



THE WINDS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Important Dates

September 17	6:00-7:00 Grades 1-2 Virtual Curriculum Night
September 17	PTA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELLED
September 24	6:00-7:00 Grades 3-5 Virtual Curriculum Night
October 10	Distance for Deephaven (see PTA section below)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hybrid Model Update – Thank you for your patience as we fine tune our hybrid model. We are watching how things are being implemented and adjusting as needed.

The Virtual Curriculum Night for grades 1 and 2 will be tomorrow night starting at 6:00 p.m. Your child's teacher will communicate with you on how to connect to the program. The PTA meeting scheduled for after the curriculum night has been cancelled.

The Virtual Curriculum Night for grades 3-5 will be next Thursday, September 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. Again, your child's teacher will communicate with you on how to connect to the program.

K-3 Parents – A.M. and P.M. Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures - Please approach the school coming from the north and line up along the shoulder of Vine Hill Road in front of Deephaven. If you come from the south, please find another route so you end up approaching the entrance from the north. If you end up approaching the school from the south, the Deephaven Police have asked that you not turn left onto the school property, but rather head north and do a U-turn and line up along the shoulder. Cars approaching from the south are creating a backup on

Vine Hill since cars are unable to go around the waiting vehicles. ***When you arrive, please be sure that your child has their mask on and their backpack ready to depart the vehicle. Please do not have the backpack in the trunk as we need for parents to stay in their vehicles. Please have them leave your vehicle on the driver's side. It is too dangerous for them to leave on the passenger's side. We have traffic that flows through that lane.***

4-5 Parents - A.M. and P.M. drop off and pick up procedures. Please turn right once you reach the big school parking lot at MHS. The cars going straight are heading for the Clear Springs and Minnewashta entrance/exit. This will allow you to bypass those cars and head to the Deephaven pick up area.

Information specific to students at MHS (grades 4 and 5):

Important MHS Phone Numbers:

West Entrance: 952-401-4054

Main Office: 952-401-5700

To pick up a student at MHS for an appointment: Call the Deephaven attendance line at 952-401-6904 to report the absence. Plan to email your child's teacher ahead of time so they know when to send your child to the office. Remain in your vehicle, at the *West Entrance*, and call 952-401-4054 upon arrival. A staff member will escort your student to the *West Entrance* where your credentials will be confirmed via phone. Your child will then be dismissed to your vehicle.

To drop a student off late at MHS: Call the Deephaven attendance line at 952-401-6904 to report why you are late. Remain in your vehicle. If no staff member is outside when you arrive, call 952-401-4054. Confirm your arrival with the *West Entrance* staff. Following a temperature check, your child will be allowed entry and you may depart.

To bring a necessary forgotten item to your student at MHS: Label the item with the student name, grade, and teacher name and bring it to the *West Entrance*. We will email the teacher to send the student to retrieve the item. To minimize interruptions, we will not call a teacher for a forgotten item. Teachers check their email as best as they are able to throughout the day.

Taking Student Temperatures – Staff will begin taking our students' temperatures in the school at Deephaven and MHS.

Busing - We currently have a wait list of students trying to get on a bus. You are welcome to fill out this form if you need transportation:

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/uploaded/Documents/Dist/Transportation/Annual->

[Request-Day-Care-Alternate-Open-Enrollment.pdf](#) and email it to:
Michelle.Ketchum@minnetonkaschools.org The Transportation Department will do their best to try and get as many students on the buses as possible.

Principal's Challenge Calendars! We have extended the deadline for turning in the Principal's Challenge calendars to this Friday, September 18. If you participated in the Principal's Challenge this summer and have documentation to turn in, make sure it is given to your child's teacher. Thank you! More details to come in how we will celebrate our participants.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

A student is being bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other students.

PTA PULSE

It is exciting to have the first few days of school underway and to imagine the smiles behind our masks! The PTA looks forward to working together this year as a community of parents, teachers, and students to foster our school community over the year ahead.

With this in mind, we are excited to announce the debut of our newly refreshed Outdoor Classroom space, which will no doubt be put to good use in the year ahead! A special thanks to Kelsey Lang, Caryn Winkler, Wendy Duren and Jamie Flemming, as well as business sponsor, The Greener Blade, for making this project happen in time for the first week of school. See the attached file for a project overview, as well as "before and after" photographs of the space. <http://file://mtka.org/home/Staff2/spearson/Desktop/Outdoor%20Classroom.pdf>

If you would like to get involved in the PTA activity this year, please see below for the many ways to pitch in and have some fun along the way.

Questions? Please reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com or 952-826-9856.

Upcoming Key Dates

October 10 Distance for Deephaven (D4D) Fun Run/Walk

Fall/TBD PTA Meeting

Ways to Get Involved in the PTA

SUBSCRIBE to the Deephaven PTA Membership Toolkit – Membership Toolkit is your ‘one-stop-shop’ for the Deephaven Elementary parent and student directory, event calendar and volunteer opportunities.

- **REGISTER** at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com>
- **DOWNLOAD THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT APP** from the App Store
- **Volunteer Your Time & Talent** - Parent volunteers are the lifeblood of the Deephaven PTA, and we need your help to keep our school community green and growing! Visit deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com to check out the latest volunteer needs and open leadership roles. Contact Melissa Sjoquist, PTA Volunteer Coordinator, with questions at sjoquism@gmail.com
- **Join the Deephaven Elementary PTA Facebook Page** - A great place to connect with others in our school community, ask questions, and get support!
- **Participate in PTA Meetings & Events** - Stay tuned for details on of our first PTA meeting this fall
- **Support Deephaven Elementary through Amazon Smile** - Did you know that the Amazon Smile program allows you to "give back" a percentage of your Amazon purchases to the charity of your choice? Consider making your Amazon purchases work harder by designating Deephaven Elementary!

Open PTA Leadership Positions - The PTA has openings for a few lead positions, and we need you! Open positions include: **Volunteer Coordinator, Read-A-Thon Lead, Kindness/CARES Week and the Talent Show**. Contact PTA President Amanda Sutter at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com or 952-826-9856 to learn more.

2020-21 Business Sponsorship Opportunities Available - We are so grateful for our business sponsors who have helped us 'double down' on our academic enrichment and community building over the past years through financial contribution to the Deephaven Elementary PTA. If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities this year, please contact Sponsorship Co-Chairs Jamie Paz (jamiehpaz@gmail.com; 612-868-1427) or Jessica Mork (mork.jessica@gmail.com; 612-281-7154).