

MGNS NEWSLETTER

January 2024



FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing winter break. It's always a good time to "reset" for the months ahead. And we have a busy (and exciting!) few months coming up here at MGNS! January brings our "Yard Sign Extravaganza" which really helps spread the word about enrollment for next school year. (Mark your calendars if you are planning to return for the 2024-2025 year - enrollment begins on Feb. 12 and you DO NOT want to miss securing your spot!) And new this year: Toddler Time registration will be for a full year (instead of per session). Registration for Toddler Time 2024-2025 starts on Feb 12 too!

And as we think about a new school year ahead, it's a great time to consider if joining the board at MGNS is for you. If you have questions or would like to express your interest with zero obligation, fill out [this form \(https://forms.gle/QkrMQhaF42BgsMia9\)](https://forms.gle/QkrMQhaF42BgsMia9) or email president@mgns.org.

As a parent co-op, we are required to hold educational meetings for parents during the year. Often this includes an invited speaker to provide insight and educate about a particular topic. This year we have two fantastic opportunities for you: the first on Feb 5 is titled "Empowered Parenting: Practical Strategies for Managing Children's Behaviors" and the second opportunity is on March 6 and will be a panel discussion with a focus on managing screen time along with strategies and recommendations for regulating screen time for our kids. These parent meetings really are "opportunities" - opportunities to take an hour with our parenting community to focus on how we can support our kids through all life throws at them (and us!) as they grow. Special thanks to our Vice President, Beth Kernan, for setting these up - read more below!

Here's to a very wonderful, happy and healthy 2024 - cheers to all of you!

Kathryn Mingione
MGNS Board President

CALENDAR

Jan 3 – School Resumes

Jan 22 – Yard Sign Extravaganza

Feb 1 – Sign Up for Skate Night at Lake Ridge Bank River Rink

Feb 5 – Parent Meeting 7pm

Feb 10 – Open House for New/Potential Families

Feb 12 – Re-enrollment for Current MGNS Families

Feb 14 – Scholastic Book Orders Due

Feb 18 – Skate Night at Lake Ridge Bank River Rink 4:30-6:30pm

Feb 19 – Enrollment for New/Alumni Families

Feb 20 – Waypoint Public House Dine Out Night at Monona 11am-10pm

Mar 6 – Parent Meeting 7pm

Mar 15 – Spring Fling Donations Due

Mar 19 – Taco Tuesday Dine Out Night at Chipotle-Monona 4-8pm

Apr 6 – Spring Fling

Reminder! When we return to school, Starfish and Penguins meet their teachers on the playground at 8:45am and Dolphins meet their teachers in their classroom at 8:40am! Then Starfish and Penguins get picked up from their classroom at 11:45am and Dolphins are picked up on the playground! Switcheroo!

RE-REGISTRATION PACKET

We certainly hope that all of our families will be joining us for the 24-25 school year. You will all receive a re-registration packet in your brown bag the first week we are back at school. It will have a preschool app, a toddler time app, and a FAQ for any questions you may have! But please remember to reach out to me with any other questions- I know that the registration process can be confusing! If your child will be in 4K next year through the Madison School District, you will receive a "next steps" sheet after we confirm your application here at MGNS. Director@mgns.org

FUNDRAISERS

Happy holidays from the fundraising crew Denay and Claire! What a wonderful 2023 it has been! We are busy planning out the fundraising events for 2024 with many wonderful ways to continue to support MGNS in the new year! Below is a summary of the upcoming events for the next few months:

- **February 20, 2024 (11am-10pm)** - We are partnering with Waypoint Public House in Monona for a new and fun fundraising experience for our MGNS community, family and friends! 10% of the entire day's sales goes to MGNS, so bring your family and friends by any time to support MGNS! Since this is a full-day fundraiser you could even bring your work group for lunch! A local artist will also be present with some of his art displayed for purchase to support MGNS and weather permitting, he will demonstrate his explosive and inspiring work at the restaurant! Check out his website for more information at <https://www.stickvega.com/> and make sure you don't miss the blast of a good time in February!
- **March 19, 2024 (4-8pm)** - Save the Date! Taco Tuesday is coming in March at Chipotle Restaurant in Monona with 33% of proceeds donated to MGNS!
- **April 6, 2024** - Early preparations are underway for our Spring Fling and Silent Auction 2024 on April 6. If you have anything you would like to donate, [please fill out this form](#) and submit it to the school by March 15. If you have any connections with a company who we should contact, please let us know via our e-mail at fundraising@mgns.org.

Thank you for all the ways you showed up to support MGNS in 2023 and we look forward to what 2024 will bring!

LAKE RIDGE BANK RIVER RINK

MGNS Skate night is coming up on **February 18 from 4:30-6:30**. This is a time when MGNS rents the entire rink at the [Lake Ridge River Rink](#) and we skate together! There is a limited number of kid skates and a limited number of folks we can bring, so the sign-up will go live on **February 1 at 9am!** You will be asked to sign up your family and tell us which kid skates you need! Adult skates are plentiful! Cost per family is \$10 payable to MGNS.

YARD SIGN EXTRAVAGANZA

We are about one month away from our yard sign extravaganza! Signs will hit your bin/yards around January 22. Thank you in advance for considering participating. :) All you need to do to help spread the news of MGNS is sign up, post your sign and return in February!

Click here to sign up! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7W3eK30Muc1b2Q-ozjQOwROoYvxsDq3farORSZTkXXJ6qUw/viewform?usp=sharing>

OPEN HOUSE

Remember to tell your friends and neighbors about our Open House on **Saturday, February 10.**



BOX WEEK

Box Week is coming up! Please save your large or large-ish boxes for us! You can bring them in anytime.

NEW DOOR



When you return to school, be sure to check out our fancy new doors! We got a grant and put them in to make our school even more safe and secure.



COUGHERS

We have had a lot of coughers in December! Help us out by reminding your kids to cough into their elbow. Here is a Catchy tune to remind you to cough into your elbow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RKq9xE4zfg>

PARENT MEETINGS

As part of being a co-operative it is required that one parent or guardian (or both) attend a Parent Training. We have two offerings coming up, both at MGNS Fellowship Hall and you are welcome to come to both if they interest you!

Monday February 5 at 7pm - "Empowered Parenting: Practical Strategies for Managing Children's Behaviors" Taught by Cerissa Wills LMFT Owner and Therapist at Vibrations Mental Health

Wednesday March 6 at 7pm - "Screen Time-The Good, the Bad and The Ugly" a panel of Media and Screen Time with resources and tips for managing it - led by Sue Carr and Beth Kernan.

Any questions? Reach out to Beth Kernan Vice President of parent board via email - bethiekernan@gmail.com

Kick off the new year by ordering scholastic books!

Place an order of \$25 or more and you can pick a FREE \$5 book (use code READS at checkout). This is a wonderful way to add to your child's growing library. Scholastic books offers reading levels from PreK through middle school.

Family Orders Due Date: 02/14/24

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