



THE WINDS

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Important Dates

November 10-23	Virtual Book Fair (see details in PTA Pulse)
November 11 P.M.	2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE-SCHOOL ENDS AT 12:40
November 11	Virtual Veterans' Day Slide Show
November 11	6:30 PM – Virtual Kindergarten Information Night
November 12	6:30 PM – IN-PERSON Kindergarten Information Night
November 13	NO SCHOOL – GRADING/PLANNING DAY
November 24	PJ Day (ALL SCHOOL)
November 26-27	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 30	2-HOUR LATE START-SCHOOL STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.
December 9 P.M.	2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE-SCHOOL ENDS AT 12:40
December 9	6:30 PM – Virtual Kindergarten Information Night
Dec 24-Jan 1 4)	WINTER BREAK (last day Dec. 23 – first day back Jan.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Preparing for e-Learning – With the increase in Covid-19 numbers, our staff has been preparing students to access the necessary programs on their iPads. We continue to offer our in-person classroom experience to all K-5 students. Any changes in our delivery method would be decided by our School Board and Superintendent. I will keep you updated if any changes are determined at the district level.

REMINDER - Dress for the Weather – Students are outside for 30 minutes each day during recess. Temperatures need to be -10 degrees below zero actual temperature or wind chill to have indoor recess.

Assigned Seats on the Bus - In a joint effort between the District and First Student Bus Company to further help mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19, some assigned seating will begin on school buses. Students may be assigned a seat, and that will be the seat they will remain in for the ride to and from school. Some students will be seated alone and others may be placed with their sibling or another seatmate. Masks will be required throughout the bus ride. The bus driver will inform students of their seat assignments.

Veterans Day Virtual Assembly – Deephaven would like to say thank you to all of our veterans, retired or currently serving, for all of the sacrifices they have made by being a part of our military! Please watch the attached video to see some of our favorite Deephaven families that have participated in past assemblies and some new ones as well! Thank you to Marta Chou and Kelli Whiteside for creating this impactful program. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LMOZFfmzGn4MeIsbFthFLvWRmgv4uyS4/view>

Deephaven Support Staff – We have several staff members available to support students. Please keep these people in mind if you feel your child needs their support at anytime throughout the school year.

- Anelise Peterson – Administration Support. Anelise is available to problem solve with students and/or parents about a concern at school.
- Theresa Brown – Behavior Manager. Theresa is available to meet with students to resolve conflicts with peers. She also addresses most of the misbehaviors that take place at school.
- Howe Siegel – School Counselor. Howe runs groups for students that are in need of his services and have been identified by a teacher as needing his help. He also meets with students that may be

experiencing emotional challenges or conflicts with peers on an as-needed basis.

- Jessica Thull – School Social Worker. Jessica supports students on IEPs. She helps them meet their specific IEP goal(s) through her meeting with students.
- Heidi Koehnen – School Health Para. Heidi is on our health office team, but she regularly supports students that may be visiting her for an emotional concern rather than a physical concern. She frequently discusses situations with parents and provides her insights into what may driving a student’s need to visit the health office on a regular basis.

Do you have an incoming kindergartner next school year? This year, we have three events to talk about kindergarten options. It is highly recommended that you click on the link below to sign up:

- November 11: Virtual meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.
- November 12: In-person meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.
- December 9: Virtual meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

Since we will need to social distance families for our in-person event, we will have limited space to accommodate people in our gymnasium. If at all possible, please send one parent/guardian from each family so that other families have the opportunity to attend. It is imperative that you sign up in advance so that we are keeping our numbers in check. If we hit our max number of people for the in-person event, you will be notified and asked to participate in one of the virtual meetings. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING YOUR INCOMING KINDERGARTNER OR SIBLINGS TO THE EVENT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WsKSHmFXy4cBcKSr4gSTDJu8VvKHLSCH8W8RDP8foNo/edit>

No Winds on November 25 due to the short week of school.

No school on November 26 and 27 in celebration of Thanksgiving.

DID YOU KNOW?

PICTURE UPDATE - Your child's composite should be arriving on Monday, November 16. We will send them home with students on Tuesday. Retake day was scheduled for November 20, but we have asked to push out the

date into December. We will let you know as soon as we have a date confirmed with Strawbridge.

YOU CAN STILL ORDER PICTURES – You may still order your child’s pictures on-line through the Strawbridge website.

- Click on this link <https://www.strawbridge.net/>
- Click on “Order Pictures and Yearbooks” (yearbooks will be printed by Jostens later in the year) **Enter the code FM343950**
- Follow instructions to order your photo packages

If you would prefer to pay by check or cash, please email Stephanie Pearson at stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org, with your child’s name and teacher, and she will send home a paper order form with your child.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

If you, your child, or anyone in your household has possible COVID-like symptoms, ALL household members should remain at home until further evaluation by a health care provider. If you choose not to contact a health care provider, we ask that all household members remain at home until you have spoken with the Health Office. If anyone in your household has been tested for COVID-19, **ALL** household members should remain at home until test results are known.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings, we will be discussing different ways to assist those who may experience bullying and sharing safe, practical ways to show courage.

PTA PULSE

As we brace for cooler months, we wanted to take a minute to report out the **great results from our 2020 Distance for Deephaven (D4D) Fun Run**. Whether you ran, walked, or donated, you helped make this year a success! With 210 registered participants, we raised \$5,600 to support our school community! Our Winter Clothing Drive filled two pick-up trucks worth of gear

to distribute to families at a St. Paul school. Cash donations of \$345 were used to purchase school supplies for these children and their classrooms.

A special shout out to the class/pod with the most participants, Mrs. Kohrs's Piggie pod, and our runners up (a tie!), Mrs. Brockamp and Mr. Dickinsen.

Thank you, again, for participating in our annual community building event and the D4D committee that made it possible:

Tanya Streifel

Vanessa Abraham

Gretchen Pesek Skarohlid

Amy Blahosky

Next up? The first ever *Virtual* Book Fair -- see below for details on how you can support our students' love of reading through purchases from the book fair.

Upcoming Key Dates

November 9 - 16: Virtual Tonka Pride Sale

November 10-23: Virtual Book Fair

Virtual Book Fair November 10-23 -- The Book Fair is now OPEN! Please visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/deephavenelementaryschool> to browse Deephaven Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair! While you are shopping for holiday gifts or adding to your home library, consider purchasing a book for your child's teacher. Teachers have made "wish lists" of books they hope to receive for their classroom library. Wish lists can be found here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16EGmWdjeVqfROBTP_RaZobC8TOyoY3iPg3z4bp-LqTA/edit?usp=sharing

Find your child's grade on the bottom tabs and then scroll over for your teacher's list. Please type your name under "purchased" and include the book with your family's order. All books will be mailed directly to your home, with free shipping on book orders of \$25 or more. An added bonus? All purchases made during the book fair earn Scholastic Dollars for our PTA, which are distributed to teachers and staff to purchase materials for their classrooms.

Virtual Tonka Pride Sale November 9-16 -- Outfit your family in new spirit wear and support Deephaven Elementary at the same time! Gear is school-specific and ships directly to your home, and profits support the Deephaven PTA. The sale is live at the following link: <https://tonka-deephaven.itemorder.com/>

Winter Event Lead Needed -- In the spirit of keeping our community safely connected this year, we will be replacing our traditional pizza party event with an outdoor winter event. We're looking for an enthusiastic leader to define and bring this event to life! If you are interested in leading, please reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter, at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com or 952-826-9856.