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**THE WINDS**  
**MAY 4, 2022**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

May 4	Student Leadership
May 6	Grade 5 Finale at MME, 6:30 p.m.
May 11	School Nurses' Day
May 13	Student Leadership Bike Trip
May 13	Family Pizza Party - <a href="#">Tickets available</a>
May 17	Grade 4/5 Orchestra Concert (GRV & DH) at Groveland, 7 p.m.
May 21	Deephaven Parent Party - <a href="#">Tickets available</a>
May 23	Grade 4/5 Band Concert (DH & MWTA) at MHS Arts Center, 5:30 p.m.
May 25	Wacky Wednesday: Sports Day
May 30	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 9	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, 12:30 p.m.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Teacher Appreciation Week is this Week** – This is the week we celebrated our teachers at Deephaven. Our school is fortunate to have excellent teachers that are committed to their students' success. Please consider expressing your appreciation for your child's teacher and/or specialist teacher this week. A note of appreciation means so much to our teachers. Thank you for your ongoing support of our teachers and our entire Deephaven staff.

**Student Pick-up Lane** – the staging area for cars along the front of the school on Vine Hill Road is only for traffic that is waiting in line. Please do not park there prior to your pickup time and wait in your car. The cars in line do not necessarily know to go around you and it is dangerous for them to have to pull around you. Also, there is no staging beyond the parking lot exit towards the bridge. Staging past the exit makes it difficult for cars leaving our parking lot to see oncoming cars and the bridge does not have enough room on the shoulder to hold cars.

**Incoming Kindergarten Mini-K Event** is for all incoming kindergarten students and their parents this Friday at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you and your child.

**NWEA TESTING DATES**

**May 10-May 13 - NWEA Reading**

**May 17-May 20 - NWEA Math**

**READING**

Tuesday, May 10 - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, May 11 – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, May 12 – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday, May 13 - K, 1<sup>st</sup>

### **MATH**

Tuesday, May 17 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, May 18 – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, May 19 – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday, May 20 – K, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week** – Minnetonka Schools has a website that was created for our parents and school community as a tool to provide information and connections in the area of student academic, social, emotional and behavioral well-being and can be found here: [Minnetonka Schools Well-Being Guide](#).

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week we will be reviewing the A in CARES for assertion. Students will reflect on how they used assertion to make new friends, resolve conflicts with others, and/or stop bullying.

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### **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

**Did you know...** that Minnetonka School District has partnered with OralDNA Labs? Now, we have convenient, on-site testing for students and staff, available daily at locations throughout the district. Two especially convenient days/ times are:

- Tuesdays from 10:45am-12:30pm at Deephaven Elementary
- Fridays from 8:15am-2pm at the District Service Center (*you would need to provide transportation for your student to/ from the DSC*)

Testing at school is a good option if your student:

- has a minor symptom
- was recently a close contact of a COVID positive person
- just participated in an large-scale event
- is planning to attend a gathering soon

If you would like your student to be tested, please complete this [form](#).

This COVID testing program is entirely *optional* for families, but highly encouraged. No student or staff member is required to use this testing program, and students may only use it with parent permission (by completing the above form).

Please direct questions about this program to the Deephaven Health Office or our District Testing Coordinator. Thanks for helping to keep our school community safe!

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **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](mailto: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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## **PTA PULSE**

It finally feels like Spring, and just time for National Bike & Walk to School Day today! We had close to 130 bikers and numerous walkers start their day with fresh air and exercise. We hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather!

It's **teacher appreciation week**, and while every day is a great day to celebrate our amazing teachers, this week we're showing them a little extra love! A special thank you to **Emily Flo** for leading our staff appreciation this year, and putting together an amazing schedule of teacher appreciation activities including donut day, an empanada food truck, and a few special surprise deliveries throughout the week!.

**THANK YOU** to all of our fabulous teachers who work so tirelessly for our kids! We appreciate **YOU!**

**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. [Get your tickets today!](#) Scholarships available! Sign up to volunteer on [volunteer on Membership Toolkit](#) or contact Scott Boynton [scott\\_boynton@relymedia.com](mailto:scott_boynton@relymedia.com).

The pizza party raffle is back! Tickets will be on sale for \$1 each - CASH ONLY. Prizes include...

- LED Hovertrax Hoverboard
- Polaroid Splash Waterproof Photo and Video Streaming Camera
- Apple AirPods Wireless headphones
- Mini Drone with 720P video camera and remote control

**Deephaven Parent Party Tickets LIVE; Virtual Auction Opens May 7th** GIDDY UP! The excitement for our annual Deephaven Parent Party and Virtual Auction is building! Thanks to the support of this amazing community, we have HUNDREDS of amazing items to bid on, including.... (more than one!) YETI coolers, a solo stove, theatre and sports ticket, and more!. Check out our event and auction site [HERE](#) to plan your bidding strategy for the auction which opens May 7th, and [get your tickets](#) to attend the festivities in person on May 21st. (Prices will increase 1 week prior to the event, so get your tickets today!) Questions? Reach out to Parent Party Co-Chairs Polly Madsen ([madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com)) and Stephanie Powell ([marystephanie@gmail.com](mailto:marystephanie@gmail.com))

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