



**THE WINDS**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Dec. 4-7       | Scholastic Book Fair  |
| Dec. 5         | Grade 5 Choir Concert, 9:15-9:45                                |
| Dec. 5         | PTA Dad's Night Out   |
| Dec. 6         | Student Leadership, 2:45  |
| Dec. 7         | 2024-25 Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. in the Front Gym |
| Dec. 8-15      | Coders/Makers Week  |
| Dec. 21-Jan. 1 | <b>No School</b> - Winter Break                                 |
| Jan. 2         | <b>No School</b> - Staff Professional Learning Day              |

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Welcome Back!** I hope you and your family had a nice Thanksgiving together!

**Behavior Expectations at Deephaven** – Deephaven has high standards for student behavior and academic excellence. To maximize the time students are engaged in learning, we work to set students up for success by modeling and practicing our behavior expectations. We also use Responsive Classroom to build a strong classroom community <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/>

When students fall short of meeting our behavior expectations, we have a thoroughly developed approach to address situations. One example includes our common language that describes behavior choices in three ways. The three phrases are Above the Line, Below the Line, and Bottom Line behaviors. We reinforce Above the Line behaviors. Below the Line behaviors are addressed by redirecting students, administering a loss of privilege, having students taking a break, or students may be referred to our Behavior Manager to process their behavior. Our Behavior Manager will give the student a consequence, if appropriate, based on the behavior. Bottom Line behaviors include any behavior that is not acceptable at any time or by anyone. An example would be punching another student. Consequences include in-school suspension, dismissal and/or out-of-school suspension for Bottom Line behaviors. The goal is to extinguish Bottom Line behaviors.

When you visit our school, you will notice that students know what is expected and enjoy being here. Our students are extremely well behaved, and learning is rarely disrupted. The expectations you have at home and the expectations we have at school help to create a positive learning environment at Deephaven. Your partnership is critical to our success with students. With 670 students, we are bound to have some misbehavior. However, it is limited, and it is addressed each time by a teacher or staff member. The overall environment is positive and engaging for students. You are always welcome to visit Deephaven and have a look for yourself.

**Deephaven Kindergarten Information Night** is on Thursday, December 7, at 6 p.m. in the Deephaven front gym. Incoming K parents will learn about our kindergarten options. This event is for the parents only.

[RSVP to Kindergarten Information Night](#)

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING YOUR INCOMING KINDERGARTNER OR SIBLINGS TO THE EVENT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Kindergarten registration information can be found [here](#).

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**No School January 2** - Staff Professional Learning Day

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will be practicing how to assert themselves in a confident way. Ask your child how this should be done.

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### **PTA PULSE**

**Book Fair - Dec 4-7** The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Deephaven next week!!! All students will visit the fair with their teachers during school hours. You can send your child to school with cash or fund an eWallet through Scholastic for them to make purchases at the fair. If you like to help your child's teacher build their classroom library please consider donating to their eWallet. The fair will be open for families to shop: Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 pm - 6 pm. Visit our [Book Fair homepage](#) for information and to set up an eWallet.

**Dad's Night Out Dec 5** - Dads, Grandpas and Caretakers join your friends, friends to be and neighbors at Deephaven Dad's Night out at Excelsior Brewery next Tuesday 6pm-9pm. Come and go as you please.

**Deephaven Unity T-Shirts** - Last year the PTA provided all Deephaven students and staff with blue Deephaven t-shirts. The Deephaven community is encouraged to wear their t-shirts on Mondays! The PTA has provided all new kindergarteners and new families with t-shirts again this year. If your student's shirt from last year is too small or missing, fill out the below order form to request a replacement. Once ordered, shirts will be delivered to your child's classroom within 7-10 days.

[Deephaven Unity T-shirt Request Form](#)

**Winter Gear** – With the colder weather upon us, it is time to make sure your child is coming to school with their winter gear. Students are outside for 20-30 minutes a day unless the temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit. For financial assistance, please contact Troy Dvorak at

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