



THE WINDS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Please make sure to read the entire newsletter for important information!

Important Dates

September 26	8:30-10:45 a.m. K Field Trip to Deardorff Orchards (Langan/Morales/Maus)
September 27	TWO-HOUR EARLY RELEASE 12:40 PM (lunch will be served)
Sept 30-Oct 4	Maintenance and Custodial Appreciation Week
October 3	8:30-9:30 a.m. PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE CEREMONY (front gym)
October 4	Walk/Bike to School Day
October 4	Vision and Hearing Day (Grades 1, 3 and 5)
October 10	9:30-11:20 a.m. Grade 2 Field Trip to Stages Theater
October 10	3:30-7:30 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 10	Strawbridge Studios Student/Staff Pictures (DURING CONFERENCES)
October 10	3:00-8:00 p.m. BOOK FAIR (media center)
October 11	NO SCHOOL - 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 11	Strawbridge Studios Student/Staff Pictures (DURING CONFERENCES)
October 14-18	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
October 16	9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Grade 3 Field Trip to the Children's Theater
October 16	9:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Grade 5 Field Trip to the Children's Theater
October 17-18	NO SCHOOL - MEA

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Two-Hour Early Release this Friday - Students will be dismissed 2 hours early at 12:40 p.m. and lunch will be served at school.

D4D was a successful event, celebrating its 10th year! And thankfully, the rain held off. Thank you to all of the parents, students and teachers that joined us in this fun family event. A special thank you to all of the parent volunteers involved in running the event, including Tanya Streifel, who has headed up the event for several years. D4D raises money to support PTA funded enrichment programs at our school.

REMINDER – Please stay in your car when dropping off and picking up your child. It only takes a few people getting out of their cars to drastically slow down the process for everyone involved.

When a bus is running late, we will send out a text message with updates. Be sure to check your cell phone contact number in Skyward by following these directions:

- 1) Log into your single sign-on family account
- 2) Click on Skyward
- 3) Make sure that your cell phone number is **listed in the THIRD spot** under phone numbers
- 4) Text Y to 67587

This will cover you for all text notifications, including emergency calls.

Chilean Student Teacher Host Families Needed – Deephaven will be hosting two student teachers from the University of Concepcion in Chile starting in January. We are looking for families to host our student teachers. Please contact Bryan McGinley if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

- 1) Anticipated arrival of January 26, 2020 (final date to be determined before winter break)
- 2) Two teachers - one will be in kindergarten and one will be in fourth grade.
- 3) Mid-point will be spring break.
- 4) It is possible to host the entire time or for part of the time.
- 5) Anticipated departure date is June 12, 2020

Maintenance and Custodial Appreciation Week is September 30 - October 4.

The Principal's Challenge Ceremony takes place next Thursday, October 3, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the front gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Walk/Bike to School Day is next Friday, October 4. Parents are invited to participate in this event with their child.

Hearing and Vision Testing takes place next Friday, October 4, for students in grades 1, 3 and 5

Conferences take place on Thursday, October 10, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, October 11, from 8:00-2:00 p.m. There is no school on Friday. **Families will receive an email tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. with instructions on how to log into their family account to sign up for conferences.**

Student Pictures During Conferences - Please see below in Did You Know for more information.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in the Olweus classroom meetings, students will be talking about the bullying circle, with the different roles involved in bullying. The goal is for students to move closer and closer to becoming defenders of a person being bullied.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) Principal's Challenge Update** – The Principal's Challenge ceremony will be held next Thursday, October 3, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the front gym. All children that participated in the challenge will be invited to attend. We are sending home invitations today. If your child achieved Trifecta status (completed all three sections), a permission slip for the pizza lunch at Detello's, with Principal McGinley, will be attached. The permission slip has the dates (October 8 and October 9) and times of when the different grade levels will be attending. The deadline for returning the permission slips will be on the form. Please contact Stephanie Pearson at stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org with any additional questions.

- 2) Announcing auditions for the 2020 Elementary Musical . . . *The Music Man KIDS!***
<https://www.minnetonkatheatre.com/elementary> Based on Meredith Willson's six-time-Tony-Award-winning musical comedy, *The Music Man KIDS* features some of musical theatre's most iconic songs and a story filled with wit and warmth. This toe-tapping crowd-pleaser featuring plenty of fun roles for our 4th and 5th graders! **See attached flyer for important dates/registration information!**

- 3) Vision & Hearing Screening for Grades 1, 3, and 5 is Friday, October 4.** If your child wears glasses/contacts, please be sure they have them at school that day.

