



THE WINDS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 11	Curriculum Night, Grades 1&2, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	PTA Meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Media Center
Sept. 17	Deephaven Dad's Night Out, 6 p.m. at Maynard's
Sept. 18	Curriculum Night, Grades 3,4 & 5, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	PTA Mom's Night Out, 6 p.m. at Maynard's
Sept. 26	1-Hour Early Release for Homecoming Parade
Oct. 1	PTA Family Pizza Party, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Curriculum Nights

Grades 1 and 2: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11.

Grades 3-5: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18.

Your child's teacher will provide you with more information on Curriculum Night.

PTA Meeting Deephaven's first PTA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center following Grade 1 and 2 Curriculum Night.

Volunteer Code of Ethics One of the reasons Deephaven has been so successful is because of the support of our parent volunteers. Deephaven has always been a family friendly place and will continue to be so. Our Volunteer Code of Ethics was developed to ensure the dignity of each child, to keep instructional time sacred, and to provide parents with clear expectations when volunteering. **Please fill out this Google form before volunteering:** [Code of Ethics](#)

Principal's Summer Challenge Congratulations to all of our students that completed the Principal's Summer Challenge. Thank you for turning in the calendar, which was due last week Friday. We will be communicating how we will be celebrating the hard work of all of these students in the next couple of weeks.

Early Dismissal Plan In the rare event of an emergency such as an early school dismissal due to inclement weather, you need to talk over arrangements with your child ahead of time and complete the link below with this information. Please fill out this Google form by Friday, September 12: [Early Dismissal Plan](#)
This information will be shared with teachers and kept in the office in the event of an early dismissal.

Update Skyward if your phone number or emergency contacts have changed.

Birthday Party Invitations are not allowed to be distributed at school. This creates awkward situations for students that do not receive an invite. We suggest using the mail. Thank you for your support with this request.

Buses and South Entrance The bus area and south entrance to the school are for students that ride the bus or ride their bike. Parents must remain outside the area during arrival and dismissal times. The front door is for student drop off and pick up. Parents entering the school need to sign in through the office.

Arriving after 8:00 a.m. Parents must accompany their child into the school and sign their child in at the office when a student arrives to school after 8:00 a.m.

Custody Arrangements/Orders for Protection If our staff need to be aware of any custody arrangements or orders for protection for your family, please submit documentation to the office staff. **Updated documentation must be submitted each year.** You can scan and email your documents to Alexis Beckman at alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org.

NWEA Testing Schedule

Math - September 8-12

Reading - September 15-19

More information, including specific testing times for your child, will be shared with you by your child's teacher.

School pictures will take place during Conferences on October 9 and 10 during school conferences.

Oct. 10 School Pictures, 4-7 p.m.

Oct. 11 School Pictures 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

**Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 13.*

Offering from the Minnesota Department of Education: Register for Families READs Toolkit Overview

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 2:30-3:15 p.m. This session provides an overview of the [Families READ Toolkit](#) (tools and ideas to help your child learn to read), sharing its key components and best practices for implementation. We'll address any questions you may have, ensuring you feel prepared to use this valuable resource. [Register for the webinar.](#)

Minnetonka Schools Foundation Promotes Annual "Anchor Signs" Fundraiser

The Minnetonka Public Schools Foundation raises funds to support innovative initiatives in all buildings from preschool to high school. The Foundation has a fall promotion you may be interested in supporting. You may purchase an anchor-shaped sign with a teacher's name on it to be placed in the front yard of the teacher's school building, and a personalized note of encouragement will also be sent to the teacher. You may individually recognize up to three teachers. In addition to showing your support for teachers, you will be helping the Minnetonka Public Schools Foundation to financially support many initiatives in classrooms. Online sales are open and will close on October 10. [Purchase your anchor today!](#) Find out more about the [Minnetonka Public Schools Foundation!](#)

CHARACTER STRONG

September Theme: Community The first six weeks are a time to build a community and culture of respect in our classrooms. Teachers design their instruction to ensure students know that they belong and are an important member of their classroom community. We use the Responsive Classroom approach, which is a research and evidence-based practice that focuses on social and emotional learning and discipline. Morning

meetings, establishing hopes and dreams, and talking about rules and logical consequences are just a few examples of the things students are learning and practicing. Ask your student about their class routines and expectations!

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Headphones/Earbuds for Student Use

It is important for students to have headphones for educational use. Personal sets of headphones will minimize the spread of germs. Students will keep their headphones/earbuds in the classroom.

There are two options for providing headphones for your child:

- Send a pair from home. Many students have a preference for a particular style. Sending them from home will ensure they have what works best for them.
- Purchase a pair from school (pictured above). See below for details and purchasing information.

You may pay for the headphones online using the district fee payment system (Revtrak) using this link:

[Headphone purchase](#).

You may also send \$4 with your child, and they may visit the Media Center to purchase a pair.

PTA PULSE

The PTA is excited to kick off a new year with our first meeting Thursday in the Media Center. Here's info on upcoming events and how to get connected:

[Membership Toolkit](#) This is our school's directory, and the place where you can sign up for volunteering opportunities. It's really important that you update your family's info here so you can make sure you're included in all the fun activities and enrichment that happens at the school!

[Deephaven Elementary PTA Facebook page](#) Another place to stay connected to the school community. Also a place you can go to with questions about how things work.

PTA Meeting - Sept. 11 7:30-8:30 in the Media Center. Please join us for our first PTA meeting at 7:30 in the Media Center. Learn what's happening around the school, find ways to plug in to our parent community, and hear from PTA leadership and Principal Bryan McGinley. We hope to see you there!

Dad's Night - Sept 17 6:00-9:00 Calling all Deephaven dads, step-dads, grandpas and caretakers to a night out at Maynards this Thursday from 6 to 9 pm. It's a great opportunity for us to get together, relax, and enjoy some good food and drinks. Plan to be around the fire pit and look for people with name tags.

Room Parents Needed Would you like to help out in your child's classroom this year as the Room Parent? Room parents help plan the Halloween and End of Year party and coordinate other class needs and gifts. [Visit Membership Toolkit to sign up](#).

2025-26 Yearbooks for Sale Yearbooks are on sale for the lowest price of the year! Get them now and check this off your to do list. Click [here](#) to order.

We also have a few extra yearbooks from last year for \$10. Please email deephavenyearbook1@gmail.com to get one!