

MGNS NEWSLETTER

March 2024



CALENDAR

Mar 6 – Parent Meeting 7pm

Mar 8 – Trinity Irish Dancers

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

FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Hello MGNS Families,

Happy March! Spring is always an exciting time of year for us at MGNS. There is a lot to look forward to! A big one is..... our annual **SPRING FLING** which is coming up on Saturday, April 6! This event is a super fun, delicious (pancake breakfast!) and entertaining (David Landau!.... and a raffle!!!) way to support our school. Bidding starts online on March 22 for our silent auction and you **DO NOT** want to miss out on all the great items our fundraising team has lined up! Speaking of which, we are still accepting donations for our silent auction! Every item we add is a potential financial boost to our school. So if you have a connection to a business that may be interested in donating an item or gift card, or if a friend, or a neighbor (or you!) own a business or can provide a service to donate to our auction, it is much appreciated. Reach out to fundraising@mgns.org with any questions. Thank you for helping to make our biggest fundraiser of the year a big success!

Enrollment for next year began a few weeks ago. If you know you'll be back with the MGNS community and you are thinking about becoming a board member, you can fill out this [Expression of Interest Form](#) (thank you to those who already have!)

It's been a great winter. It has been so fun to see our community out in the greater community, whether on the ice skating rink, or dining out at a fundraising event. I am so happy to see so many people taking advantage of the opportunities our school provides outside of our classrooms to connect with one another. Hope to see you many more times this spring with all the good things in store!

Kathryn Mingione
MGNS Board President



EXTRA SHOES AND CLOTHES

TEACHER NOTES

- Once we move out of boot weather, remember to send an extra pair of shoes to school! When kids play in the sandbox or in the garden boxes outside, we like them to change their shoes when they come in so that we don't track all of that into the classroom.

And, again as it begins to warm up, remember that our playground still might be a little chilly! Better that they have too many clothes outside than not enough!

PARENT MEETINGS

As part of being a co-operative it is required that one parent or guardian (or both) attend a Parent Training. We hosted our first such meeting on 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. We had a great turn out and a good conversation. [Here are the notes from the evening](#). Thank you Cerissa!

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

Pull important dates from the calendar!

TRINITY IRISH DANCERS

Starfish and Sea Otter Friends! Remember that you are welcome to join us for a performance by the Trinity Irish Dancers. They will be here on **Friday, March 8 from 10-10:30** for the Dolphin and the Penguin class. Sea Otter and Starfish families you are welcome to come join us in Fellowship Hall.



SPRING FLING AND SILENT AUCTION

We are on the home stretch in preparations for our biggest fundraiser of the year! MGNS's Spring Fling and Silent Auction is approaching fast!

Our Spring Fling has two parts!

It starts off with our wonderful, unique and fun silent auction. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please reach out to Claire or Denay at fundraising@mgns.org or fill out [this donation form](#) and bring the item to school **by March 15!**

The Silent Auction begins online on **March 22 at 9am** and continues until **April 6 at 9pm**. Watch your email for a link to the auction right before it starts, and bid high and bid often to support our school!

Part Two of our event is a delicious Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on **Saturday, April 6 from 9-11**. This is a celebration for our entire school community and features breakfast, basket raffles, and a wonderful kids concert by David Landau! Our classrooms are not open that day, but the courtyard and playground are open, and it is just a fun, community building time! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to everyone who came out to support MGNS at [Waypoint Public House](#) on February 20! It was a blast of a good time and raised \$700 for the school! Thank you to Waypoint and Patrick Richards (Lily) for the support. If you happen to stop in to Waypoint, please thank them for their support of our school!

Our Taco Tuesday event is coming up soon at Chipotle Restaurant on **March 19 from 4-8pm** with 33% of proceeds donated to MGNS. Come on out to chow down at the brand-new location in Monona for an easy dinner win for the whole family!

Information coming soon about our spring into summer Rackow's brats and pretzel sale so stay tuned!

SIGN EXTRAVAGANZA

Thank you to all who participated in our yard sign extravaganza. If you have not already returned your yard sign to school, please do so as soon as possible. Signs can be placed outside the main office. We look forward to your participation again next year! :)

If you have questions or are unable to return your sign and need to arrange pick up please contact Maria Keegan maria.mae.keegan@gmail.com 608-239-2194

YOGA

We are thrilled to welcome Kathryn Mingione to our staff in yet another role~ She did her first round of Yoga Classes in February, and they were Fantastic! We will continue with monthly Yoga with Kathryn this year.



FIELD TRIP

We are looking forward to our school trips to Aldo Leopold Nature Center! Again, we will each MEET OUR CLASSES at the Nature Center at their class start time, and we will release the kids from the Nature Center at their pick up time. All kids are welcome to bring one grown up along!

- Monday, May 6 - Starfish
- Tuesday, May 7 - Dolphins
- Friday, May 10 - Penguins
- Wednesday, May 15 - Sea Otters