

MGNS NEWSLETTER

December 2024



FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Happy December MGNS Families -

This past month at MGNS I am reminded of what an amazing and giving community we have built here at our school. It was such a pleasure to see our food drive bin overflowing, familiar faces at Waypoint helping fundraise for our school and coming together as a larger MGNS community at the Thanksgiving feasts to remember all that we are grateful for. Of course, I can't forget to mention our dedicated board of directors who have been so generous with their time as we continue to navigate our future plans. Please know that we are working hard to make the best decision possible for our future and will update you as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience and please reach out to myself or Sue with any questions.

Looking ahead, this month we have more opportunities for giving as we will build up our "Building Blocks for the Future" Giving Tuesday campaign on December 3rd. Consider adding your family to the wall and supporting our future fund here at MGNS! We also have some very fun events that support our schools fundraising efforts this month at Curious Crafter and Ian's Pizza. Read on for more details!

I hope that you are able to share some time with your families this holiday season and we look forward to seeing you back in the new year!

Maria Keegan- Board President



BUILDING BLOCKS

GIVING TUESDAY IS COMING! Tuesday, December 3 is Giving Tuesday and we hope that MGNS is your charity of choice! We are trying to add at least 50 blocks on our Building Blocks for the Future wall. For a donation of \$100 or more, we will add your family's name to our wall! Click here to help.

[Shape the Future of MGNS, One Block at a Time: Donate \\$100 Today to Build a Bright Tomorrow!](#)

Dec 3 – **Giving Tuesday**
Building Blocks for the Future

Dec 7 – Penguin Saturday
at School 9-10am

Dec 12 – Crafting for a Cause
3-7pm

Dec 18 – Ian's Pizza
Dough-nation Night 5-9pm

Dec 23 – Jan 5 Winter
Break


Jan 4 – Helping Parent Sign
up 9am

Jan 6 – School Resumes

Jan 20 –Martin Luther King
Jr. Day - No School

CALENDAR

Brooke is serving in her third term as school treasurer. Her journey with MGNS started with her youngest child Elizabeth, who was a Penguin in 2021. Elizabeth loved that room so much that she was a Penguin AGAIN in 2022, then a Dolphin in 2023. Brooke loves that she's still an active part of the MGNS community despite her daughter moving on to kindergarten at the start of this year. MGNS has a way of making all of our lives magical in that way! Brooke has worked at Nordic Consulting for the past 8 years, and originally hails from North Carolina (Go Tar Heels!). She resides in McFarland with her 2 kiddos, her husband Brad, and her loving golden retriever puppy, Benny. Fun fact: Brooke and her family love MGNS so much that her mom (lovingly known as "GiGi") loves to sub as well!



Chyna is currently serving her fourth school year on the board at MGNS. She previously held the position of Equipment and Maintenance Coordinator and is currently serving her second year as Alumni Coordinator. She cherishes the many friendships she developed during her family's time at MGNS. Chyna's family has been a part of the MGNS community since January of 2020. She has one daughter who is an alumna of the Toddler Time, Penguin (two times!), and Sea Otter classes and is currently in first grade at Winnequah. Chyna lives in Monona with her daughter, her husband Craig, and their three-year-old miniature poodle, Bunny. She also volunteers with the Friends of the Monona Library and works part time at the new Monona Drive Ancora.

FUNDRAISERS

Waypoint Dine Out Night - We had a fantastic time at Waypoint on November 12!! Thank you for really showing up to support MGNS! We made \$1000 for our school thanks to all of you. Amazing!!

December Fundraisers:

- **Dec. 12- Crafting for a Cause 3-7pm** - Please join us at Curious Crafters on Cottage Grove Road for "Crafting for a Cause". Craft something special in store or take a project home-either way, 20% of sales go to MGNS! Plus, don't miss out on our exclusive MGNS Wooden Etched Ornament, created by the folks at The Curious Crafter. Preorder now and pick up on the day of the event: tinyurl.com/MGNSOrnament. These ornaments can be painted, colored and decorated making keepsakes for many years to come. What a great way to remember this chapter in your child's life!
- **Dec 18 - Ian's Pizza Dough-nation Night 5-9pm**- Join us for some fun before winter break at Ian's Pizza at Garver Feed Mill. Present the MGNS Dough-nation Night flyer on your phone at the register and MGNS will make 20% of sales. Ordering online? Add "Doughnation" after your last name and your order will count towards our sales. We hope to see you there!

Spring Fling and Silent Auction 2025 - MGNS's annual Spring Fling and Silent Auction will be in April next year. We are currently looking for donations of items for the auction. If you have any ideas or items that you would like to donate, please contact Jordan or Claire at fundraising@mgns.org.

Upcoming Second Semester Fundraisers: More dine-out events at local restaurants, Colectivo Coffee & Tea Sale, Consignment Sale, Spring Fling & Silent Auction, Brat Sale...more information to come!

Have a fundraising idea? Reach out and let us know! Fundraising@mgns.org

Our schedule will switch after the Winter Break!

Dolphins and **Sea Otters** will start their day inside the classroom, and end it on the playground.

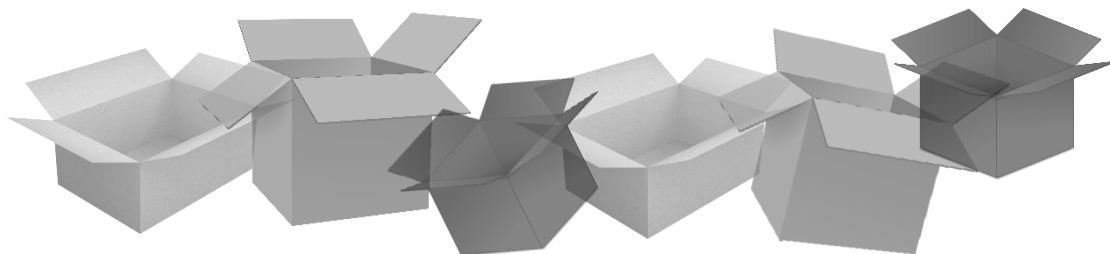
Starfish and **Penguins** will start their day on the playground, and end it in the classroom! We will remind you of this switch, but it starts on **January 6!**

CO-OP JOBS - SPRING SEMESTER

It is soon time to sign up for your **Co-op Job** and your **Helping Parent Days** for the **spring semester**. Both Sign Up Links will be sent to by your teachers on **January 4 at 9 am!**



It is almost time for our annual Box Week! We love to take out lots of the toys from the classroom and simply let our kids play with boxes. To that end, please save large and medium brown cardboard boxes for us. Especially ones from appliances or big purchases, as well as boxes that kids can sit in, or play in. We love to make boats and rockets, cradles and strollers, washers and dryers with our boxes. You can bring them to SCHOOL anytime after the winter break!



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