

MGNS NEWSLETTER

October 2024



CALENDAR

- Oct 11 – Meet, Eat and Greet 5-7pm
- Oct 16 – School Pictures
- Oct 17 – School Pictures
- Oct 18 – Kathryn's Birthday
- Oct 21 – Dawn's Birthday
- Oct 29 – Culver's Dine Out 5-8pm
- Oct 30 – Halloween Parade Starfish 9am
- Oct 31 – Halloween Parade Penguins and Dolphins 9am
Sea Otters 1pm

FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Greetings MGNS Families,

Our board has been hard at work creating events, maintaining our grounds, planning for our future and much, much more! We truly have such a talented Board of Directors that continues to amaze me with their thoughtful questions, hidden talents and creative thinking. We have a lot to look forward to in October for many ways to come together as a larger MGNS community and as a bonus, have dinner done for you and your family. Our fundraising team, Jordan and Claire S have planned a Culvers Dine Out event on Oct 29. In addition, our event coordinator, Nicole S has worked out all the details for our Meet, Greet and Eat event on Oct. 11. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating our wonderful community as we continue to build together. As always, feel free to reach out to me or any board member with your ideas, questions or suggestions!

Maria Keegan

President@mgns.org



MGNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

Nicole is the MGNS Board **Event Coordinator**, and she organizes the two MGNS signature events each year; the Meet, Greet, and Eat event in the fall for families to socialize and spend time in the classrooms and the Spring Fling pancake breakfast fundraiser held on the last day of the Spring Fling auction. She has two MGNS graduates, Kaia (3rd grade) and Kira (1st grade), and a current Dolphin, Keanu. Nicole and her family have been part of the MGNS community for six consecutive years and she is serving her fourth and final year on the MGNS Board. Nicole lives with her family in East Madison and they enjoy camping, traveling, walks, board games, arts and crafts, and being silly! Please say hi to Nicole (in her pink MGNS shirt!) at the Meet, Greet, and Eat event on 11 October!

MEET, EAT AND GREET



Please join us on **Friday, 11 October** for the **MGNS Meet, Greet, and Eat Event from 5pm - 7pm!** This event is a great time to meet other MGNS families and for your family to spend time in the classrooms, playground, and school courtyard. We are also offering Glass Nickel pizza at the event. Please use the online ordering form to order your pizza by the pie or by the slice!

Also! Our good friends from the Monona Public Library will be here with us to help kids sign up for library cards and check out books! Yay Literacy!

FUNDRAISERS

This month we have another opportunity for friendship, food and fun—all while supporting MGNS:

Culver's Share Night: Tuesday, October 29 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Stop by the Cottage Grove Road location for dinner and say hello to the MGNS teachers! Invite your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors! We earn 10-15% of all sales depending on how much is sold so please help us **spread the word** to your friends and family! Sales include dine in or drive through orders at Culver's on Cottage Grove Road (4401 Cottage Grove Road) from 5-8PM.

Have an idea or question about fundraising? Please reach out: fundraising@mgns.org. We'd love to hear from you.

Wow—what a fantastic start to the fundraising year! Thank you for helping kick off our 2024/25 fundraising efforts by participating in the Butter Braid sale and Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Social. The Chocolate Shoppe fundraiser raised \$201, and our fall Butter Braid sale netted \$2131. We sold 333 braids!! We appreciate everyone's effort! Both were very successful and, most of all, it was wonderful seeing so many happy MGNS faces at the ice cream shop! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures are coming up on **October 16** and **17!** The form was sent home in your parent night folders and [a copy can be accessed here](#) as well. School pictures are totally optional! Each class has a specific time, and our photographer is great with them- she is a former mom here at MGNS and a phenomenal photographer. She donates 15% of her profits to MGNS which will go promptly into our building fund! :)

HALLOWEEN PARADES

Almost time for our Halloween Parades!!!! Drop your kids off in their classrooms at the start of class. Families can then gather in Fellowship Hall and our classes will walk through for a very short parade. After the parade, your kids can either wear their costume or take it off, and of course, costume wearing is optional. They need to be able to use the bathroom in their costume, and we will all be going outside that day.

Please stay age appropriate- no weapons, blood or scary stuff for our little people. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL FLIP

As the weather gets colder, our kiddos will need to be putting on coats when they head outside. Here at MGNS we really want them to do those things by themselves. We teach them to put their coat on by using the Preschool Flip. Here is a little video so that you too can show your kids how to put their own coat on! [Preschool flip video](#)

MGNS CSA

Through a grant from the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, we are taking part this fall in a CSA and will be getting fruits and veggies from the end of October-December. We will be sharing them and cooking with them with the kids, but they will also be available for families to take on a table in the hall! Please help yourself and enjoy! Our CSA is [Squashington Farm](#) in Mount Horeb.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Turn Your Kids into Bookworms with Scholastic!

Want your child looking at books, reading more and asking for less screen time? Scholastic has you covered! With awesome books for all ages and interests, your kiddo might just forget about cartoons (at least for a bit). Plus, every order helps MGNS build our school library, so it's a win-win. Order some books and watch your little reader's love for stories grow! - any questions let me know Jodis@mgns.org.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/home>

Class Code: RNZYK

BUILDING UPDATES

There are no real updates on the state of our building. We have two very dedicated sub committees- one dedicated to looking at new places for us to move, and the other dedicated to digging into a capital campaign process to raise the funds for that move. We remain in negotiations and brainstorming with both of our partners in this building in the hopes that we can purchase it together and stay. Sue will update you each and every month on this issue, as we know it is important to all of us!

Feel free to ask questions and we always take ideas and advice! Teamwork!

PARENTING TIPS

This past summer, Sue was trained as a Facilitator for Positive Solutions for Families. Each month we will share with you a little parenting tip from the resources from that class. We hope that these tips will help support you in some of your parenting challenges. This month is [Clean Up Time!](#) This is the song that many classes use to indicate that it is clean up time in our classrooms! [Clean up by Ralph's World](#)

Once again, MGNS will be celebrating the Great Midwest Apple Crunch Day! **Thursday, October 10!** We will be celebrating here at school, but how can your family celebrate the wonder of the APPLE! Did you know these amazing apple facts?

There are more than 7,500 varieties of apples grown across the world. Some Wisconsin favorites include Gala, McIntosh, Golden Delicious, Honeycrisp, and Cortland.

Apples are very popular: Each person in the U.S. eats around 65 apples per year!

Wisconsin orchards produce more than 49 million pounds of apples each year.

Johnny Appleseed was a real person, and his true name was John Chapman. He was born in 1774 and traveled throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana planting thousands of apple trees and teaching farmers how to care for them.

