



THE WINDS
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1-28	Read-A-Thon
February 23	Student Leadership
February 23	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character Day
March 2	Student Leadership
March 3	E-LEARNING DAY
March 3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 4	NO SCHOOL – Conferences
March 7-11	School Social Worker Week
March 7-11	Technology Staff Appreciation Week
March 13	Daylight Savings Begins, Spring Ahead
March 16	Student Leadership
March 19	Imagination Fair (more information below)
Mar. 28-Apr. 1	Spring Break
April 4	No School – Planning/Grading Day
April 18	E-LEARNING DAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Spring Conferences –Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 3, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 4, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Our goal is to have all our parents participate.

An email was sent on February 15 at 5 p.m. with instructions on how to sign conferences. Please let your child's teacher know if you have questions.

Remember, that we do not have school on Friday, March 4.

Parent Input Forms for the 2022-2023 school year will be available during conferences. You may request one from your child's teacher or pick one up in the office. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests.

Student Pick-up Procedures – Thank you for arriving at your child's designated grade level dismissal time. It allows you to avoid a long line and your child will be outside when you arrive.

Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Celebration of Excellence – Parents, Students and Staff Nominations are open through February 28 for Minnetonka Schools’ Annual Celebration of Excellence Awards. When you think of excellence in Minnetonka Schools, who comes to mind? A teacher? A para? Another staff member? A school volunteer? You have the chance to nominate that person for a District Child-Centered Excellence Award! Those selected as award honorees will be celebrated at the Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony on May 12. Please take a few minutes to acknowledge a district employee or school volunteer for their dedication and impact on our school community. Learn about the award categories, see past years’ winners and submit your nomination here:

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/activities/districtwide/celebration-of-excellence>

No In-person School on Thursday, March 3. Students will remain at home and connect with their teacher remotely. School will end at 2:40 p.m.

No School on Friday, March 4 – Conferences

Spring Break is the week of March 28 – April 1

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will talk about ways to improve classroom transitions. We will also discuss multiple scenarios of what could happen during recess or transition times and how to solve them.

PTA PULSE

It’s the last week of February’s Read-A-Thon, and students are almost at the end of their reading journey! Top off your hot cocoa, settle down in a comfy corner, and grab a gripping read – we’ll see you at the finish line on February 28th!

Upcoming Key Dates

Feb Read-a-Thon
Mar 4 Imagination Form entries due
Mar 8 Last day to log Read-a-Thon minutes
Mar 19 Imagination Fair
Apr 8 Lighthouse publishing due
May 21 Deephaven Parent Party

READ-A-THON WEEK #4 - “Books Bring Us Together”

We’re closing in on \$45k and would love to get to \$50k by February 28th! 100% of proceeds will fund teacher grants, online programs to enhance math, reading, coding, and keyboarding, field trips, author visits, library books, building maintenance, a general fund for students and more! Everyone who sends out at least one pledge request will receive a prize. Will you help us get there? You can post donation requests on social media or send out pledge requests

at <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/152ab086/cuSIq5gFUkCWlly0axW36-w?u=http://pledgestar.com/deephaven>

LOG YOUR MINUTES BY MARCH 8TH!

- Log your minutes in <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/152ab086/cuSlq5gFUkCWly0axW36-w?u=http://pledgestar.com/deephaven> and earn prizes!
- Reading minutes count from February 1 - February 28
- Minutes must be entered into Pledgestar by March 8th!
- The full list of prizes can be found at https://link.edgepilot.com/s/28fa6b71/2T_UIvX9GE2K4XARAh8-Dg?u=http://www.deephavenreadathon.com/

Read-A-Thon Results (through Week 3)

- 568 participants
- Our school has read a total of 363,753 minutes!
- If students read another 86,247 minutes by the end of the month, Mrs. Anderson will be duct taped to the wall!

Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **Colt R.**, from Srta. Gloe's 3rd grade class! Congrats also to our pledge request drawing winner, **Coraline F.**, from Mrs. Schommer's 1st grade class!

Volunteer Request: Wanted - six volunteers to assist with packaging student prizes on Friday, March 11th from 9am-1pm. Includes pizza lunch for all volunteers! Interested?

Email deephavenreadathon@gmail.com

"How can I explain to anyone that stories are like air to me, I breathe them in and let them out over and over again." – Jacqueline Woodson

ART ADVENTURE 2022 Be a part of this amazing partnership with MIA for students in Grades 1, 3, and 5. Students are presented with 6 art works between March and April. Parent volunteers discuss the pieces using posters and other tools. Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#) in Membership Toolkit. Classrooms can have more than one volunteer. For questions contact Caryn Jakucki at cjakucki@gmail.com.

TONKA PRIDE SALE - Grab some new gear from during conferences 3-6p on Thursday March 3 and 8-10:30 on March 4. We'll be in the front lobby of the school.

IMAGINATION FAIR - "Make it Work" - March 19th 9:00-11:00 am

Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, and more. [Register via Google Form](#) by Friday 3/4. All grades welcome!

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