

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

December 2023



## FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Hello MGNS Families,

As the air outside gets colder and crisper on my early morning dog walks, I am excited for the fun we will have on the playground and outside when we get our first snow of the year- magical for 3 and 4 year olds!

So much is happening around our school! First, I do want to update you on our building. While the sale has not happened yet, we are looking forward to our partnership with our new landlord, Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church! We are happy that it seems as if our address at 4200 Buckeye is solid for the future. We are also looking forward to the installation of two new doors at MGNS. Over the winter holiday, our playground door will be replaced with a more secure, always locked, windowed door which will tie into our front door security system. In addition, we are investing in the installation of another locked door between my office and the church office in the hall. This will allow us to be locked into our end of the building while school is in session and will allow our partner church to be able to come and go at their end of the building. All of these things are being funded by various grants and stipends, and I thank the board for their support of my desire to spend this money on making our building more secure for our kiddos.

The new year will bring us re-registration for preschool. Your brown bag will have information about next year in mid-January. We certainly hope that all of you who can stay with us, do!

Please do read the rest of this newsletter- there is so much coming up! Our board president and Toddler Time teacher, Kathryn, is again offering her Safety Saturday class which is a great deal at \$30. She is a great teacher! Kathryn does the official training for our staff every other year and you will feel so much more comfortable about an emergency with your kiddo after this class! Our famous Yard Sign Extravaganza is coming up plus lots of fun fundraising opportunities! And of course your calendar should be marked for the amazing annual Spring Fling- April 6!!

## CALENDAR

Dec 21 - Jan 2 – No School  
Winter Break

Jan 3 – School Resumes

Jan 20 – Safety Saturday  
9-11am

Thank you so much to our generous MGNS families for our food drive for St Stephen's food pantry. One of our board members delivered 5 big boxes of food on Monday, November 20 and they were very grateful! Yay MGNS community!

Thank you to our talented school photographer and alumni mom- Teresa Bentler of [Family Tree Photography](#). She has such a great touch with little kids! She generously donates a percentage of her profits to MGNS each year!

This is the time of year that folks think about gifts for our school and our teachers, and of course we always appreciate that! If you are interested in bringing in a gift for the school, [we do have an Amazon wishlist!](#) We also always love new books if you have a family favorite!



Also, thank you to everyone who diligently fills out our google sick form so that we can track all of our winter illnesses! We appreciate your efforts to use the form, keep your kids home when they are sick, and communicate with us! [Google Form for Sick Kids](#)

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## FUNDRAISERS

**Culvers Dine-Out Night** - We had a fantastic time at Culvers on October 24! Thank you all for really showing up to support MGNS! We made \$1387 in fundraising funds. Awesome job!

**Ian's Pizza Dough-nation Night** - It was great seeing you all at Dough-nation Night! Ian's tossed around some extra dough November 15 on behalf of MGNS! All those extra pies sold that night brought in money for MGNS! What a night! Thank you to all who participated!

**Spring Fling and Silent Auction** - MGNS's annual Spring Fling and Silent Auction will be *April 6, 2024*. We are currently looking for donations of items for the auction. If you have any ideas or items that you would like to submit, please contact Denay or Claire at [fundraising@mgns.org](mailto:fundraising@mgns.org).

Some ways you could contribute:

If your child receives a gift over the holiday that they already have or do not want, the silent auction is a great way to donate!

Do you work for a company that may be able to donate an item? Help us get in touch!

Do you own a cabin or cottage and want to donate a weekend stay?! We'd love to hear from you!

**On Deck for Second Semester:** Dine-out events at other area restaurants, Brat Sale, Spring Fling and Silent Auction

Have a fundraising idea? Reach out and let us know! [Fundraising@mgns.org](mailto:Fundraising@mgns.org)

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## VROOM

### A resource for parents shared with us by MMSD

Vroom empowers parents, families, and caregivers to play a proactive role in children's development by turning shared, everyday moments into brain-building moments. It empowers families and educators to see what they are already doing to support early brain development and encourages more of it. Check out the Vroom website, materials, videos, resources, tips and more at <https://www.vroom.org/about>

Having knowledge of First Aid, CPR, and how to use an AED can help you be ready to take action when someone needs it most. And those most likely to need your help are those closest to you - your family and friends. MGNS is offering an informational course for First Aid, CPR and AED on **Saturday, January 20 from 9:00-11:00**. In this 2-hour course, led by American Heart Association Instructor Kathryn Mingione, participants will:

- Learn First Aid basics for the most common injuries and illnesses
- Learn about relieving choking for all ages
- Learn the basics of CPR
- Learn how to use an AED
- Have the opportunity to practice First Aid and CPR skills



Great information for parents, grandparents, babysitters, nannies, and anyone who wants to learn how to help when it counts the most! Cost is \$30.00 (and it's a fundraiser - 30% of your fee will be donated back to MGNS!). To sign up, email Kathryn at [kpmingione@gmail.com](mailto:kpmingione@gmail.com).

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**YARD EXTRAVAGANZA**

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We are gearing up for our yard sign extravaganza coming up in Mid-January. This helps promote enrollment of potential students in your community by showing your love for MGNS. Participation is simple. Current families will get a sign in their bin to be placed in their front yard. Alumni will have a board member deliver a yard sign. Signs can then be easily returned back to MGNS a few weeks later.

You can continue to promote our school by posting a photo 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.

Click here to sign up! [Yard Extravaganza](#)