- 4) Pictures during conferences - we will host our annual fall photo day/evening with Strawbridge Photography.** Please plan to bring your students with you to conferences, or stop in at any other time to have their photo taken. Details on ordering packages is attached. **Or you can click on the link <https://www.strawbridge.net/>, click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks" (yearbooks will be provided through a different company) and enter code FM319485. After ordering, please turn your order form into your child's teacher, along with your online payment code.** Please contact Stephanie Pearson at stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org with any questions.

- 5) Football season is in full swing** and with that, comes an opportunity to Tackle Cancer together. Every year, Minnetonka staff, students, and parents partner with the Randy Shaver Cancer Research Fund to help tackle this disease. This fundraiser has raised over \$1.8 million in the past 6 years, and our district has raised more money than any other district! We will be collecting money tomorrow and Friday. Kids can bring money to school and give it to their teacher. If a check is written, please make it out to Randy Shaver Cancer Research Fund.

PTA PULSE

Upcoming Key Dates:

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| October 9 - 11 | Book Fair (Media Center) |
| October 10 - 11 | Tonka Pride Sale (Deephaven Lobby) |

D4D Update - Wow, what a great time had by all at this past weekend's PTA Fall Fundraiser, the Distance for Deephaven (D4D) Color Run, where we got together, got moving, got drenched in color, and raised funds for Deephaven Elementary enrichment! A very special thanks to our D4D 2019 committee: Tanya Streifel, Tonya Jones Faundeen, Megan Lindahl Goodrich, Amanda Sutter, Melissa Sjoquist, Jamie Paz and Vanessa Abraham, the MANY volunteers and teachers, and our valued D4D Title and Platinum Sponsors -- Fazendin Realtors, Oppidan Investments, Mary Restrepo Sotheby's Realty, Domino's Pizza, Madel Law, and Nothing Bundt Cakes - who made this event a memorable one for our kids.

PTA Project Spotlight: IXL Learning Website

Did you know the PTA provides the funding for IXL? This tool allows every student at Deephaven Elementary access to [IXL.com](https://www.ixl.com), with lessons available in math (K-5) and language arts (3-5). Students can log-on to IXL anytime, anywhere to augment classroom learning.

Want to get involved in the PTA?

- 1) **Subscribe to the Deephaven PTA Membership Toolkit (NEW!)** – replacing the MySchoolAnywhere directory, Membership Toolkit is your 'one-stop-shop' for the Deephaven Elementary event calendar and volunteer opportunities. There is even an app to help you stay organized!
 - o **REGISTER TODAY** at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com>
 - o **GET THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT APP** at the App Store
- 2) **Volunteer Your Time & Talent** - Parent volunteers are the lifeblood of the Deephaven PTA, and we need your help to keep our school community green and growing! Visit deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com to check out the latest volunteer needs and open leadership roles. Contact Melissa Sjoquist, PTA Volunteer Coordinator, with questions at sjoquism@gmail.com.
- 3) **Join Parents of Deephaven Elementary Kids Facebook Page** - a great place to connect with others in our school community, ask questions, and get support.
- 4) **Attend PTA Meetings & Social Events** – often, the best way to stay connected is 'face-to-face'; get the most out of your Deephaven Elementary experience by *showing up* at our full calendar of events this year. Access the calendar of events in the Membership Toolkit.

Open PTA Positions - The PTA has openings for a few lead positions, and we need you! Open positions: **Grade 3-5 Room Parent Lead** and **Talent Show Lead(s)**. Visit Membership Toolkit for descriptions and to sign up. Contact Kelsey Lang kelseyjlang@gmail.com or Amanda Sutter sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com with any questions.

Tonka Pride Sale – Thursday, October 10, 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday, October 11, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Show school district pride and support our PTA by shopping the Tonka Pride Sale while you are on site for the Book Fair. The sale will take place in the Deephaven Elementary Lobby. Lots of good gear to wear or give to family and friends!