



THE WINDS
FEBRUARY 16, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1-28	Read-A-Thon
February 18	E-LEARNING DAY
February 21	NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
February 23	Student Leadership
February 23	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character Day
March 2	Student Leadership
March 3	E-LEARNING DAY
March 3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 4	NO SCHOOL – Conferences
March 16	Student Leadership
March 19	Imagination Fair (more information below)
April 18	E-LEARNING DAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Spring Conferences –Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 3, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 4, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Our goal is to have all our parents participate.

You will be receiving an email on Tuesday, February 15 at 5 p.m. with instructions on how to sign conferences. Please let your child's teacher know if you have questions.

Remember, that we do not have school on Friday, March 4.

Drop off and Pick up Procedures – Here are tips to help keep our car line moving.

1. Pull all the way down to the far stop sign if you are the lead car.
2. Have your child get out of the car anywhere along the front curb.
3. Have backpacks and bags ready to go.
4. Give hugs at home and avoid getting out of your vehicle (unless your child needs assistance).
5. Arrive in the morning between 7:30 – 7:40 to avoid the long line.
6. Buses arrive around 7:47 and things begin to get backed up. Dropping your child off prior to 7:45 will allow you to get through the line quicker.
7. Arrive at the grade level time for your child in the afternoon. Cars arriving early take up spots along the curb that are intended for other grade levels and slow down our entire process significantly.

Arrival times for parents:

2:30 – Grades K, 1 and siblings of K or 1 students

2:35 – Grades 2 and 3

2:40 – Grades 4 and 5

Life can be hectic, especially with young children and we understand things will not always go as planned. We simply ask that you help us out by doing your best to follow the plan. The safety of all students and parents is our top priority.

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 12. 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>

February 18 – No in-person school. Teachers will provide limited synchronous instruction along with asynchronous instruction on Friday, February 18. Students will work at home from 8:00-2:40 p.m. Your child's teacher will provide you with a schedule for the day closer to February 18. Childcare is available to families who need it. Please contact the office if you need childcare and did not complete the registration form.

No In-person School on Friday, February 18. Students will remain at home and connect with their teacher remotely. School will end at 2:40 p.m.

No School on Monday, February 21 – Presidents Day

No School on Friday, March 4 – Conferences

Spring Break is the week of March 28 – April 1

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will talk about ways to improve classroom transitions. We will also discuss multiple scenarios of what could happen during recess or transition times and how to solve them.

PTA PULSE

We're halfway through February's Read-a-Thon and we're at 50% of our goal to read 450,000 minutes, and 92% of our goal to raise \$40,000! There's *snow* greater thing than reading in the wintertime. It's not too late to [REGISTER](#) in Pledgestar, and support your children's reading journey and our school!

Upcoming Key Dates

Feb Read-a-Thon

Feb 23 Favorite Book Character Day
Mar 19 Imagination Fair
Apr 8 Lighthouse publishing due
May 21 Deephaven Parent Party

READ-A-THON WEEK #3! "Books Bring Us Together"

We have reached our school wide participation goal of 85% so all students will receive an extra recess AND every class will enjoy a movie with popcorn! Awesome job, everyone.

Week #2 Results

- 228,044 minutes read!
- 85% participation school wide participation!

Weekly Winners

Congrats to weekly drawing winner, **Vincent B.**, from Mr. Borgendale's 5th grade class.
Congrats to pledge drawing winner, **Nolan F.**, from Mrs. Peter's 3rd grade class. Nolan won a Kiwi crate.

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.

DEEPHAVEN PARENT PARTY - Save the Date for the Party and Fundraiser on **Saturday May 21** at the Minnetonka Yacht Club. We're looking for volunteer help. Reach out to Stephanie Powell marystephanie@gmail.com (Party) or Polly Madsen madsen.polly@gmail.com (Auction) to assist with the planning: ex. auction fundraising, event planning/logistics, day of help, or virtual technology.

IMAGINATION FAIR - "Make it Work" - March 19th 9:00-11:00 am

Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, and more. [Register via Google Form](#) by Friday 3/4. All grades welcome!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Do you have any clipped labels for Box Tops for Education stashed at home? If yes, please drop them off in the Deephaven lobby bin before the deadline on Tuesday 2/22.

Our school has earned almost \$300 since the start of the school year, so we are tracking behind to our \$1,000 goal. Keep scanning all your grocery receipts in the Box Tops app! Contact Katie Semersky (ksemersky@gmail.com) with questions.

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