



THE WINDS
January 4, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 7	Lighthouse Publishing submissions due
Jan.. 9	Bookmark Contest submissions due
Jan. 12	Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony, 9:15 a.m.
Jan. 16	No School - Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 25	Wacky Wednesday: Animal Day
Jan. 26	Grade 5 Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27	No School - Grading and Planning Day
Feb. 7	Deephaven Dads night out - Excelsior Brewing

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the routine of work and school for your family. I hope you enjoyed winter break! The next three months, we typically have minimal disruptions to our calendar. Getting back to good routines at home, such as a regular bedtime and family dinners, helps set your child up for success during the school day. We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we head into the second half of the school year. We welcome your communication from home on ways we can best support your child's learning at school.

REMINDER – Please notify the health office when your child is absent from school. Attendance is taken by our health office and the direct phone number to report an absence is 952-401-6904.

Incoming Kindergarten Families – Registration materials for residents is due on January 15. Families that are open enrolling must turn in their applications by January 15 as well. Please contact Alexis Beckman at 952-401-4141 or alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

Winter Weather – Students spend 20-30 minutes outside each day at school unless the temperature or wind chill reaches -10 degrees. Be sure your child is prepared with the proper winter gear. Contact Jessica Thull, our school's social worker, at 952-401-6908 if you need help with winter gear for your child. Her email is jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org.

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

Reminder – School starts at 8:00 a.m. and the first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. When everyone is on time, classes are able to start without disruptions.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus Classroom Meetings we will be talking about effective communication, both how to listen well to what another person is saying and getting your message across in a respectful manner.

DID YOU KNOW

Minnetonka Preschool, ECCE & Junior Explorers Open House

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 | 9:30-11:30 am | Minnetonka Community Education Center (4584 Vine Hill Road, Excelsior)

Tour classrooms, meet the teachers, ask questions, play in the gym, learn about Junior Explorers Childcare, and attend an info session. This event is free of charge and sponsored by Minnetonka Preschool and PTO/ ECCE Advisory Council. Childcare will be provided during each presentation. 2023-24 online registration begins Thursday, February 2 at 7:30 am.

[View the catalog here.](#)

PTA PULSE

Can you believe we're halfway through the school year? We hope everyone had a good restful break and is ready to be back at it! 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.

Lighthouse Publishing - Sat Jan 7th - We've extended the deadline for our second Lighthouse Publishing event of the year. Submissions are now due Sat Jan 7th.

What is Lighthouse Publishing? Lighthouse Publishing encourages creative writing skills in a non-graded, accessible format. Students in Grades 2-5 can write anything they want! - poems, short stories, novels, comic strips. Entries must be submitted using the template (parents can help type if needed). Stories are then bound into an official book which is presented to the authors during a ceremony (usually with treats!) with parents and guests. **The classroom with the most entries also wins a Pizza Party for the whole classroom.**

Email submissions to: deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com

Please send any questions directly to that same email address. Ceremony will be Thursday, January 12th at 9:15a.m., in the front gym.

Book Fair - Bookmark Contest - January 3 - 9 - "Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Readers"

The Read-a-Thon begins next month and we're kicking it off with a school-wide bookmark contest! One winner will be selected from each grade (K-5). Winners will receive a gift card and winning bookmarks will be handed out to students during February's Read-a-Thon.

How It Works:

A bookmark template will be sent home with students this week. Students may use pictures and/or words to decorate the template taking inspiration from the theme, "Bolder, Prouder, Stronger." Bookmark entries must be turned in to teachers by Monday, January 9th. We can't wait to see the students' submissions!