

WINDS - February 17, 2021

Important Dates

February 1-28	Read-A-Thon (see details in "PTA Pulse")
February 18	Yearbook Sale Ends - Prices Go Up February 19 (see PTA Pulse for details)
February 23	DRESS UP DAY - DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER!
February 23	5th Grade Transition Meeting (see Principal's Desk for details)
March 4	Spring Conferences - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
March 5	NO SCHOOL - Spring Conferences 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
March 23	DRESS UP DAY - DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS ATTIRE!
March 29-April 4	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 5	NO SCHOOL - Grading and Planning Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Conference Signup – Teachers will be sending out a Signup Genius link this Friday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m.

Conference Dates are Thursday, March 4, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday, March 5, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Deephaven has a long history of having close to 100% attendance by parents at conferences. We hope you can make your child's conference, as it is an important part of the partnership we have with you to support your child's learning.

5th Grade Middle School Transition Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Clear Springs/Deephaven Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/ddc-ybon-pyk

Celebration of Excellence – Parents, Students and Staff

Nominations are open through February 28 for Minnetonka Schools' Annual Celebration of Excellence Awards. When you think of excellence in Minnetonka Schools, who comes to mind? A teacher? A para? Another staff member? A school volunteer? You have the chance to nominate that person for a District Child-Centered Excellence Award! Those selected as award honorees will be celebrated at the Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony on May 13. Please take a few minutes to acknowledge a district employee or school volunteer for their dedication and impact on our school community. Learn about the award categories, see past years' winners and submit your nomination

here: <https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/activities/districtwide/celebration-of-excellence>

Our Read-A-Thon continues this week. Keep up the reading, and record those minutes! See the PTA Pulse below for more information.

Lighthouse Publishing's upcoming celebration is on February 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the wood floor gym. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend because of our COVID-19 restrictions.

The Powerful Potential of Parents is a one-hour seminar hosted by former Minnetonka Superintendent, Dr. Don Draayer, and his wife, Mary Anne, on their book, *The Powerful Potential of Parents: Critical Influences, Ages 0-5, Extending into K-12*. Registration details are included in the following attachment [The Powerful Potential of Parents.pdf](#)

No School on Friday, March 5, due to conferences.

Spring Break is the week of March 29 – April 2.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you would like to order a photo package, you must use code **FM343951**. Please do not use any other codes you may have on hand. Please visit <https://www.strawbridge.net/> to place your order. Click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks" (you will not order yearbooks from this company...Jostens will be printing our yearbooks later in the year). Enter the code above and follow the prompts. Please email stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org with any questions!

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION (Weeks of February 10 and February 17)

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 they can use to assert themselves and their opinions appropriately.

PTA PULSE

Brrrrr, what a chilly month we've had! Why not make the most of this frigid weather by snuggling up with a book (and cocoa, and a fire?!) during this month's Read-A-Thon. Bonus? You can earn prizes just by reading your books and getting your family & friends to support your effort by sponsoring your reading. It is not too late to join the fun -- see below for details and a link to register.

Upcoming Dates:

February 18 Yearbook Early Order Deadline (price goes up February 19)

February 1 -28 Read-A-Thon!

Yearbook Early Order Deadline is TOMORROW, February 18th: This school year is one for the books! Make sure to commemorate a year like no other and order yours today! Yearbooks are \$28 through February 18. The price goes up February 19! Place your order [here](#) today.

READ-A-THON Week 3 Update

“Reading is the Ultimate Adventure”

We're halfway through February's Read-A-Thon, and participants are making the most of our cold snap! With temperatures below zero, now is the perfect time to chill out to cool stories! Throw on a sweater, make some hot cocoa, and warm up with books. There's *snow* greater thing than reading!

REGISTER TODAY -- IT IS NOT TOO LATE

- Sign up at <http://pledgestar.com/deephaven> to begin logging minutes and earning prizes!
- The full list of prizes can be found at www.deephavenreadathon.com

Read-A-Thon Results ('By the Numbers' through Week 2)

- 423 students participating!
- 149,175 minutes read!
- 3rd graders are in the lead with most minutes read!
- Sra. Powell's 4th graders are the leading class!

Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **August Huseby**, from Srta. Glaser's 3rd grade class!

***"All I have learned, I learned from books."* – Abraham Lincoln**

Birthday Book Program Reminder - With everyone back in school, this is a friendly reminder to sign up your child for Deephaven's 2020-2021 Birthday Book program! In lieu of bringing treats to celebrate birthdays, parents may donate \$16 per child to the Deephaven PTA Birthday Book Program. This amazing initiative celebrates your child and supports the Media Center by bringing in fabulous new books for all the kids to enjoy. Sign up your child to celebrate their birthday or half birthday at <https://deephavenpta.revtrak.net/Birthday-Book-Donation/>

Box Tops for Education Progress -- \$500 raised so far! Thank you to everyone who has collected box tops for our school. So far, we have raised over \$500! To help us reach our \$1,500 goal by the end of the school year, please bring in any clipped box tops to your teacher or drop them off in the bin in the front lobby by the next deadline, which is Monday, February 22. And, if you haven't done so, you can download the Box Tops for Education App to scan your receipts!

Talent Show Lead Needed -- Do you need a creative outlet? The Deephaven PTA is looking for an artistic and organized person to lead this year's Deephaven Elementary Virtual Talent Show,

which is slated for this spring. Interested in learning more? Please reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter, at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com.