



**THE WINDS**  
**MARCH 2, 2022**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

March 2	NO Student Leadership
March 3	E-LEARNING DAY
March 3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 4	NO SCHOOL – Conferences
March 7-11	School Social Worker Week
March 7-11	Technology Staff Appreciation Week
March 9	Student Leadership
March 13	Daylight Savings Begins, Spring Ahead
March 16	Student Leadership
March 19	Imagination Fair (more information below)
Mar. 28-Apr. 1	Spring Break
April 4	No School – Planning/Grading Day
April 18	E-LEARNING DAY

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Spring Conferences** take place tomorrow night from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Once again, we are hoping for 100% participation, as we know the importance of parent/teacher communication. We had an amazing participation rate at fall conferences, and we appreciate your interest in meeting with your child's teacher

**E-Learning** will take place tomorrow. Students will be learning from home unless they are registered for childcare. Check with your child's teacher if you need information about tomorrow's e-Learning plan for your child.

**Thank You** for arriving at your assigned pick-up time in the afternoon. Because of your help, we have seen our pick-up line process improve. In addition, many of you are now arriving before 7:45 a.m. in the morning to avoid our bus arrival time.

**Read-A-Thon** – Thank you for supporting your child's involvement in our school's Read-A-Thon. There was so much enthusiasm on the part of our students, and I have heard countless stories from students about how many minutes they read. A special thank you to Jessica Mork and Sarah Min for leading this year's Read-A-Thon.

**Parent Input Forms** will be available during conferences. You may complete the form and return it to your child's teacher. Forms are also available in the office. The deadline to turn in your form is **Friday, March 25** will do our best to take your input into consideration as we build class lists for next year. We do not guarantee that we can accommodate all requests due to the difficult task of creating balanced classrooms.

**Student Well-being and Belonging** is a school board goal this year. I held input sessions with a diverse group of Deephaven parents and students. Our staff will use the input to increase a sense of belonging for all students at Deephaven. The SEARCH Institute survey administered to students revealed that we have a strong sense of belonging among our students. We recognize these positive results do not matter if you are the child that doesn't feel like you belong. We will continue to work on ensuring all Deephaven students feel a sense of belonging.

Here are just a few of the ways we are currently creating a sense of belonging at Deephaven:

- Each student is greeted at the classroom door by their teacher.
- Morning Meetings are held in all classrooms daily.
- Deephaven Daily News is run by fifth grade students.
- The Birthday Book program is in place to celebrate a child's birthday.
- Student Leadership conducts school tours for new families.
- M & M Mentoring program matching students with staff.

**No School** on Friday, March 4 – Conferences

**Spring Break is the week of March 28 – April 1**

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#### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are talking about how to be safe and respectful in the lunchroom as well as to and from school. Remember, if you ever feel confused or bullied by something or someone, tell your parents or another adult you trust right away.

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#### **PTA PULSE**

**The Read-a-Thon is almost over!** Time flies when you're reading. We're so proud of our students' efforts. In our book, they're all winners!

#### **Upcoming Key Dates**

Mar 8    Last day to log Read-a-Thon minutes  
Mar 11    Imagination Form entries due  
Mar 19    Imagination Fair  
Apr 8    Lighthouse publishing due  
May 21    Deephaven Parent Party

**READ-A-THON - "Books Bring Us Together"**

Thank you for supporting the Read-a-Thon! Parents should record all reading minutes between February 1 – 28. Questions? Email [deephavenreadathon@gmail.com](mailto:deephavenreadathon@gmail.com).

**Submit your reading minutes in Pledgestar by March 8.**

Log all reading minutes

in <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/c6ac8b4b/X6zmEvAEnECDjDSDjywDPQ?u=http://pledgestar.com/deephaven> to earn prizes!

More information can be found

at <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/71449a6c/nvayHaEXokmZJtnibPjLg?u=http://www.deephavenreadathon.com/>

What minutes count at home?

- All grades can earn minutes by actively reading books or e-books, having books read to them, or actively listening to audiobooks at home

What minutes count at school?

- Class time which has been designated as reading time
- Class time where someone is reading to the class
- Time spent working on reading skills with teachers or other adults
- Time spent reading in Explorers (before or after school)

Pledgestar will automatically submit your reading logs and pledges to organizers after the March 8 deadline. For readers who received per-minute pledges: your donors will receive an email on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Winners will be announced in mid-March!

**Weekly Winners** Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **Emma F.**, from Sra. Rothman's 1st grade class! Congrats also to our pledge request drawing winner, **Matias P.**, from Mr. Borgendale's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!

**Volunteer Request:** Wanted - six volunteers to assist with packaging student prizes on Friday, March 11th from 9am-1pm. Includes pizza lunch for all volunteers! Interested?

Email [deephavenreadathon@gmail.com](mailto:deephavenreadathon@gmail.com)

**IMAGINATION FAIR - "Make it Work" - March 19th 9:00-11:00 am - Registration Deadline Extended!**

Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, and more. [Register via Google Form](#) by Friday 3/11. All grades welcome!

**ART ADVENTURE 2022** Be a part of this amazing partnership with MIA for students in Grades 1, 3, and 5. Students are presented with 6 art works between March and April. Parent volunteers discuss the pieces using posters and other tools. Sign up to volunteer in Membership Toolkit. Classrooms can have more than one volunteer. For questions contact Caryn Jakucki at [cjakucki@gmail.com](mailto:cjakucki@gmail.com).

***Volunteers needed especially for these classes:***

*1st grade - Clepper*

*3rd grade - Dahlbacka*

*3rd grade - Orteu*

*3rd grade - Glue*

**World Culture Week** is coming up this month (March 14-18)! This year's theme will be *Minnesota Brings Us Together*, featuring the four countries where most immigrants to our state come from today. This includes Mexico, India, Somalia and Laos (specifically the Hmong culture). If you have a connection to any of these countries/cultures and/or would be interested in helping with this event, please contact our PTA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee leads: Betsy Chin ([betsyjchin@gmail.com](mailto:betsyjchin@gmail.com)) and Hilary Cheeley ([hilary.cheeley@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.cheeley@gmail.com)).

**TONKA PRIDE SALE** - Grab some gear from during conferences 3-6p on Thursday March 3 and 8-10:30 on March 4. We'll be in the front lobby of the school.

**Deephaven Parent Party & Virtual Auction -- Save the Date & Auction Items Needed --**

Giddy Up! We are excited to be "Back in the Saddle" this year with the return of the Deephaven Parent Party, coming to you the evening of Saturday, May 21 on Minnetonka Yacht Club's Lighthouse Island, complete with delicious barbeque, line dancing, and rodeo games! Yee-haw! As part of our planning process for this fun fundraiser, we are pulling together items and experiences for our virtual auction, which will run for the two weeks leading up to our live event. If YOU have an item or experience you'd like to donate, now's the time to get in on the fun. Please reach out to Deephaven Parent Party Co-Chairs Polly Madsen at [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com) or Stephanie Powell at [marystephanie@gmail.com](mailto:marystephanie@gmail.com).

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