were entered into a drawing for a pizza party. AND THE WINNING FAMILY IS: Lily Wojta!



If you still have a sign, please return it to school as soon as possible so we can store it for next year. If your sign was delivered to you, board members will be picking them up very soon!

SPRING FLING

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! It is a great time for our community to gather together and celebrate! 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. And 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 right up until 9:00 pm 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 offered t-shirt quilts or personalized baby blankets. We have a current mom who is a wine enthusiast and offers a food and wine pairing course party for 6 and we've had massage therapists offering a free massage. What skills, talents, places or things do you have to offer?

FIELD TRIPS

Heartland Animal Sanctuary We will be taking a school bus from school! All kiddos are welcome to bring one parent/guardian. (Sorry, no siblings!)

- Wednesday, May 10 AM -Starfish & Dolphins together
- Thursday, May 11AM - Penguins
- Thursday, May 11PM -Sea Otters

Aldo Leopold Nature Center

****Families will drop off and pick up at ALNC (not at school).** Parents will drop off and pick up kids at the regular times; teachers will meet their classes there. All kids are allowed to bring one parent/guardian. (Sorry, no siblings!)

- Tuesday, May 16 - Starfish
- Wednesday, May 17 - Dolphins
- Thursday, May 18 - Penguins & Sea Otters

