



THE WINDS
JANUARY 31, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 31	Grade 5 Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 1-27	Read-a-Thon
Feb. 5-9	National School Counseling Week
Feb. 6	Peaceful Bus
Feb. 7	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:20
Feb. 8	PTA Dad's Night Out at Haskell's, 6-9 p.m.
Feb. 19	No School - Presidents Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

No School on Monday, February 19 – Presidents Day

Read-a-Thon starts tomorrow! Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Yearbook Orders end on February 29. Order a yearbook today so your child will have one on the day they are distributed.

Spring Conferences – Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 29, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (in person) and on Friday, March 1, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (virtually). Our goal is to have all our parents participate. Please work directly with your child's teacher if you would like to meet in person on Friday. You will be receiving an email on **Wednesday, February 7 at 5 p.m.** with instructions on how to sign up for conferences. Please work directly with your child's teacher if you would like to meet in person on Friday. **The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is Wednesday, February 28 at 4 p.m.**

Tips to make afternoon pick-up move a little faster.

1. Quickly help your child into the car. Teach them how to buckle up and be ready to go.
2. Pull down to the stop sign and your child will come to you.
3. Wait in the line. Parking in a spot and walking across the pickup lane to grab your child creates a backup when you cross over and again when you back your car out.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

Classroom discussions this week focused on reporting problems to adults in our school. Students discussed different real life situations with their classes and small groups. As a class, they brainstormed which situations would need to be reported to an adult, and how they can go about reporting them. Everyone's goal this week is to become more proactive in reporting problems to their teacher or an adult in the building.

FROM CAROL AND HEIDI IN THE HEALTH OFFICE

Keep your eyes open for head scratching. We want to make sure you are kept informed. We are seeing an increase in head lice at our school.

Regular checks for head lice are a good way to spot head lice before they have time to multiply on your child's head.

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Use a fine-tooth louse or nit comb.
- Comb in small sections
- Look for crawling lice and for nits on your child's scalp and on the comb.
- Live lice avoid light and move quickly.
- Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks attached to the hair.
- Nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt or other particles are not.

For more information you can go to <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/headlice/index.html>

A reminder of our district guidelines regarding when students should stay home from school:

- If your child has had a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher in the past 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)
- If your child has vomited or had diarrhea within the past 24 hours.
- If a student is placed on antibiotics, he or she should stay at home until 12 hours after taking the first dose.
- If having your child at school would significantly put others at risk for contracting your child's illness.
- If your child feels ill enough that he/she would not be able to benefit from being at school.

If your student will not be attending school due to illness, please contact the health office at 952-401-6904 as soon as you make the decision to keep them home. If your child has any communicable concern, please notify the health office.

PTA PULSE

READ-A-THON IS HERE! FEBRUARY 1-27 "Rising Tide Lifts All Boats"

Deephaven Elementary will hold its annual Read-A-Thon event and fundraiser during the month of February. The Read-A-Thon prioritizes literacy while funding more than half of our school's PTA activities, including school-wide field trips, teacher grants, STEM events, library books, and educational apps like IXL and Lexia. Last year, 90% of our students and their families participated in the Read-A-Thon.

How it works:

- Create or update your [Pledgestar account](#) for your student(s).
- Pledgestar makes it EASY for students to request and receive pledges from friends and family.
- Sponsors may pledge either (i) a flat amount or (ii) a dollar amount for each minute read for the duration of the event.
- Students can win prizes by reading and logging their minutes into the Read-A-Thon website. Prizes are both collective and individualized this year!

Goals this year:

- 95% student participation
- 640,000 minutes read
- \$35,000 raised

If each participant secures \$52 in pledges, we would meet our goal to raise \$35,000! Flyers with event details will be sent home soon with your student. Let's help our kids build their reading skills while supporting our school!

We Need Volunteers! The Read-A-Thon is looking for volunteers with many roles requiring less than two hours of time. Sign up on [Membership Toolkit](#).

Bookmark Winners: Thank you to everyone who submitted a bookmark for our contest. The winners have been chosen, and the printed winning bookmarks will be ready to go home in folders on February 1st. Congratulations to the winners!

RSK/K - Emma Kucik - Mrs. Langan
1st - Emma Gwest - Mrs. Clepper
2nd - Thatcher Miles - Mrs. Norton
3rd - Raveena Oshan - Mrs. Skogerbo
4th - Brenda Robles - Mr. Dickinsen
5th - Alessandra Garza - Sra. Loynachan

Dad's Night Out - Feb 8 Thursday from 6PM – 9PM at Haskell's in Excelsior. Open house style event so come any time and bring a friend. We'll be joined by Groveland Dads as they also want to connect so feel free to invite someone from the broader Minnetonka Elementary school network. Please contact Andy Punch at 612-670-8506 with any questions.