



Read-a-Thon February 1-28

“Reading is the Ultimate Adventure”

www.deephavenreadathon.com

Visit the website above for all the information you need for your student to participate

WINDS - February 10, 2021

Important Dates

February 1-28	Read-A-Thon (see details in “PTA Pulse”)
February 8-12	National School Counselor Week
February 12	TWO-HOUR EARLY RELEASE (school ends at 12:40 p.m./lunch served)
February 15	NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS' DAY
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!
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

**** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!****

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Student Pick Up - Arrival Times:

- 2:30 Parents with a child in kindergarten or first grade and those with siblings in 2nd – 5th grade..
- 2:35 Parents with a child in grade 2 or 3.
- 2:40 Parents with a child in grades 4 or 5.

Arriving before your designated time slows our line down since we are dismissing grade levels at different times.

Student Drop Off - Beat the traffic and the buses by dropping your child off starting at 7:30 a.m., and by 7:40 a.m. Students can go directly to their classrooms and prepare for their school day. After school, we need your help arriving at your designated time to help move our car line along quicker. Please see the arrival times above.

Student Pick up – Please be sure to have your yellow card, with your child’s name and teacher, visible in your car window at pick up time. The line will move much quicker if the cards are visible.

Deephaven’s Read-A-Thon kicked off last week, and we had our first gift card winner, Kilian Murphy! Congratulations, Kilian! Be sure to encourage your child to participate and to read as many minutes as possible. Our PTA volunteers have done a terrific job of organizing and setting up this fun event for our students. Please see the PTA Pulse below for further details on recording your child’s minutes.

Spring Conferences – We will again be holding virtual conferences this spring. Our goal is to have all our parents participate. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 4, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 5, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There is no school on March 4. Teachers will be sending out a Signup Genius link on Friday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. Please let your child’s teacher know if you have questions.

This is National School Counselor Week. Deephaven’s counselor is Howe Siegel. Mr. Siegel works with students and their parents in a variety of ways to help ensure student’s needs are met. We appreciate all the work our school counselor does to support Deephaven’s students.

Lighthouse Publishing’s upcoming celebration is on February 19 at 1:30 p.m.. in the wood floor gym. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend because of our COVID-19 restrictions.

Attendance – Deephaven contacts parents when students meet specific absent or tardy thresholds. The purpose of contacting parents is to see how our school can support your efforts to get your child to school. We hold off on taking attendance until 8:10 a.m. on days when traffic is moving slowly due to weather conditions.

Lines of Communication at Deephaven begin with the adult closest to the situation. Following our lines of communication allows for staff involved to resolve the concern.

Staff member involved

Classroom teacher

Principal

Superintendent

Close Contacts among bus riders with a person who is COVID-19 positive include those who were in the same row, the two rows ahead, and the two rows behind the positive person for 15 minutes or more cumulatively. Assigned seats were finalized by the bus company and put in place on Monday to allow for easy contact tracing. Below is a visual to show those students that would be exposed to a COVID-19 positive student on a bus.

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

Two-Hour Early Release on Friday, February 12. School will dismiss at **12:40 p.m.** and lunch will be served.

No School on Monday, February 15, in honor of Presidents' Day.

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!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Out of an abundance of caution and safety around COVID transmission (and food allergies), **we are asking that you do not send candy or food treats in your student's Valentine cards.**

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

We hope everyone is staying warm during this chilly month! A great way to make the most of this cold snap is to snuggle up with a great book during this month's Read-A-Thon. Students have already logged an impressive amount of minutes! See below for details on Read-A-Thon results so far and ways you can get engaged!

If you are interested in getting more involved in the PTA, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to PTA President Amanda Sutter at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com to learn about opportunities big and small.

Upcoming Dates:

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

February 1 -28 Read-A-Thon!

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

READ-A-THON Week 2 Update

"Reading is the Ultimate Adventure"

The Read-a-Thon is off to a great start and runs the entire month of February. Stuck inside this month? Snuggle up with some science fiction, flip through fairy tales in your pillow fort, or browse a biography under a warm blanket — no matter what your genre may be, all of it counts during Read-a-Thon!

What Reading Counts?

All reading minutes from February 1 - February 28

All reading minutes done OUTSIDE of school hours

All minutes read by the student or read to the student

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY 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 1)

359 students participating!

60,017 minutes read!

Top reader read 2,519 minutes!

Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **Kilian Murphy**, from Mrs. Nagel's Kindergarten class!

Box Tops for Education -- Sign Up NOW to earn \$6 for our School! Have you been thinking about signing up for Box Tops but haven't had the time or motivation? This month, you can increase your impact during a special promotion. For a limited time through February 17, Deephaven Elementary receives \$6 for every new person who signs up in the Box Tops app and scans ONE grocery receipt before February 17.

It's EASY:

Download the Box Tops for Education App from the App Store

Use the referral code OOA47KXN when you sign up

Scan ONE receipt, including a Box Tops eligible product, by February 17

EARN \$6 for Deephaven!

Thank you for your support, and happy shopping!

Talent Show Lead Needed -- Do you need a creative outlet? The Deephaven PTA is looking for a creative, and organized type to lead this year's Deephaven Elementary Talent Show slated for this spring. Interested in learning more? Please reach out to PTA President Amanda Sutter at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com to learn more about this fun school community building event.