

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

September 2024

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



### FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Welcome to the MGNS 24-25 School year!

We are so happy that your family has joined ours for a year of playing, learning and growing! Our magnificent staff is all returning teachers, and so they are experienced and ready to help you navigate any challenges that may come along. On behalf of all of them, THANK YOU for getting your child's information into our ELV system, bringing in their supplies, and reading and answering our frequent emails. For over 60 years, this parent cooperative preschool has functioned as a partnership between families and staff, and we look forward to another wonderful year together. Read on for much more information about the upcoming school year.

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### MGNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

Each month this year, we will shine the light on one of our board members in an effort to be sure that our families know who they are! Our board is spectacular, and we are so thankful for them.



**Verónica** is our **Volunteer Coordinator**, which means she organizes and (gently!) reminds you to do your "co-op duty" for the school. She has one MGNS graduate, Luca, and an incoming Starfish, Emil. Verónica lives in Monona with her two boys, her wife Maggie, their dog Thea, and two black cats. She is also the Owner and Creative Director of Paper Robot, a creative studio offering branding, design, and marketing services. ([volunteers@mgns.org](mailto:volunteers@mgns.org))

### CALENDAR

- Sep 3 – Orientation Day  
Starfish, Dolphins, and Sea Otters
- Sep 4 – First Day of School and Lunch Bunch  
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- Sep 5 – Orientation Day  
Penguins
- Sep 6 – First Day of School  
Penguins
- Sep 10 – Butter Braids Sales  
Begin
- Sep 16 – Laura's Birthday
- Sep 24 – Chocolate Shoppe  
Ice Cream Social  
4-10pm
- Sep 27 – Butter Braids Orders  
Due

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! [Going to school! :\)](#)

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Hello from the fundraising team, Jordan and Claire! We are excited to be bringing some fun events that not only fill your bellies, but also support our wonderful school! We hope you are able to join us for some, or ALL, of our events! Please reach out to us if you have any ideas or feedback about our fundraising efforts. We look forward to seeing you!

### September events!

**September 10 - Butter Braids sale** begins! Butter braids are delicious and convenient to have on hand. They are shipped frozen and are great for brunch, with coffee or tea, and to have on hand for the holidays! Gather orders for yourself, your family, and your friends! Order forms will be distributed via your child's brown bag. Order forms **due by Friday, September 27** with one check for total sales made out to Monona Grove Nursery School. We make 40% of all items sold! Order **pickup is October 10.**

**September 24 - 4:00-10:00pm - Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Social** at the Cottage Grove Road location from 4-10pm. 20% of all sales go to MGNS! Order some in shop and some to take home for later! Tell your friends, family and neighbors and enjoy an evening treat together to support the school!

### Upcoming events!

October - Culver's Dine out event is Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 5-8pm at the Cottage Grove Rd location.

November - Waypoint Public House Tuesday, Nov. 12 - ALL DAY!

December - Ian's Pizza Dough-nation night is Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 5-9pm at the Garver Feed Mill location.



Hello MGNS Families! My name is Kathryn Mingione and I am excited be MGNS's yoga teacher for 2024 - 2025! I teach fitness at the Dane County YMCAs (as well as Toddler Time at MGNS!) and am happy to be working with students from each class for mindfulness, meditation, and movement this year! In our yoga our bodies in positive ways, controlling our bodies, and being proud of who we are! We will talk about different ways to "center" and calm ourselves through movement and breath. We will learn different yoga poses each month - maybe even create a few of our own! - and of course, we'll have FUN! I am looking forward to a great year with all of your yogi kiddos.

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## MGNS PARENTING LIBRARY

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We support our Parents! The cart of books in our hallway is for YOU to borrow. Parenting books on the top shelf and "life issue" books for kids on the bottom shelf shared with our lost and found. Please put your name and the book on the clipboard and then cross it out when you return the books. [Here is a list](#), but we are also constantly adding to it!

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## WISCONSIN SHARES

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WI Shares: Are you at all struggling to pay your monthly tuition at MGNS? Remember that we accept WI shares.

*The Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program is designed to help working families across the state afford quality child care. How? By giving them money each month to cover a portion of the costs. That's right! Wisconsin Shares invests in eligible families to help create strength and opportunities for growth and success by making quality child care more accessible and affordable. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/parents>*

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## LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

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**DID YOU KNOW?** That September is Library Card Sign Up Month! There is no greater gift to give your child! Our friends at the Monona Public Library are celebrating!

*As September approaches, so does that special time of the year: back to school and Library Card Sign-Up Month! Therefore, we are celebrating with a "Bluey Bash!"*

*On **Saturday, Sept 28** from **1 - 2:30pm**, Bluey and Bingo will visit the library for storytime, dancing, and photo ops.*



Monona Grove Library links:

[calendar](#)

[library card sign-up](#)

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## CELEBRATE THIS DAY

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**Sept 28** is **National Good Neighbor day**! What are some things you can do with your kids to celebrate Good Neighbor Day? What a great way to teach your kids about the importance of connections in your neighborhood.

### HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

- Starting with kindness is always the first step.
- Make a sweet card introducing your family!
- Share extra bounty from your garden or baked goods.
- Invite neighbors to join an informal celebration in your home.
- Introduce them to your pets or offer a gardening tip.
- Offer a kind word. Even a small compliment goes a long way to creating a bond or breaking down barriers.