



# Monona Grove Nursery School Inc.

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Dear MGNS Families and Friends,

After more than 65 cherished years, we are thrilled to announce that **we'll be moving to a new home at Lake Edge Lutheran Church** (4032 Monona Drive), just down the street! Our new space—both indoors and out—is being thoughtfully redesigned to support and amplify our commitment to play-based learning, providing **EVEN MORE** opportunities for discovery, joy, and growth!

We invite you to get involved as we shape this exciting new chapter! In the coming weeks, we'll share specific ways you can support our school. We look forward to working with our MGNS community to make this transition smooth, successful, joyful, and **FUN!**

With gratitude and excitement for all that lies ahead,

**The MGNS Staff and Board of Directors**



**Questions?** Email Maria Keegan ([president@mgns.org](mailto:president@mgns.org)) or Sue Carr ([director@mgns.org](mailto:director@mgns.org))

## ***MGNS is Moving? Tell me more!***

### **Why are we moving?**

We've been searching for a new building for nearly two years. Our current landlords are selling the building, and our lease will not be renewed after December 2025.

### **Who made this decision?**

Over the past two years, our dedicated Board of Directors has thoughtfully explored a wide range of options to ensure the best possible future for our school. After careful deliberation, they have made the decision to move MGNS to Lake Edge Lutheran Church. This decision reflects our Board's commitment to providing a nurturing, inspiring environment for our students while ensuring the long-term sustainability of our school.

### **What changes can we expect at MGNS, and how will the new space enhance the experience for children and families?**

What makes MGNS special will remain unchanged, including our parent co-op structure and commitment to play-based learning. Our new space—both indoors and outdoors—will enhance and amplify this philosophy, offering even more opportunities for discovery, joy, and growth, while maintaining the warmth and familiarity our families love. Thoughtfully remodeled to align with our mission, the new space will foster creativity, exploration, and learning. Our architects and designers have worked closely with us to ensure the new environment reflects the essence, spirit, and heart of MGNS. Our Board is reviewing preliminary plans and looking forward to sharing them with you soon!

### **How has Monona Grove Nursery School partnered with Lake Edge Lutheran Church, and what does this collaboration mean for the school?**

We have established a wonderful, supportive partnership with the leadership and community at LELC, who have been both welcoming and accommodating of our school's needs and mission.

It's important to note that Monona Grove Nursery School remains an independent, unaffiliated, non-profit organization. Our school will continue to operate with the same mission, values, and play-based educational philosophy that have always defined us, while benefiting from the welcoming support of our new landlord-partners.

### **When are we moving and what does that mean for next year?**

Preliminary planning is underway, and while we don't have an exact move-in date yet, we expect to transition to our new space by December 1, 2025, at the latest. Registration for the 2025/2026 school year will proceed as usual, with the possibility of starting the Fall semester in our current location and finishing in our new home! Our Board will keep you informed of every milestone along the way.

## **How will Monona Grove Nursery School support children through the transition to the new space?**

We understand that big, exciting changes can also be challenging, especially for children. As we navigate this transition, the MGNS community will draw on our resilience and flexibility—important skills we not only nurture but also model for our students. Since they are at the heart of our mission, our students will play an integral role in shaping the MGNS of tomorrow!

## **How can families and the MGNS community support the upcoming transition?**

We have big plans ahead, and your support is essential to make them a reality. It will take all of us, contributing our talents and resources, and working together to ensure that our new location becomes a place where dreams are built, relationships are formed, and children are empowered to explore, learn, and PLAY!

In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out with specific ways you can support and be part of this exciting new chapter! We welcome and encourage you to get involved as our plans take shape, and we look forward to working together to make this transition as smooth, successful, joyful, and FUN as possible. Please share any ideas you have about the new space, playground, the move, possible funding—anything!—via this form (QR code at right): [bit.ly/4av3rrq](https://bit.ly/4av3rrq)



## **What is this Capital Campaign I am hearing about?**

Our upcoming MGNS Capital Campaign is crucial to making our vision for the new space a reality. This campaign will support the remodeling and enhancements needed to create a secure, inspiring environment for our students. Your contributions—whether in the form of financial support, connections, or creativity—will help ensure we continue to provide an enriching, play-based experience for our children for many, many years to come. Stay tuned for more details...!

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## ***Would you still like to learn more?***

### **Check out these opportunities to meet with the School Director and Board Members!**

We invite all members of our community to join one of our informational meetings where we will present preliminary plans, answer questions and highlight the many exciting opportunities ahead!

#### **IN PERSON at MGNS (In Fellowship Hall)**

**On Wednesday, 2/12 from 9:00am - 10:00am – All are welcome!**

#### **VIRTUAL MEETING via Zoom**

**On Wednesday, 2/12 from 7:30pm - 8:30pm <https://zoom.us/j/92954033508>**