



THE WINDS
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

Important Dates

February 3-7	National School Counseling Week
February 7	7:30-7:55 School Store
February 11	8:30 Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony (front gym)
February 12	Spring Conference Sign Up Goes Live at 5:00 p.m.
February 13	11:30-2:15 Grade 1 Field Trip to Stages Theater
February 13	12:00-2:00 Grade 5 Field Trip to Roller Garden
February 14	TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE AT 12:40 (LUNCH WILL BE SERVED)
February 17	NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Deephaven's Read-A-Thon kicked off this week and will run through February! Be sure to encourage your child to participate and to read as many minutes as possible. Our PTA volunteers have done a terrific job of organizing and setting up this fun event for our students. Please see the PTA Pulse below for further details on recording your child's minutes.

Black History Month – Thank you to Deephaven parent, Susan Allen, and Deephaven staff member, Patti Berger, for working together to educate students about Black History Month. Daily information on a particular African-American that had an impact on American history has been sent to teachers to discuss with their students. We have posters up around the building for students to see, and we are finalizing three speakers to come and talk with classes about their experiences. Ask your children what they are learning about Black History Month.

Conference Sign-Up will take place on **Thursday, February 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** We will include the sign-up link with the email on February 12. Conferences take place on Thursday, March 5, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 6, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Conference sign-up will not be available before February 12 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Minnetonka Foundation's Dream Makers event was another success thanks to all of the Minnetonka parents that supported this event. The generous sponsors were important partners in making this event happen. The funds raised from last Saturday's event will go towards funding teacher grants. Teachers submit grants to the Foundation for innovative ways of engaging our students in learning. Click on the link to find out how the Foundation has impacted Deephaven Elementary.

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/partners/minnetonka-foundation/school-impact/deephaven>

This is National School Counselor Week. Deephaven's counselor is Howe Siegel. Mr. Siegel works with students and their parents in a variety of ways to help ensure student's needs are met. We appreciate all of the work our school counselor does to support Deephaven's students.

Lighthouse Publishing's upcoming celebration is on February 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the front gym. Parents are invited to attend. This will be the last round for the year due to lower than normal participation. We will look at restructuring it for next year. If you are interested in chairing the program for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact Stephanie Pearson at 952-401-4141.

Band Concert – Congratulations to our 5th grade band students for showing their talent during last Friday's concert.

Attendance – Deephaven contacts parents when students meet specific absent or tardy thresholds. The purpose of contacting parents is to see how our school can support your efforts to get your child to school. We hold off on taking attendance until 8:10 a.m. on days when traffic is moving slowly due to weather conditions.

Two-Hour Early Release on Friday, February 14. School will dismiss at 12:40 p.m. and lunch will be served.

No School on Monday, February 17, in honor of Presidents' Day.

DID YOU KNOW?

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE - Valentine's Day poses unique challenges for students with life threatening food allergies. Please remember our classroom food guidelines. Food allergens, especially dairy, peanuts and tree nuts are found in many types of chocolates and other candies. Read all labels carefully before you send any food/candy items to school or put them in Valentine's Day cards. We encourage you to consider non-food treats for Valentine's Day.

Get your YEARBOOK! Order your Deephaven yearbook today for \$28.00! Prices will increase after February 21. Visit www.jostens.com and select **Buy Your Yearbook** from the yearbook

drop-down menu. Here is the direct link:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1128491/Deephaven-Elementary-School/2020-Yearbook/20190910043805893109/CATALOG_SHOP/

PTA PULSE

Deephaven's Read-a-Thon is off to a great start with over 48% student participation so far! We have a **75%-100% participation goal** -- with prizes for the whole school -- so now is the time to get your student registered and READ, READ, READ. See below for details and how to sign up!

Upcoming Key Dates:

Now through February 24	READ-A-THON!
May 1	Talent Show
May 30	Parent Party

Travel the World in Books!!

PTA Project Spotlight: READ-A-THON Feb 1st - 24th. One of the most fun ways the PTA fosters academic enrichment with our Deephaven students is through February's Read-a-Thon. From February 1st – 24th, students log their minutes, engage their families and friends in support, and have a lot of fun along the way! With prizes for participation for individuals, classes and the entire school, it's no surprise that the whole community gets involved!

READ-A-THON Sign Up 'How To':

- Go to <http://pledgestar.com/deephaven>
- Enter your name and email address, then click Register
- Follow the instructions on-screen
- Read and record minutes!**

**** Minutes can be recorded and entered through Monday, February 24, and then the system will close. ****

SAVE-THE-DATE: Deephaven's annual Talent Show is happening Friday, May 1! The Talent Show is a wonderful Deephaven Elementary tradition for 3rd - 5th graders to showcase their talents with our community. 5th graders can participate in the 5th grade finale, in addition to participating in a solo or group act. Watch for sign up in next week's Winds. In the meantime, start brainstorming your act!

SAVE-THE-DATE: Deephaven Elementary 2020 Parent Party is on Saturday May 30 at the Minnetonka Yacht Club! - Mark your calendar to join fellow parents at the annual Deephaven Parent Party, a fun night to build community and raise money for our school. Right now, the **Parent Party Committee is looking for donation items for our live and silent auction.** Ideas include sporting event tickets, VRBO weekends, a day of boat rental, hockey gift cards, water sports toys... but creativity is welcomed! Your donations and ticket proceeds support the Deephaven PTA and academic enrichment, social enrichment, and community building at our school. **To donate or get involved, please reach out to Parent Party Chairs Kelli Deeg at kellideeg@gmail.com or Amy Blahosky at amyheintzman@hotmail.com.**