



**THE WINDS  
JANUARY 5, 2022**

**Important Dates**

January 17	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
January 24	NO SCHOOL – Grading and Planning
February 9	Student Leadership
February 18	E-LEARNING DAY/2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE (School 8-12:40)
February 21	NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
February 23	Student Leadership
February 1-28	Read-A-Thon
March 19	Imagination Fair (more information below)

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Happy New Year!** Welcome back to the routine of work and school for your family. I hope you enjoyed winter break! The next three months, we typically have minimal disruptions to our calendar. Getting back to good routines at home, such as a regular bedtime and family dinners, helps set your child up for success during the school day. We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we head into the second half of the school year. We welcome your communication from home on ways we can best support your child's learning at school.

**REMINDER** – Please notify the health office when your child is absent from school. Attendance is taken by our health office and the direct phone number to report an absence is 952-401-6904

**Incoming Kindergarten Families** – Registration materials for residents is due on January 15. Families that are open enrolling must turn in their applications by January 15 as well. Please contact Alexis Beckman at 952-401-4141 or [alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org) if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

**Winter Weather** – Students spend 20-30 minutes outside each day at school unless the temperature or wind chill reaches -10 degrees. Be sure your child is prepared with the proper winter gear. Contact Jessica Thull, our school's social worker, at 952-401-6908 if you need help with winter gear for your child. Her email is [Jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:Jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org)

**Changes to the 2021-2022 school calendar:**

- Friday, February 18: Two hour early release day. CHANGED from in-person learning to e-Learning from 8:00-12:40.
  - Thursday, March 3: Evening conferences. CHANGED from in-person learning to e-Learning from 8:00-2:40.
  - Monday, April 18: Two hour late start day. CHANGED from in-person learning to e-Learning from 10:00-2:40.
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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**ICA FOOD DRIVE** - Deephaven students and staff will be donating items to the ICA food shelf. Here are some suggestions straight from the ICA experts! Of course, we will accept donations any day you bring them.

- MONDAY (You CAN Help) - Canned goods, soups, beans, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and/or vegetables, coffee
- TUESDAY (BABY, It's Cold Outside) - diapers (Size 5), baby formula, baby food, baby wipes, kids snacks
- WEDNESDAY (Noodles and RICE Are Nice) - Dry goods, cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice
- THURSDAY (Keepin' It Clean!) - Soap, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- FRIDAY (Dollar Day and Share the gLOVE!) - Donate a dollar or a new pair of gloves

**iPad insurance: still an option for this school year** - If you have not purchased insurance for your child's iPad it is still an option, however the iPad must be inspected in the Media Center first. The fee is \$40, and covers screen breaks, audio port damage, and other issues through summer 2022.

**Note: Water damage to iPads is not covered by this insurance. There is a charge of \$295 for a water damaged iPad.**

Only empty water bottles should be kept in backpacks.

Damage to iPads removed from the case is not covered.

If you would like to purchase insurance, work with your child's teacher to find a time to bring the iPad to the Media Center for inspection. If the device is working well, the fee will be added to your child's Skyward account.

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## **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will talk about being assertive. We will also discuss how being able to read body language and facial cues can help us understand people, situations, and solutions.

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## **PTA PULSE**

We're ready to make it a great new year at Deephaven Elementary! Reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter, at [sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com](mailto:sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com) to get involved. For volunteer opportunities, see membership toolkit and the DEVO e-blast.

### **Upcoming Key Dates**

Jan 7 - Lighthouse Publishing Date  
Jan 19 - Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony  
Jan 19 - PTA Meeting  
Jan 21 - Book Character Art Entries due  
February - Read-a-thon  
March 19 - Imagination Fair

### **LIGHTHOUSE PUBLISHING - January 7**

Our 2nd writing session for the school year is approaching. Submissions can be stories, comics, poems, journal entries, etc. Be sure to type your entry, using this template: [Lighthouse Publishing Template](#)

- Writing submissions due - Friday, January 7th
- Publishing Ceremony - Wednesday, January 19th

**BONUS!!** The class with the most authors will receive a class pizza party. Submit your stories to [deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com](mailto:deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com)

### **READ-A-THON - Draw Your Favorite Book Character contest**

We're gearing up for February's "Books Bring Us Together" Read-a-thon with a Book Character Art Contest. Using crayons, pens, pencils, markers, and/or paint, students should draw their favorite character from any book. One winner will be selected from each grade (K-5). In addition, students will vote on a Fan Favorite at school. Check your children's homework folder this week for the flier. **Students must submit entries by Friday, January 21st.**

**PTA Meeting January 19th** -- Please join us for our next PTA meeting in the Deephaven Elementary Media Center. Learn what's happening around the school, find ways to plug in to our parent community, and hear from PTA leadership, Principal Bryan McGinley and Counselor Troy Dvorak. We hope to see you there!\*

\*Note: A Virtual Option will also be available for those that wish to join virtually.

### **IMAGINATION FAIR - Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am.**

It's time for your kids to share their creativity. Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, etc. - show us what you got. Our theme is "Make it Work." This isn't a science fair, it's a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone.

#### **Important dates:**

- Registration via Google Form due Friday 3/4

- [https://link.edgepilot.com/s/88caa0c5/F\\_SwLhyiyki5NW0n4TPH8Q?u=https://forms.gle/DJhrwW3crhhqXKzZ6](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/88caa0c5/F_SwLhyiyki5NW0n4TPH8Q?u=https://forms.gle/DJhrwW3crhhqXKzZ6)

- Project drop off Friday 3/18

- Imagination Fair Saturday 3/19 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Open to family and friends. Watch updates on DEVO for Volunteer needs.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

What a success! We made more than \$20,00 in sales at this year's book fair. That means we

- Were able to provide \$5496 in Scholastic dollars to teachers and staff which put books directly into classrooms and the media center
- Earned over \$7,300 in profits to support the Deephaven School Community
- Thank you for your generous contributions to the book fair and to our teacher's eWallets. Teachers were able to shop the fair and pick out books needed to support literacy in their classrooms!

**KINDNESS CARES Program** - Volunteers still needed to help in **Dahlbacka's** class! Reach out to Rebecca Anderson ([rconn229@gmail.com](mailto:rconn229@gmail.com)) with questions.