



THE WINDS
APRIL 20, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

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	CANCELLED: 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

Office Assistant Appreciation Week – This week we are showing our appreciation to Alexis Beckman, Head Office Assistant, Joyce Murphy, Office Assistant, and Rebecca Tinucci, Special Education Office Assistant. Alexis, Joyce and Rebecca are an important part of Deephaven and help keep our school running smoothly. Please join me in showing appreciation for them this week.

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

Reading: April 19-21 (Grades 3-5)

Science: April 26 (Grade 5 only)

Update your child's iPad - 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.

CHARITY WATER FUNDRAISER

The total amount raised: \$391.69!

Grade level winning classrooms:

Grade one: Rothman with \$6

Grade two: Brockamp with \$56

Grade three: Dahlbacka with \$11.85

Grade four: Owens with \$103.45!

Grade five: Boberg with \$72.64

The Charity Water Fundraiser was led by fourth grade students Sophie Bogott and Sofia Kukowski Gonzalez.

Ukraine: Second of Two Fundraisers takes place this week for Ukraine. Second grader, Leonard Litvinov, is raising money for the people of Ukraine through UNICEF. Students are encouraged to bring between \$1.00 and \$5.00 to school on Thursday or Friday this week (April 21 & 22).

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week we will be reviewing the C in CARES for cooperation. Students will reflect on how they have shown cooperation this year and how that helps us follow our anti-bullying rules.

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 www.strawbridge.net and enter order code: **FM384303**.
- In addition to the order, [please fill out this form](#) 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.

VANTAGE/MOMENTUM Building Groundbreaking

Thursday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. on the hill at the future site of the VANTAGE/MOMENTUM Building (5735 County Road 101)

Parents, students and staff are all invited on Thursday, May 5 for a groundbreaking event in celebration of the new VANTAGE/MOMENTUM building. This will be the first completely new school building Minnetonka Public Schools has constructed in more than 55 years. The building will open for classes in Fall 2023.

The groundbreaking will feature addresses from District and community leaders, a display of renderings of the new building and the groundbreaking itself with members of the Minnetonka School Board, Superintendent Dr. Dennis Peterson and others. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking is available in the shared District Service Center/Clear Springs Elementary parking lot at 5621 County Road 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345, as well as in the Clear Springs Elementary Bus Corral lot. To access the Clear Springs Bus Corral lot, turn east off of County Road 101 onto Covington Road.

Questions? Contact the Minnetonka Schools Communications team at communications@minnetonkaschools.org

Celebration of Excellence

Thursday, May 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Arts Center at Minnetonka High School

All are invited and welcome to attend the 2022 Celebration of Excellence awards program, honoring several of the District's outstanding teachers, staff and community volunteers. The event will take place on Thursday, May 12 at the Arts Center at Minnetonka High School. A reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Arts Center lobby, and the awards ceremony begins at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public, and the ceremony will also be live-streamed.

Find details and the names of award honorees on the [District website](#).

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Superintendent Dr. Dennis Peterson's Retirement Celebration

Wednesday, June 1 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Arts Center at Minnetonka High School

Parents, students and staff are cordially invited to join the Minnetonka community for a gathering to celebrate Superintendent Dr. Dennis Peterson's 21 years of service with Minnetonka Public Schools, as well as more than 50 years as a superintendent. He will retire on June 30, 2022. The retirement celebration will include a reception with light refreshments followed by a program honoring Dr. Peterson's impact and legacy.

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You're Invited to Help Us Celebrate Our Teachers!

Share a Word, Photo or Story by Sunday, May 1

Students and families: We are getting ready to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week in May, and we need your help! Fill out this [Google form](#) to share your Teacher Appreciation Week submissions with us.

Here's what we are looking for:

- 1. Share a Word.** How would you describe Minnetonka teachers in one word? We will be compiling all words shared into a "word cloud" graphic of encouragement.
- 2. Share a Photo.** Share a photo of your child with a card, sign or other encouraging note for Minnetonka teachers. You may also email a photo directly to communications@minnetonkaschools.org. Submitted photos may be used as part of a web story or shared on Minnetonka Schools social media channels.
 - 1. Need a place to get started?** You are welcome to print and decorate these [downloadable Teacher Appreciation Week coloring sheets!](#)

- 1. Share a Story.** Do you have a story of a time a Minnetonka teacher has made a difference for your child or your family? We want to hear about it!

You are welcome to submit in any of the categories, or all three. [Complete the form by Sunday, May 1](#) to have your submissions considered!

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PTA PULSE

If you'd like to get involved, we could use the help! Reach out to Amanda Sutter (sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com) for details.

Kindness Week - Just one more week until Deephaven's Kindness Week! Watch for a Kindness Challenge Choice Board to come home in your child's folder next Monday. Participants will receive a free Culvers of Minnetonka scoop of custard! Kindness in Chalk returns to the playground during recess on Monday 04/25, **volunteers are needed to help the students with this activity**. All week long classes will add their kind acts to our school wide paper chain. The week will finish on Friday April 29th with a fun movie with a Kindness theme. Be sure to stop by the Kindness Week table at the Student Art Exhibition next Thursday for a make and take kindness project and see the Kindness Chain grow throughout the school. If you have any questions about Kindness Week or the Deephaven Kindness CARES Program, please contact Rebecca Anderson (rconn229@gmail.com)

Student Art Exhibition - April 28th 5:00-7:00. Art Exhibition is back and in person! 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! **We need volunteers** to mat and hang the art around the school. Volunteer hours are totally flexible. See [membership toolkit](#) or email martachou@hotmail.com with questions.

Deeplaven'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 [volunteer on Membership Toolkit](#) or contact Scott Boynton scott_boynton@relymedia.com.

Deeplaven 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 (madsen.polly@gmail.com) and Stephanie Powell (marystephanie@gmail.com)

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