

MGNS NEWSLETTER

February 2024



FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

CALENDAR

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

Feb 28 – Snuggly Storytime in Fellowship Hall 6pm

Mar 6 – Parent Meeting 7pm

Mar 15 – Spring Fling Donations Due

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

Mar 22 – Silent Action Starts

Apr 6 – Spring Fling

Wow! Winter is here! We have loved being on the playground in all of this snow, but have also worked up a sweat several days in Fellowship Hall! Please remember to come everyday ready to go outside! We never know how the weather might change over the course of a day!

February is also the time for our school to do enrollment for both our current kids and for new families to our community. As you know, the dates are as follows:

- **Saturday, February 10** - Open House for potential new families or for current families who would like to visit a new classroom! We will all be here - 10:30-1:30.
- **Monday, February 12** at 8am. Re-enrollment for our current families! Online and in person- live at 8 am!
- **Monday, February 19** at 8am. Enrollment opens for our new and alumni families- Online and in person- live at 8 am!

Please reach out to Sue (director@mgns.org) with any questions - I am happy to help!

We have lots planned over the next few months, so thanks for taking the time to read the below information!

We appreciate you!



TODDLER TIME VISITATION

Toddler time visitation week is coming up! Would your Toddler Time kiddo like to come and play with the big kids in the preschool or 4K room? The **week of February 12** is your chance! Your toddler time teacher will coordinate a visit for one or two kids at a time down to the room of your choice for about 10-15 minutes.

THE SPRING FLING IS COMING! We are busy gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year the spring fling!!! Make sure that your calendar is marked with two important Dates!

March 22 at 9am - Our famous Spring Fling Silent Auction OPENS! So much great stuff for families, kids, grown ups! If you have anything you would like to donate, please fill out this form and submit it to the school by March 15

April 6 at 9-11am - Our Spring Fling Event! We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a Pancake Breakfast and sing and dance to the tunes of the great David Landau! We will also host a kid's raffle, and some of the Spring Fling Auction Items will be on display. Then the Auction closes that night at 9 pm!

Other fundraisers coming up!

February 20 at 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 at 4-8pm - Save the Date! Taco Tuesday is coming in March at [Chipotle Restaurant in Monona](#) with 33% of proceeds donated to MGNS!



LAKE RIDGE BANK RIVER RINK

MGNS Skate night is coming up on **February 18 from 4:30-6:30pm**. This is a time when MGNS rents the entire rink at the [Lake Ridge Bank 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! Once you have been confirmed on the sign up, the cost per family is \$10 payable to MGNS by cash or check to your teacher.

SNUGGLY STORYTIME



Join us on **February 28 at 6 pm** in Fellowship Hall for a warm and snuggly storytime with the wonderful librarians from the Monona Public Library, Tiffany and Angelika! They will share stories and activities with us and MGNS will provide hot cocoa and cookies! Wear your jammies and bring a blankey for a snuggly good time. You will also be able to sign up for your own library card - the true key to a successful future!

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. Here is a [sign up](#) genius for your family to sign up for one or both!

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

SPRING FIELD TRIPS

We are in the process of planning our spring field trips. We will soon be sending out a permission slip and a field trip fee request to all of our preschool and 4K kids. So far, we are headed to [Aldo Leopold Nature Center](#), and we have a scheduled visit from the [Henry Vilas Zoo](#) here at school. When our classes go to Aldo Leopold Nature Center, all kids are invited to bring an adult along. We will have drop off and pick up at the Nature Center and spend the morning there. We are also planning a visit to Hinchley's Dairy Farm this spring to which all parents are also invited. That trip we take a school bus and we are still working on the dates for that and reserving the bus. Here are the dates for the trips we have planned thus far:



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Monday, May 6 - Starfish

Tuesday, May 7 - Dolphins

Friday, May 10 - Penguins

Wednesday, May 15 - Sea Otters



Zoo to You

Wednesday, March 6 - Starfish and Dolphins(separately)

Thursday, March 7 - Sea Otters

Friday, March 8 - Penguins

CO-OP COMMITMENT

Thank you for signing up for your spring co-op commitment. We are grateful for your support and contributions. There are a few opportunities still open for the Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast as well as the End of the Year Clean Up Night. Below is the link, if you are interested in signing up for an extra task this semester. Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948AFAD23A4F58-46964170-spring#/>