

# MGNS NEWSLETTER

January 2025



## CALENDAR

- Jan 4 – Helping Parent Sign up 9am
- Jan 6 – School Resumes
- Jan 10-24 – Colectivo Coffee Fundraiser
- Jan 18 – Lake Ridge Bank River Rink Sign Up 9am
- Jan 20 –Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- Jan 27 – Yard Sign Extravaganza Kick Off
- Jan 27-31 – Grandparents Week
- Feb 1 – Starfish Saturday at School
- Feb 10 – Lake Ridge Bank River Rink Event 4-6pm
- Feb 15 – Open House 9:30-12:30
- Feb 17 – Registration for currently enrolled families 8am

## FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

### Happy New Year, MGNS Friends and Families!

We hope you all had a wonderful, magical winter break with your children and are ready to embrace the new year and the exciting new chapter ahead at MGNS!

As we return to school, we want to remind you of an important change: *our schedules are flipping*. If your class has always started on the playground, you will now begin your day in the classroom. Conversely, if your class has always started in the classroom, you will now start at the playground gate! Please make a note of this change as we settle back into the rhythm of school.

You may also recall [this letter](#) you received in your child's bag at the end of December—there are so many exciting updates coming your way! Please stay tuned in the next few weeks for all the details and announcements.

Additionally, we want to remind all eligible families about *registration for next year* in Preschool, 4K, and Toddler Time. Registration for currently enrolled families opens on **February 17, 2024, at 8 am**. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon and sign up below for our annual Yard Sign Extravaganza to help spread the word!


We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, and we can't wait to share everything we have in store. Read on for further updates from our Board and Staff, and again, *Happy 2025!*

Sue Carr

## CO-OP JOBS - SPRING SEMESTER

**Parent Helper** and **CO-OP duty sign up** will be sent out by your teachers on **Saturday, January 4 at 9 am**. Watch your email!

**Nicole** - Nicole's family started at MGNS back in 2017 when their oldest, Maddie (now in 3rd grade), started Toddler Time. Maddie did two years of Toddler Time, followed by Preschool in the Starfish class and then 4K as a Dolphin. During that time, Nicole served as the Advertising Coordinator on the Board of Directors. In 2023, Maddie's little brother Benny was born and their family joyfully came back to the MGNS community where Benny is currently in Toddler Time! Prior to having kids, Nicole taught preschool for 5 years and worked in educational nonprofits for a few years. She is excited to be back on the Board providing leadership support and tapping into some creative thinking. Outside of school, Nicole and her husband Matt are considered the "Disney Family" and enjoy talking about Walt Disney World any chance they get!



**Sara** is in her fourth year as secretary. Sara has five children, and she has worked in the past as a preschool teacher and as a public defender, with a few years and jobs in between. Sara's family has been a part of the MGNS community for more years than she can count - ever since her oldest daughter (now in 4th grade!) was in Toddler Time. Her children have collectively spent three years as Penguins and three years as Dolphins, and her youngest child is currently in Toddler Time waiting for his turn to be in a preschool classroom. Sara lives with her husband and children in Eastmorland, where they enjoy easy walks to school, Olbrich, Garver, Pinney Library and multiple friends' houses.



**BOX WEEK IS COMING!** Remember to save and bring in any med/large/fun shaped boxes you might have for our upcoming box weeks in our classrooms. This has been an annual tradition for us at MGNS for many years and is a real hit with our kiddos. But we need lots of boxes!

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### LAKE RIDGE BANK RIVER RINK

MGNS Skate Afternoon at the **Lake Ridge Bank River Rink** in Monona. MGNS has rented the entire rink for Monday afternoon, **February 10 from 4-6 pm**. We have a limited number of spots available. The cost per family to come and skate is \$10 and that includes skate rental. The RiverRink has kids skates available but sizes are limited. Once the sign up is full, a waiting list will open.



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### OPEN HOUSE

**Our annual Open House** for new and potential families is on **Saturday, February 15** from **9:30-12:30**. Our best advertising is word of mouth so PLEASE mention this to any friends or family that might be interested. Sue is also always available for a tour or a private conversation as well. If you have a place to hang up a flyer, please let us know!

We are organizing a fantastic and fun way to kick off enrollment for the 2025/2026 school year! The Yard Sign Extravaganza is a community-wide effort to promote MGNS by placing bright, eye-catching purple and white yard signs in local yards. This helps raise awareness and excitement about the school as enrollment begins. Here's a breakdown of how it works:

### **What is the Yard Sign Extravaganza?**

It's a campaign where MGNS families, friends, and supporters place purple and white yard signs in their yards to spread the word about the school and kick off enrollment for the 25/26 school year. The signs will be displayed for a few weeks, starting in late January.

### **Key Dates:**

- **Yard Signs will be delivered or available for pick-up:** Week of January 27.
- **Signs need to be returned:** After February 20.

### **How to Participate:**

1. **Sign Up:** Fill out the Google Doc form to either:
  - Pick up** your sign from the school.
  - Request a drop-off** if you prefer the sign to be delivered to your yard.
2. **Display:** Once you have your sign, proudly display it in your yard to help get the word out about MGNS!
3. **Return:** After the yard sign extravaganza wraps up, you'll return your sign to MGNS in February, or we will come by and pick it up!

### **Why Participate?**

By hosting a yard sign, you're helping MGNS spread the word to potential new families in your community, all while showing your support for the school! Plus, it's a fun and easy way to get involved.

### **Ready to Sign Up?**

YES! I want to help MGNS by hosting a yard sign in my yard! [Click Here!](#)

Thank you for your support in helping make this event a success and generating excitement for the upcoming school year!



**Colectivo Coffee Fundraiser:** What better way to perk up after the holiday season than by enjoying some delicious coffee, tea, or cocoa from Colectivo Coffee while supporting MGNS? We're excited to announce our Colectivo Coffee fundraiser, running from **January 10 to January 24!** Fundraising materials will be distributed in brown bags, and order pick-ups will be the week of **February 10**. Be sure to ask friends, family, and neighbors if they'd like to enjoy some delicious Colectivo coffee while supporting MGNS!

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

**A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported MGNS at our Crafting for a Cause Event and our Doughnation Night!** Together, we raised an incredible \$475 for our school. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, and we deeply appreciate your continued support!

**Spring Fling and Silent Auction 2025:** MGNS's annual Spring Fling and Silent Auction will be in April. 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 at [fundraising@mgns.org](mailto:fundraising@mgns.org).

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