

MGNS NEWSLETTER

November 2023



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello MGNS Families,

We are well into the school year and it's been a busy (and fun!) one so far. And, while it may feel like the school year has just begun, time really flies when we're playing and having so much fun! So, I'm planting the seed early: consider joining the MGNS board of directors in the 2024-2025 school year! It's a meaningful (and needed!) way to contribute to our school. If you have questions or want to learn more, please reach out so we can start a conversation. We have some board members, including myself, whose kids will be "aging out" of our programming at the end of this school year and there will be spots to fill. If this is something you've been thinking about... or if I've just piqued your interest - let's chat! (president@mgns.org).

November is also a time when, hopefully, we can take a moment, take a deep breath, slow down a bit (maybe?), and feel grateful for all we have - especially MGNS! Part of the reason MGNS is really unique is that we are a parent co-op. As a co-op, we do have certain "extra" requirements as parents like volunteering in the classroom and doing a volunteer activity each semester. Those volunteer duties fill a true need and directly impact your child's time in the classroom. Whether it is making playdough each week for a month, or helping with an event, we really need YOU! Several families have stepped up this fall to help fill in when "life happens" for others. It has been amazing to see this support of others in our school. Be sure to say "thank you!" if someone filled in for a volunteer duty you were unable to complete (and if that is the case, be sure to contact our volunteer coordinator, Robin, rsmekal@gmail.com, to get signed up for something else - it's a co-op requirement!). Volunteering is such an important part of what makes our school run we all need to do our part. I am thankful for how our community comes together to support MGNS and keep things running smoothly from school day to school day!

Happy November!

Kathryn Mingione

CALENDAR

Nov 6-17 – Food Drive

Nov 13 – Scholastic Book Orders Ends

Nov 15 – Ian's Pizza 5-9pm

Nov 22-24 – No School Thanksgiving Break

Butter Braids was a great success! Thank you to everyone who sold Butter Braids on behalf of MGNS!

Here is a summary of our fundraiser statistics:

Total Units Sold: 343

Approximate gross profit earned: \$2230

Ian's Pizza **November 15 from 5-9pm**

Dough-nation: at the Garver Feed Mill location.

Percentage of sales depends on how many people attend.

Don't forget to mention MGNS when you order!

Have a fundraising idea? Reach out and let us know! Fundraising@mgns.org

Sincerely,

Denay and Claire

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

The order due date this month is Monday, November 13. Orders placed after this date will be submitted with the December order.

Monday, November 13 - Book Order Due

[Scholastic Book](#)

Class Code: **RNZYK**

If you have any questions, please let me know. Happy reading!

Jodi Schmitt (penguin teacher) jodis@mgns.org

OLIVER'S LABELS

Please remember to label everything your kids bring to school. As we enter the season of lots of black snow pants and Packer hats, and so many mittens, just remember that at the moment, your kiddo may not be able to recognize their own stuff. [Oliver's Label is our fundraising label company](#), which are GREAT but a piece of masking tape and a sharpie is also great. Also if your kids are wearing their cousin's hand me down, please relabel with the correct name! AND as we enter into the world of getting lots of clothes on to head outside, be sure to set up your kids bin with all the clothes out and visible and ready to go!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

MGNS will again be collecting canned food and dry goods for the St Stephen's food pantry. The Collection dates will be **November 6-17**. Thank you for teaching your kids about the gifts of helping others and contributing to your community.



Here is a list of books to share about the reality of food insecurity.

<https://letslassothemoon.com/book-on-hunger/>

THANKSGIVING BREAK

A reminder about school closing at MGNS! As a 4K kiddo, you may get communication from MMSD about days that school is closed. That is NOT us! We are closed for winter and spring break, holidays, and when MMSD closes for weather! Our calendar is linked to our website [here](#), so you can certainly look there if you have questions! By the way, we are closed for Thanksgiving for 3 days - **Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24**. Prior to that vacation, be sure to tune into your classes Feast Day-the whole family is invited!

PARENT LIBRARY

Parents, this month we want to remind you of the Parent Library.

It has two shelves- one for parenting books and one for kids books about difficult/common subjects. We have a spreadsheet for you to consult and please feel free to check anything out at any time! And we are constantly updating, so if you have suggestions of books for us to include, or books to donate, we would love it! In addition, the staff has **lots** of other resources! If you are struggling with a parenting dilemma, ask for help!!

Have a look at the list (2 tabs, so be sure to look at the bottom)

[Parenting cart/Kids life changes](#)

