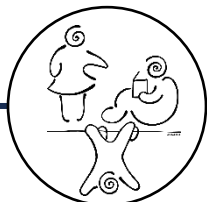


MGNS NEWSLETTER

November 2024



CALENDAR

- Nov 12 – Way Point Dine Out 11am-10pm
- Nov 13 – World Day of Kindness
- Nov 13 - Mid-Semester Clean Up 6:30 to 8:30pm
- Nov 22 - Penguins Feast Day
- Nov 25 - Starfish Feast Day
- Nov 26 - Dolphins & Sea Otters Feast Day
- Nov 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Break

FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Fall is my favorite season here at school! I love watching kids play in the leaves, learn about the trees changing color, and watching them experience the “I did it!” moments of putting on their coats and hats and mittens! I recently wrote an article for our neighborhood newsletter about activities to do with kids in the fall which you can find [here](#). As we celebrate our Halloween costumes, start our annual food drive and celebrate with our families and friends at our classroom Feast Days, it is truly a time of joy and love at MGNS. Additionally, our staff looks forward to talking with all of our parents about the joy of working with your children, the growth we have already seen, and the goals we share with you at our parent/teacher conferences later this month. Then we will all take a well deserved 3-day break for Thanksgiving. We are thankful that your family is a part of ours and that you have chosen to share your children with us this year.

Happy November!
Sue


WORLD DAY OF KINDNESS

The World Day of Kindness is Wednesday, November 13! What a great day to celebrate with your family and friends! We often ask our kiddos to be kind, but to spend some time really focusing on what that means, and how kindness makes you and others feel is a lovely way to spend the day. Here are a few ideas to spread the kindness and joy!

<https://www.brightsprouts.com/kindness-activities-for-kids/>



Claire is now in her second year as a **fundraising coordinator**. Her absolute favorite part about fundraising is getting to know MGNS families and finding new ways to raise money for MGNS! She has a background in project management for nonprofit organizations and has lived in Madison for 9 years. Her family has been part of MGNS for three years--since her daughter, Lucy, was in Toddler Time and is now a Starfish! Claire lives on the far east side of Madison with her husband (Rich), daughter (Lucy), and two cats (Opie and Randy). In her family's fun time they enjoy traveling, racing bicycles, cooking, gardening, camping, and making lots of memories with family and friends!



Jordan is in her first year on the board as a **fundraising coordinator**. She is enjoying getting to know more MGNS families and becoming more involved in this great community! Her family has been part of MGNS for 2 years. Her oldest son, Levi, was a Starfish last year and this year is a Dolphin! Harrison, her younger son, is in Toddler Time. Jordan lives in the East Buckeye neighborhood of Madison with her husband (Lucas), two sons (Levi and Harrison), and dog (Izzy). She and her family enjoy exploring Madison parks and festivals, gardening, and visiting family members!

FUNDRAISERS

This month, let's gather again for great food, fantastic company, and a chance to support MGNS:

Waypoint Dine Out Day: Tuesday, November 12 11:00am-10:00pm. Take a break from cooking and support MGNS by dining at The Waypoint Public House Tuesday, November 12th. Enjoy a delicious meal and know that 10% of all sales will be donated to our school. It's the perfect excuse to grab lunch with a coworker or have a delightful dinner with your family. Every bite counts! <https://waypointonthewater.com/> This fundraiser runs ALL DAY!

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

A Huge Thank You for Supporting MGNS at Culver's! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us for our dine-out night at Culver's. We raised \$1612, and it was wonderful to see so many friendly faces and to have our dedicated teachers serving diners. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you for coming out and contributing to our school community!

CORAL THE NATURE STORYTELLER/YOGA

We loved our first Yoga Class with Kathryn in October! Be sure to ask your kiddos each month about a breath or a pose that they learned. Here is a link to our closing song in Yoga which is a great way to stretch and breath! [I am YOGA](#).

We also hosted our first Nature Storytelling session with [Coral Conant Gilles](#). Coral is a fantastic storyteller and a wonderful sharer of all things nature and we love having her as part of our curriculum two times a year. In October, she shared stories of tracking and animals and she will be back in the spring for stories and activities around nature wands.

BUILDING BLOCKS

We will be doing a Giving Tuesday (December 3) push to add some blocks to our Building Blocks for the Future Wall (located on the wall outside Toddler Time!) For a donation of \$100 to our Scholarship Fund we will put your family name up on a block on the wall! We are hoping to add a lot of new blocks, so stay tuned for that campaign!



ANNUAL MGNS FOOD DRIVE

Along with our famous Thanksgiving Feasts, Monona Grove Nursery School has a yearly tradition of a canned food drive during the month of November. Our food drive will run November 6 through the 20th. Our contribution will be taken to the St Stephen's Food Pantry in Monona. In addition, if anyone in our community is experiencing food insecurity, please feel free to contact Sue and we will get a care package made up for you!

This is a great time to talk with your kids about food insecurity and why we help others.

[Picture books about food insecurity](#)



PARENTING TIP

As the winter gets colder, we are needing to put more clothes on as we head outside. Here is a positive parenting tip about getting dressed. [Helpful hints for getting dressed!](#)

BUILDING UPDATES

Our incredibly dedicated Board of Directors has had lots of long, hard meetings to try to figure out our future plans. To be completely transparent, we do not have a plan yet, but are pursuing several options including trying to buy our current space together with some building partners, renting in another nearby church, building our own new space, and other possible buildings. We will keep you completely updated as the process moves along! As always, we appreciate your thoughts, ideas and views. We are all in this together!