

SHAPE YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE



Enrollment deadlines for the Minnetonka School District are just around the corner. Whether your child is entering Kindergarten, grades 1-12 or if you're new to the school district, the priority deadline for resident online enrollment is January 25. The state deadline for open enrollment applications is January 15.

ENROLL FOR KINDERGARTEN AND BEYOND

Minnetonka Public Schools is among the best-performing school districts—not just in Minnesota, but across the nation. Starting in Kindergarten, our primary goal is to inspire the love of learning in children through social and emotional teaching strategies. Our robust curriculum balances active, playful, hands-on learning with individual, small and large group instruction designed to nurture early academic skills and promote social development. Throughout the grade levels, our innovative programs and extensive supports help each student succeed:

- K-12 English, Chinese and Spanish Immersion options
- K-5 computer coding and maker spaces
- Personalized, child-centered education
- 1:1 iPads in grades 5-12
- Unique programs for advanced learners in elementary school: Navigator, Wings, project-based learning and accelerated math/reading
- Before- and after-school childcare in Explorers Club (through Minnetonka Community Education)

Kindergarten parents may attend one of our December Preschool Story Hours, January Information Sessions or register for a webinar hosted by one of our elementary school principals (<http://bit.ly/TonkaKindergarten>).

EXPLORE HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

Students who are not currently enrolled in Minnetonka Schools but are considering Minnetonka High School are invited to attend the December 4 Pizza with the Principal event. They'll tour MHS, meet Principal Jeff Erickson and learn how to make the most of their high school experience. We'll discuss exciting options that could include Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses and/or signature programs like Minnetonka Research, Tonka Online and VANTAGE (Minnetonka's Advanced Professional Studies Program).

LEARN MORE ONLINE TODAY

Explore our District website to learn more about what our schools offer, how our innovative education options fit your family's needs and how to schedule a school tour. Please visit: www.minnetonkaschools.org/enroll123.

JOIN US FOR A FUN & INFORMATIVE ENROLLMENT EVENT

Location	Events in Dec. 2017 and Jan. 2018
Clear Springs Elementary 952-401-6950	Dec. 5, Preschool Story Hour, 10-11 a.m. Jan. 11, Kindergarten Info Night, Front Gym, 6 p.m.
Deephaven Elementary 952-401-6900	Dec. 7, Preschool Story Hour, 9-10 a.m. Jan. 4, Kindergarten Info Night, East Gym, 6 p.m.
Excelsior Elementary 952-401-5650	Dec. 7, Preschool Story Hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Jan. 11, Kindergarten Info Night, 6 p.m.
Groveland Elementary 952-401-5600	Dec. 5, Preschool Story Hour, 10-11:30 a.m. Jan. 9, Kindergarten Info Night, 6 p.m.
Minnewashta Elementary 952-401-5500	Dec. 5, Preschool Story Hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Jan. 9, Kindergarten Info Night, 6 p.m.
Scenic Heights Elementary 952-401-5400	Dec. 5, Preschool Story Hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Jan. 9, Kindergarten Info Night, Tile Gym, 6 p.m.
Kindergarten Enrollment Webinar	Dec. 13, 12-1 p.m. Register at http://bit.ly/TonkaKindergarten (Register to receive the recording if you cannot attend.)
Minnetonka High School	Dec. 4, Pizza with the Principal for prospective MHS students, 5 or 5:45 p.m. Sign up today at http://bit.ly/PizzaPrincipal

Message

from the Superintendent

Having enough students in the District each year has been vital to our development of strong programs to serve resident students and has contributed to their incredible achievement over the past twelve years. The enrollment cycle for Minnetonka begins anew in December with the acceptance of Kindergarten students for next year. We need about 900 Kindergarteners each year, and we have just 500 resident five-year-olds ready to start next year. So, attracting students from outside of our boundaries is critical to maintaining the excellence we have established for resident students. Those new students will be accepted beginning in December.

Each of these students will bring enough state aid with them to more than pay for their costs without any local tax support, and the additional funds will enable resident students to start on their wonderful thirteen-year journey through our schools. This will be my eighteenth Kindergarten class, and I am watching my fifth class that has gone all the way through the system to graduation.

Our students will encounter an increasingly personalized educational experience in our classrooms, as our drive to meet the needs and aspirations of each student involves more strategies. We have provided an expanding plan for personalized experiences with the breadth of our overall program, and the latest work in the District will enable teachers to give that individual attention. We know this is the way to reach even higher levels of learning for students who already far exceed the achievement levels expected of students in their respective grades.

Dr. Dennis Peterson, Superintendent



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Band • Choir • Orchestra • Theatre • All Ages

www.minnetonkaschools.org/winterconcerts

Minnetonka Foundation Funds K-8 Coders and Makers Spaces

A \$200,000 endowed grant from Minnetonka Foundation to Minnetonka Schools is providing coding and making educational experiences at each of the District's six elementary schools and its two middle schools.

Materials, training and events sponsored by the Foundation's grant will support hands-on learning experiences around technology, computer science, design, making and engineering in Minnetonka K-8 classrooms. Each school has received a cart with materials, called "The Hub," that will foster open-ended, student-driven learning experiences that encourage creativity, agility and collaboration to achieve a goal.

