



THE WINDS
January 25, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 25	Wacky Wednesday: Animal Day
Jan. 26	Grade 5 Spelling Bee
Jan. 26	Grade 5 Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27	No School - Grading and Planning Day
Feb. 1-28	Read-A-Thon
Feb. 1	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m.
Feb. 2	Peaceful Bus
Feb. 7	Dads Night Out - 6 p.m. at Excelsior Brewing
Feb. 20	No School - Presidents Day
Feb. 21	Mom's Night Out - 7 p.m. at Bull & Wren
Feb. 28	Last Day to Order Yearbooks
Feb. 11	Minnetonka Foundation Dream Makers Event
Mar. 3	Imagination Fair Registration Deadline
Mar. 11	Imagination Fair - 10 a.m.
Mar. 16	PTA Meeting - 6:30pm, Media Center - ALL ARE WELCOME
May 12	Deephaven Parent Party - 6:30 p.m. at Cast & Cru

*Find the full [Minnetonka calendar on the website](#).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paraprofessional Appreciation Week – This is Paraprofessional Appreciation week at Deephaven. We are acknowledging the helpful role all of our paras play at Deephaven for our students and teachers. They supervise students at recess and in the lunchroom. They also help support students with behavior and academics in the classroom. Please join us in sharing your appreciation for the great work our paras do every day at Deephaven. Thank you, Deephaven paras. You are the best!

I Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month begins on February 1. This PTA-run event is our largest fundraiser of the year, and it promotes reading among our students. Please see the PTA Pulse for more information.

No School Friday, January 27 – grading and planning day for teachers.

No School on Monday, February 20 – Presidents Day

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week's classroom meeting talks about how to disagree with someone without being disagreeable. Students will discuss some tricky situations and decide how to disagree respectfully with another person without hurting anyone's feelings. Students will also talk about strategies we can use to assert ourselves and our opinions appropriately.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Unfortunately, we are seeing an uptick in COVID cases this week. The symptoms being reported are mild (sore throat/tickle, slight cough). Please monitor your student(s) carefully and test if symptoms develop. The Health Office has COVID tests available if you need them.

Our current COVID guidelines are a 5-day quarantine which starts the day after symptom onset or positive test. Students can return to school on Day 6 if symptoms are improved and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication. We recommend students wear masks at school on Days 6-10 but it is not required. Please notify the Health Office of any positive results. Thanks for your cooperation.

PTA PULSE

A big thank you to those who came out to the PTA meeting last week. The group was small but mighty. We appreciate your engagement and support and look forward to seeing more of you at our March meeting. All are welcome! *Questions, comments or ideas in the meantime?* Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com.

Buy your 2022-23 Yearbooks! - January 27th is the last day to order personalized yearbooks before the February 1st price increase. The FINAL day to order yearbooks is February 28. Click [here](#) to order! *Questions?* Please contact Sara @ deephavenyearbook1@gmail.com.

Imagination Fair is coming Saturday, March 11th 10am - 12pm at school. It is time for your kids to share their creativity. Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, etc. -- our theme is "Show Us What You Got!"

The Imagination Fair isn't a science fair. It is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone. [Registration via Google Form](#) due Friday 3/3. *Questions?* Contact Jane Sladky-Valley at jskadkyvalley@gmail.com.

READ-A-THON IS COMING! FEBRUARY 1-28

"Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Readers"

Ready, set, read! Deephaven Elementary will hold its annual Read-A-Thon event and fundraiser during the month of February. The Read-A-Thon reinforces good reading habits in students while funding more than half of our school's PTA activities including school-wide field trips, teacher grants, STEM events, library books, and educational apps like IXL and Lexia. Last year, 90% of our students participated in the Read-A-Thon.

How it works:

- Students request and receive pledges from friends and family. Sponsors may pledge an amount for each minute read or a flat amount for the entire event.
- Students can win prizes by reading and logging their minutes into the Read-A-Thon website. Prizes are cumulative this year!

Goals this year:

- 90% student participation
- 640,000 minutes read

- \$60,000 raised

If each participant secured \$100 in pledges, we would meet our goal to raise \$60,000! Flyers with event details will be sent home soon. Let's help our kids build their reading skills while supporting our school!

We Need Volunteers! The Read-A-Thon is looking for volunteers with many roles requiring less than two hours of time. Sign up [here](#).

Questions? Please contact Sarah Min and Jessica Mork, Read-A-Thon Co-Chairs at deephavenreadathon@gmail.com

School Reviews -- Share Your Feedback - Would you like to spread the word about your Deephaven experience? Niche.com reviews are a way to let potential parents know how Deephaven stacks up against other schools in the district and other districts in the state. Have the best teacher? Love Imagination Fair, the Principal's Challenge or Lighthouse Publishing? Share your thoughts [here](#).