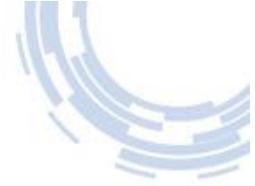




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THE WINDS

September 8, 2021

Important Dates

STAY TUNED! We will start including dates to this section as we address upcoming events.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We had a great start to our first day of school this morning for students in grade 1-5. Kindergarten begins this Friday. This is the first edition of Winds, the school newsletter, that is sent out to all parents on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Below you will find topics in bold lettering to help you determine if the item applies to you and your family. Our goal is to save you time so you will read the information pertinent to you. In addition to the weekly Winds newsletters, your child's teacher will provide you with classroom and grade level information.

Office Staff – You may reach our office at 952-401-6900. Please contact the health office at 952-401-6904

Principal – Bryan McGinley

Assistant Principal – Josh Jansen

Head Office Assistant – Alexis Beckman

Building Office Assistant – Joyce Murphy

Health Para – Heidi Koehnen

Behavior Manager – Theresa Brown

Student Drop Off - Students may be dropped off at school between 7:30-7:50 a.m. Beat the traffic and the buses by dropping your child off before 7:40 a.m. Students may go directly to their classrooms and prepare for their school day.

Student Pick Up - After school, we need your help arriving at your designated time to help move our car line along quicker. Please see arrival times below.

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.

Deephaven Building Map: [2021-22 Deephaven Building Map](#)

Deephaven is an “Allergy Aware” building. Nuts of any kind, products containing nuts or manufactured in a facility with nuts, are NOT allowed in classrooms at any time. We urge parents to read food labels *carefully* when choosing snacks for their children (especially granola bars and snack bars). *Please* reinforce with your children that for safety reasons, they should NOT share food with classmates. Thank you for your cooperation and partnering with us to keep students safe at school.

Back to School Fatigue – Children often experience fatigue as they return to the school schedule. This can last through September and is typically more obvious with our younger students. Please keep this in mind if you see behavior changes at home and remember the importance of an early bedtime.

Custody Arrangements/Orders for Protection – If our staff need to be aware of any custody arrangements or orders for protection for your family please submit documentation to the office staff. ***You can scan and email your documents to Alexis Beckman at alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org.***

Updated documentation must be submitted each year.

Last call for Principal’s Challenge calendars! 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. ***If you are enrolled in e-Learning this year, you can drop off your documents in the main office, or you can scan and email to Alexis Beckman at alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org*** Thank you! More details to come in how we will celebrate our participants.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

We will start sharing our Olweus Bullying Prevention excerpts next week.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hello from the Deephaven Health and Attendance Office!

We look forward to seeing students back at school and navigating this pandemic together! Here are a few reminders from the Health Office:

Well-fitting masks must be worn at all times while inside the school building and on buses. Please make sure your student has a mask that fits over their nose and mouth and closely around their face. Deephaven has a supply of N95 and KN95 masks in different sizes. These masks will be available by request from the front office.

We will continue to follow the MDH COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Childcare Programs to determine if students can remain at school. Now more than ever, we ask that you PLEASE do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well. If your child requires medicine (cough medicine, Tylenol, etc.) to make it through the day, they should stay home. The Delta variant (which is now the most widely circulating COVID strain) is two times more contagious than previous strains. Unfortunately, COVID symptoms mimic most childhood illnesses and allergy symptoms. To continue to offer in-person learning, we must err on the side of caution and keep kids home until COVID has been ruled out. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

We will continue to contact trace COVID positive cases in school. While we are not quarantining close contacts this year, if your child is identified as a close contact, you will be notified so you can watch them closely for symptoms. If you choose to keep your child home during this watching period out of caution, their absence will be excused.

If your student is absent for any reason (illness, vacation, appointments, etc.) please notify the health office. We ask that you use our shared email: DHE.healthoffice@minnetonkaschools.org or call 952-401-6904. If your child is ill, Carol or Jackie will be calling you to determine next steps according to the MDH Decision Tree.

We will continue our **NO NUTS** policy again this year. Please read labels carefully and do not send any items to school containing nuts. Please also try to avoid items manufactured in a facility with nuts.

Our Deephaven community has shown great resiliency during this pandemic. We look forward to the time when elementary aged kids have the opportunity to be vaccinated and we can move forward and leave COVID behind!

Thank you again for your understanding, patience and grace.

Carol, Jackie & Heidi

Deephaven Health Office

PTA PULSE

A warm "first week of school" welcome back, Deephaven Elementary! The Deephaven Elementary PTA looks forward to a great school year ahead. We are continuing to think about how we can best collaborate across our amazing community of teachers, parents, and students to address our school needs and build our school community.

We warmly invite you to 'plug in' to our parent community by engaging in the PTA. Whether it be lending a helping hand by signing up for a volunteer shift or taking the lead on planning an event, we look forward to having you involved!

Please see below for more info on ways you can engage with the PTA.

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

Upcoming Key Dates

September 28th PTA Meeting

Ways to Get Involved

- **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. There is even an app to help you stay organized!
 1. **REGISTER TODAY** at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com>

2. **GET THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT APP** on 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.
 - **Current volunteer opportunities:**
 - Kindergarten greeters for 1st day of K - Friday, September 10th
 - Room Parent Sign Ups
 - **Volunteer as a PTA lead** -- Current open lead positions include **Communications Lead, Volunteer Coordinator, Book Fair, Art Adventure, Kindness/CARES Week**. There are also opportunities to volunteer on a number of committees. Contact Amanda Sutter at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com or 952-826-9856 to learn more.
- **Join Parents of Deephaven Elementary Kids Facebook Page** - a great place to connect with others in our school community, ask questions, and get support

Participate in PTA Meetings & Events - Our first PTA meeting will be this fall, September 28th. Stay tuned for more details!