"We are grateful for the Foundation's generous, ongoing support of our students," said Superintendent Dr. Dennis Peterson. "In Minnetonka Schools, students aren't just learning how to use technology, they are learning how to create it. The Foundation's

enduring commitment to funding unique and innovative projects and initiatives, such as makers and coders spaces, helps students to become agile, collaborative problem-solvers who will be highly employable and successful in the dynamic workplaces of the future."

Established in 1986, the Foundation provides annual teacher grants to fund classroom projects and has supported multi-year Endowment Fund projects including The MHS Writing Center and global learning programs throughout the District.



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Minnetonka Schools Calendar

December 2017

- 1.....Tonka Pride Pop-up Store, DSC, 3-7pm
- 2.....Tonka Pride Pop-up Store, DSC, 8am-1pm
- 2-17.....Holiday Musical, Arts Center, various times
- 4.....Gr 8 Band & MHS Wind Ensemble, Arts Center, 7pm
- 5.....Clear Springs Family Service Night,
- 5.....Preschool Story Hour, Clear Springs, 10am
- 5.....Preschool Story Hour, Groveland, 10am
- 5.....Preschool Story Hour, Minnewashta, 9:30am
- 5.....Preschool Story Hour, Scenic Heights, 9:30am
- 5.....MME Gr 6 Winter Choir Concert, 7pm
- 5.....MHS Band Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
- 6.....Navigator Open House for Prospects, Scenic Heights, 1pm
- 7.....Preschool Story Hour, Deephaven, 9am
- 7.....Preschool Story Hour, Excelsior, 9:30am
- 7.....Navigator Open House for Prospects, Excelsior, 10am
- 7.....Gr 8 & MHS Symphony Orchestra, Arts Center, 7pm
- 8-9.....MMW 6th grade musical, MMW, various times
- 11.....Gr 4-5 Orchestra Concert, Minnewashta, 6:30pm
- 11.....Gr 7 Winter Choir Concert, MMW, 6:45pm
- 11.....Deephaven & Groveland Gr 5 Orchestra Concert, Excelsior Aud, 7pm
- 11.....MHS Choir Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
- 11.....Scenic Heights Gr 4-5 Orchestra Concert, MHS, 7pm

- 11.....Gr 8 Winter Choir Concert, MMW, 8pm
- 12.....Gr 4 Orchestra Concert, Clear Springs, 6pm
- 12.....Gr 7 Winter Band Concert, MME, 6:30pm
- 12.....Excelsior Orchestra Concert, Excelsior Aud, 6:30pm
- 12.....Gr 5 Choir & Orch Concert, Clear Springs, 7pm
- 12.....MHS Choir Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
- 13.....Webinar: Kindergarten Options for 2018-19, 12pm register at <http://bit.ly/TonkaKindergarten>
- 14.....Gr 5 Choir Concert, Minnewashta, 7pm
- 14.....Gr 5 Choir Concert, Excelsior, 6:30pm
- 14.....Gr 5 Choir Concert, Deephaven, 7pm
- 14.....MHS Orchestra Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
- 18.....Gr 8 Music & Friends Winter Concert, MMW, 6:30pm
- 18.....Gr 5 Music & Lyrics, Groveland, 7pm
- 18.....Gr 7 MME/MMW Orchestra, MME, 7pm
- 19.....Gr 7 Band/Jazz Band Concert, MMW, 7pm
- 19.....Gr 8 Girls Choir Concert, MME, 7pm
- 20.....Gr 8 Boys Choir Concert, MME, 7pm
- 22-31....**No School**, E-12, Winter Break
- 25-26....**No School** E-12, District Office Closed, Winter Break

January 2018

- 1.....**No School** E-12, District Office Closed, Winter Break
- 2.....**No School** E-12, Winter Break
- 3.....Classes Resume

- 4.....Kindergarten Info Session, Deephaven, 6pm
- 9.....Kindergarten Info Session, Groveland, 6pm
- 9.....Kindergarten Info Session, Minnewashta, 6pm
- 9.....Kindergarten Info Session, Scenic Heights, 6pm
- 11.....Kindergarten Info Session, Clear Springs, 6pm
- 11.....Kindergarten Info Session, Excelsior, 6pm
- 11.....Mtka Philharmonic Orch Concert, Arts Center, 7pm
- 13.....Skipper Showstoppers, Arts Center, 2pm
- 15.....**No School** E-12, District Office Closed, MLK Jr. Day
- 15.....Open Enrollment Application Deadline for 2018-19
- 16.....Gr 6 Band/Jazz Band Concert, Arts Center, 6:15pm
- 16.....Gr 6 Band Concert, Arts Center, 7:45pm
- 18.....Tonka District Children's Choir, Arts Center, 7pm
- 19.....End of 2nd Quarter
- 22.....**No School** K-12, Planning and Grading
- 23.....Begin 3rd Quarter
- 23.....MME Gr 7 Winter Concert, MME, 6:30pm
- 25.....Resident new enrollment deadline for 2018-19
- 25.....Groveland, Excelsior, Minnewashta Imagination Fairs (*check online calendars for start times*)
- 29.....Excelsior Gr 5 Band Concert, Excelsior Aud, 6pm
- 29.....Groveland Gr 5 Band Concert, Excelsior Aud, 7pm
- 29.....Scenic Heights Gr 5 Choir Concert, Scenic Heights, 6:30pm

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