



THE WINDS
November 30, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1 Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. in the Media Center
- Dec. 5-7 Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec. 7 Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Kindergarten Information Session, 6-7 p.m. in the Front Gym
- Dec. 15 Grade 5 Choir Concert, 8:30 a.m. in the Front Gym
- Dec. 15 Deephaven/Groveland Grade 5 Orchestra Concert - Groveland, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Deephaven Moms Night Out
- Dec. 22-Jan.2 **No School – Winter Break**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome Back! I hope you and your family had a nice Thanksgiving together!

Additional Parking Spaces Available - As many of you know, parking can be a challenge at Deephaven. With the help of our bus duty crew, we have found a way to shift all buses inside the corral to open up additional parking spots!

You are welcome to park in the spaces (identified below) previously reserved for buses.



REMINDER - Dress for the Weather – Students are outside for 30 minutes each day during recess. Temperatures need to be -10 degrees below zero actual temperature or wind chill to have indoor recess.

Behavior Expectations at Deephaven – Deephaven has high standards for student behavior and academic excellence. To maximize the time students are engaged in learning, we work to set students up for success by modeling and practicing our behavior expectations. We also use Responsive Classroom to build a strong classroom community <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/>

When students fall short of meeting our behavior expectations, we have a thoroughly developed approach to address situations. One example includes our common language that describes behavior choices in three ways. The three phrases are Above the Line, Below the Line, and Bottom Line behaviors. We reinforce Above the Line behaviors. Below the Line behaviors are addressed by redirecting students, administering a loss of privilege, having students taking a break, or students may be referred to our Behavior Manager to process their behavior. Our Behavior Manager will give the student a consequence, if appropriate, based on the behavior. Bottom Line behaviors include any behavior that is not acceptable at any time or by anyone. An example would be punching another student. Consequences include in-school suspension, dismissal and/or out-of-school suspension for Bottom Line behaviors. The goal is to extinguish Bottom Line behaviors.

When you visit our school, you will notice that students know what is expected and enjoy being here. Our students are extremely well behaved, and learning is rarely disrupted. The expectations you have at home and the expectations we have at school help to create a positive learning environment at Deephaven. Your partnership is critical to our success with students. With 670 students, we are bound to have some misbehavior. However, it is limited, and it is addressed each time by a teacher or staff member. The overall environment is positive and engaging for students. You are always welcome to visit Deephaven and have a look for yourself.

Recess Para Opening – The best way to make it through winter is to get out and enjoy it! We have an opportunity for you to be outside everyday with kids for 2.5 hours. Please submit your application online and email Josh Jansen if you have interest in this position. Josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org

Do you have an incoming Kindergartener for the 2023-24 school year? Registration is open now!

Kindergarten enrollment for 2023-24 is available now for in-district and open-enrolled families! Visit minnetonkaschools.org/enroll to discover more, register for a Kindergarten Information Night or Preschool Story Hour, and begin the enrollment process.

All families, resident and open enrolled, must complete the steps to register your child for Kindergarten for the 2023-24 academic year by January 15, 2023, even if you have other children attending schools in the District.

Deephaven Preschool Story Hour is Thursday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Deephaven Media Center. Parents of incoming K students are invited to attend with their child. The children will be read stories by our Queen of Kindergarten while parents learn about Deephaven Elementary.

Deephaven Kindergarten Information Night is on Thursday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Deephaven front gym. Incoming K parents will learn about our kindergarten options. This event is for the parents only.

[RSVP to Preschool Story Hour and Kindergarten Information Night](#)

No School December 22 - January 2 - Winter Break

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will be discussing different ways to assist those who may experience bullying and sharing safe, practical ways to show courage.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Influenza-like illnesses are showing up at school. It also seems to be taking kids longer to recover than we have seen in the past. We recognize how hard it is to decide if it is “just a cold” or something more. Please be cautious and considerate when sending your child to school when they do not feel well. Masks and testing are no longer required, however, students are welcome to wear a mask, as they can still be useful tools to keep our students, staff, and community healthy.

PTA PULSE

Questions, comments or ideas on how to make Deephaven even more incredible? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com

Book Fair! Dec 5-7 - The Book Fair is coming to Deephaven NEXT WEEK! All students will visit the fair with their teachers during school hours. **You can send cash or fund an eWallet for them to make purchases at the fair.** Creating an eWallet is easy! Just visit our Book Fair homepage:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/deephavenelementaryschool1>

Please consider donating to your teacher's eWallet! Teachers use funds to build their classroom libraries.

Our fair will be open for families to shop on Tuesday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 7th from 3pm - 6pm.

Moms Night Out - Dec 15 Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, and Caretakers - you're invited to participate in a time to connect with other Deephaven parents. 6-9PM at Red Sauce Rebellion in Excelsior.