



## **The Winds - October 13, 2021**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 11-14	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
October 14/15	Picture Days (see details in Did You Know?)
October 14/15	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 15	NO SCHOOL – CONFERENCES
October 21/22	NO SCHOOL – MEA
October 20	Wear Orange for Unity Day (ALL SCHOOL)
October 26	Vision & Hearing screening for 1st, 3rd & 5th grade
November 12	NO SCHOOL – GRADING/PLANNING DAY
November 17	Picture Retake Day
November 25/26	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

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### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Para openings** at Deephaven – Contact Bryan McGinley at [bryan.mcginley@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:bryan.mcginley@minnetonkaschools.org) if you have interest in working as few as 3 hours a day or up to 6 hours a day.

**Communication** – Please communicate concerns directly with the adult involved in a situation. If you are unable to resolve your concerns with the adult (teacher, para or staff), the next step is to contact the principal. If you are unable to resolve your concern with the principal, the next step is to contact our

superintendent, followed by the school board. We believe most conflicts can be resolved by talking to the person directly involved.

**Specialist Schedule** - The District has informed me that we will be moving forward as planned with the 6-day schedule the week of MEA (Oct. 18). We are currently on a 6 week schedule. We have many safety measures that are in place: Ventilation systems, HEPA filter air systems, hand hygiene, maintaining 6 feet or more of distancing between adults and students, and universal masking (to name a few). Additionally, all staff have had an opportunity to be vaccinated. Please mark this down on your calendar so you can plan accordingly for your child's specials.

**Birthday Parties** – We ask that you please avoid asking teachers to send out invitations at school to birthday parties. Students also need to go home after school and then be transported to the party. We appreciate your help in this area so we can avoid creating the feeling of being left out on the part of other students.

**Thank You to our Volunteers** – It has been so helpful to have our parent volunteers back again this year. We missed you last year! Thank you for the support you have provided to our teachers and students.

**No school** Friday - conferences

**No School** on October 21 and 22 due to MEA.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

**School pictures** will take place during conferences on October 14 and 15 during conferences. Please stop by the gym during the times listed below to have your child's photo taken.

- Thursday, October 14: 3-7 p.m.
- Friday, October 15: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

**ORDERING PICTURES** – Picture order forms have been sent home. Please bring that with you to Picture Day. OR You may order your child's pictures on-line through the Strawbridge website.

- Click on this link  
<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/fe026fb/plCxsKMR5USlYo2QEas3KQ?u=https://www.strawbridge.net/>
- Click on “Order Pictures and Yearbooks
- Enter the code FM362942
- Follow instructions to order your photo packages.

**Picture Retake day** will be on Wednesday, November 17. We will provide more information as the time approaches.

**Volunteer with Grand Friends!** Bring the fun, excitement, and joy of reading to a Deephaven student! Grand Friends share the joy of reading on a one-to-one basis with students each week. This program has a positive impact for everyone involved. The students develop a love of reading, teachers appreciate having the extra help, and the volunteer Grand Friends know that their effort makes a difference. If you'd like to volunteer for this program send [this form](#) to Deephaven Elementary 4452 Vine Hill Road, Deephaven, MN 55331 or email it to [josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org). If you have have any further questions, please call- 952-401-6900.

**Student Leadership** – The mission of Student Leadership is to promote leadership in students who are in Grades 5. Meetings are open to any student who has an interest in developing leadership skills. Meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:40-3:45 (see dates below). Parents are responsible for transportation home and students are required to bring a note to school granting permission to attend.

**Meeting Dates:**

October 13 and 27

November 10

December 1 and 15

February 9 and 23

March 2 and 16

April 6 and 20

May 4

May 13, Bike Trip, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Vision & Hearing screening for 1st, 3rd & 5th grade will be **Tuesday, October 26th**.

As Halloween approaches please keep in mind our **NO NUTS** policy. Halloween can be a difficult time for students with life threatening food allergies. **We would like to encourage you to consider non-food treats for Halloween.**, especially dairy, peanuts and tree nuts are found in many types of chocolates and other candies. Please read all labels carefully before you send any food/candy items to school.

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## OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are reviewing, role playing and discussing what we can do to help in a bullying situation.

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## PTA PULSE

Now that the school year is back into full swing, please join us, TONIGHT at our first Deephaven Elementary PTA at 7pm in the Deephaven Media Center. Connect with friends new and old, hear from the PTA Board and Principal McGinley, learn about volunteer opportunities and more. Note, there will also be a link for those who would like to join virtually.

- Please register to attend in person [here](#)
- To attend virtually, please use [this link](#):

Questions? Please reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter, at [sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com](mailto:sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com) or 952-826-9856.

## Upcoming Key Dates

TONIGHT      PTA Meeting (7pm -- Deephaven Elementary Media Center; virtual option as well)

Oct 14 - 15 Tonka Pride "Pop-Up" Sale (Th: 3:30pm - 5:30pm; Fri: 8am - 10:30am - Deephaven Elementary Lobby)

Oct 19 Dad's Night Out (6pm - 9pm -- Excelsior Brewery)

**Tonka Pride "Pop Up" Sale Thursday and Friday** -- To add a little "extra" to your week, we will be hosting a Tonka Pride apparel "Pop Up" Sale Thursday (3:30pm - 5:30pm) and Friday (8am - 10:30am) in the Deephaven Elementary Lobby. Stop over before or after conferences to check out the latest Tonka gear for your children and your family, and support our school community with your purchase!

**Deephaven Dads Night Out** - Please join us for our first Deephaven Dads' Night Out on Tuesday, October 19th from 6pm - 9pm at Excelsior Brewery. The brewery has designated space in back for Dads to congregate. Local craft brews are available for purchase and Joey Nova's pizza will be provided. There's no program, just a fun way to connect, form new friendships, and build community. The Minnesota Wild will also be on screen.

Questions? Contact Andy Punch at [andrew@andrewpunch.com](mailto:andrew@andrewpunch.com).

**Box Tops for Education Clipped Labels Deadline 10/22** – Do you have any clipped labels for Box Tops for Education stashed at home? If yes, please drop them off in the Deephaven Elementary lobby bin before the deadline on October 22nd.

Our school has already earned almost \$200 since the start of the school year, so we are well on our way to our \$1000 goal! Keep scanning all your grocery receipts in the Box Tops app!

Questions? Contact Katie Semersky at [ksemersky@gmail.com](mailto:ksemersky@gmail.com)

**Veterans Day Celebration on November 11th** - In lieu of our annual Veterans Day school assembly and individual classroom visits by Veterans, we will be honoring our Veterans by collecting pictures of them and creating a slideshow to be shown to all students on Veterans Day. Please send photos of your loved ones to [martachou@hotmail.com](mailto:martachou@hotmail.com) . The photos can be of Veterans in or out of uniform, from their time of service or present day, and with or without Deephaven students in the picture. Please note, if you sent pictures in for last year's slideshow, we will include them again in this year's slideshow. So, new families to Deephaven--or families who simply forgot to submit pictures last year--please send in pictures by November 3rd for inclusion in this year's show!

Questions? Contact Marta Chou at [martachou@hotmail.com](mailto:martachou@hotmail.com)