



## THE WINDS APRIL 13, 2022

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 15 No School
- April 15 Talent Show DEADLINE EXTENDED
- April 18 E-LEARNING DAY
- April 19 Be Seen and Heard Speaker (more information below)
- April 20 Student Leadership
- April 21 Spring Pictures
- April 27 Wacky Wednesday: Silly Sock & Hair Day
- April 25-29 Kindness Week
- April 28 Student Art Exhibition
- April 29 Talent Show at Excelsior Elementary
- May 4 Student Leadership
- May 6 Grade 5 Finale at MME, 6:30 p.m.
- May 13 Student Leadership Bike Trip
- May 13 Family Pizza Party
- May 17 Grade 4/5 Orchestra Concert (GRV & DH) at Groveland, 7 p.m.
- May 21 Deephaven Parent Party tickets available!
- May 23 Grade 4/5 Band Concert (DH & MWTA) at MHS Arts Center, 5:30 p.m.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Be Seen and Heard** presentations will be taking place in our elementary schools from April 19-21, 2022. Be Seen and Heard is a curriculum created by Victor Pacini of Childhood Victories, Inc. The overall goal of this curriculum is to help your child stay safe from unsafe touch and encourage your child not to keep unsafe secrets of any kind.

**MCA Testing** takes place in April for students in **grades 3-5**. Listed below are the testing windows for each grade level. Please keep in mind that proper sleep and good nutrition are extra helpful during testing weeks. Your child's teacher will provide you with further testing details.

# **MCA Testing Schedule**

Math: April 11-14 (Grades 3-5) Reading: April 19-21 (Grades 3-5) Science: April 26 (Grade 5 only) **Update your child's iPad -** MCAs are approaching, and we learned that Test Nav will not run on the former operating system. The tech department recently communicated to families/students about updating their iPads to the latest OS version. Please take time to update your child's iPad to the latest operating system.

No School – Friday, April 15

**eLearning day – April 18** Teachers will provide limited synchronous instruction along with asynchronous instruction on Monday, April 18. Students will work at home from 8:00-2:40 p.m. Your child's teacher will provide you with a schedule for the day closer to April 18.

## **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meeting we will be talking about how we are alike and how we are different. We will also discuss how these similarities and differences make us a stronger class. Students will also be reflecting about how lessons about bullying have changed their attitude and behavior this year.

## **TECHNOLOGY TOUCHPOINTS**

### Tech Balance Tips from Common Sense Media

Are you the parent or guardian of a three- to eight-year-old? Wondering how to find a healthy balance in your kids' screen time, app use, TV watching and more? Consider joining Tech Balance! <u>Watch this</u> <u>quick video</u> on how to get started receiving valuable weekly tips and tricks from Common Sense Media, all focused on helping your child develop healthy technology habits for years to come. Contact your school's media specialist or visit Minnetonka's <u>Digital Health and Wellness</u> site for more information.

### FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We want to remind our families that Deephaven continues to be "Allergy Aware" which means **no nuts of any kind** are allowed at school. This is especially important now that we are returning to the lunchroom. Please remember to read all labels carefully before sending snack/lunch items to school. As always, we thank you for partnering with us to keep our students safe.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Spring Pictures will be offered on Thursday, April 21 starting at 8am. These are optional.

Picture order forms are being sent home this week. Bring the form with payment back by April 21 or you can order online at <u>www.strawbridge.net</u> and enter order code: *FM384303*.

- In addition to the order, <u>please fill out this form</u> if you would like your child to have their picture taken. This will help our volunteers ensure that everyone who needs a picture is called down to the Media Center on April 21.

**Senior Skippers Support at Deephaven** Deephaven Elementary has teamed up with some high school football seniors to help build student belonging and academic support. Students have connected with reading and math support as well as building a strong relationship with a positive role model. We hope this has a longing impact beyond the classroom for both sides of students.

**April is National Volunteer Month** Volunteering strengthens a child's sense of empathy, connectedness, and self-worth. Volunteering also allows children to engage in activities around particular interests. Whether it's cooking, crafting, cleaning, gardening, performing --students can give back in meaningful & fun ways.

# Click <u>Here</u> for Volunteer Ideas

## Your Child Can Be Recognized for Volunteering!

Individuals ages five and up can earn **a President's Volunteer Service Award** through Minnetonka Public Schools. Learn more at <u>Tonka Serves.org</u>, join Tonka Serves Schoology Group (Code 4BKFS-7QB38), or contact <u>sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org</u>.

## PTA PULSE

Spring is looking to be jammed packed with school fun. We're very excited to be **back in person** for the Talent Show, Art Exhibition, Family Pizza Party, Parent Party and more. If you'd like to get involved, we could use the help! Reach out to Amanda Sutter (<u>sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com</u>) for details.

**Talent Show – April 29** DEADLINE EXTENDED! We're looking for musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, talents of all kinds! All 3rd-5th grade students are invited to participate in solo or group acts (90 seconds max). Act previews are required. Sign up for an Act Preview spot by Friday April 15th. Contact Betsy Chin (betsyjchin@gmail.com) with questions or to help.

**Student Art Exhibition - April 28th 5:00-7:00**. Student art will be displayed throughout the school and there will be make-and-take art stations for kids to enjoy. Stop by for as little or as long you'd like!

**Deephaven's Annual Family Pizza Party - Friday, May 13.** Pizza dinner, DJ and raffle prizes! 5:30-7:30 pm at the school. Pizza will be served in the front gym and there will be a DJ in the back gym. Tickets are \$5/person or \$20/family and will be available online soon and at the door. Scholarships available! Sign up to <u>volunteer on Membership Toolkit</u> or contact Scott Boynton <u>scott\_boynton@relymedia.com</u>.

**Deephaven Parent Party - May 21 - Tickets available** for our "Back in the Saddle" party May 21st 6pm at the Minnetonka Yacht Club. Get those sitters booked as you anticipate the fun we'll be whipping up in May:

- Hosted bar with signature cocktail: the 'Bootleg'
- Pig roast and delicious bar-b-que with vegan options
- Line-dancing
- Virtual and LIVE auction

- A mechanical bull

Questions? Please reach out to Parent Party Co-Chairs Polly Madsen (<u>madsen.polly@gmail.com</u>) and Stephanie Powell (<u>marystephanie@gmail.com</u>)

**Tonka Gear Donation in Deephaven Front Lobby** - Have your kids grown out of their Tonka Gear? Did you know there's a donation receptacle in the Deephaven front lobby? Bring in their gear and donate it for the next family. Want another way to help a family in need? Buy a Tonka Pride item at the next sale and donate it to the school social workers for them to pass along.

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