



THE WINDS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

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	Walk and Roll to School Day
Sept. 24	PTA Mom's Night Out, 6 p.m. at Maynard's
Sept. 26	Extra Early Release on Friday, September 26 at 1:20 p.m. for Homecoming Parade
Oct. 1	PTA Family Pizza Party, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	No School - Yom Kippur
Oct. 9	Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Picture Day, 4-7 p.m. (Media Center)
Oct. 10	Conferences 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Oct. 10	Picture Day, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (Media Center)

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Extra Early Release on Friday, September 26 at 1:20 p.m. to accommodate for the Homecoming parade is Homecoming parade in downtown Excelsior at 4PM and a Homecoming Football Game in the evening. Schools throughout the district are dismissing early to allow families time to get to the parade.

Conferences - Conference sign-up will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22. Parents will receive an email at that time with instructions on how to sign up in Skyward.

- Thursday, October 9, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - In-person conferences
- Friday, October 10, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – In-person and Google Meet conferences

Conferences will consist of a blended model this year. The blended model includes offering in-person conferences and conferences over Google Meets. Your student's teacher can provide more information about their conference scheduling options. Our school values parent/teacher conferences and we typically have over 98% participation by parents. Conferences are an important time to connect and build the home/school partnership.

Curriculum Night

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

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

Looking for a position with Minnetonka Schools? See jobs postings here:

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/departments/hr/careers>

Birthday Parties – Birthday party invitations are not allowed to be distributed at school. Leaving for a birthday party experience needs to originate outside of the school setting. Students will ride the bus home or be picked up by their parents and then go to the birthday party. These procedures allow for students to enjoy their day at school without feeling left out.

Pick up line – How you can help it go smoothly for everyone involved:

1. Pull up tight to the car in front of you when in the pickup line.
2. Go all the way down to the stop sign, past the front doors, if possible. We will send your child down to you.
3. Be patient with other drivers and staff. Student safety is the goal.
4. Kindergarten students are outside first. Parents of older students can arrive at school at 2:40 p.m.
5. Students need to be picked up by 2:50 p.m.

We are all getting used to the process, and once everyone settles into a routine, it will run very smoothly.

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.

Deephaven uses Responsive Classroom as a way of working with students. What is Responsive Classroom? It is a student-centered, social and emotional approach to teaching and discipline. This research-based approach helps create a safe, joyful, and engaging classroom where students can learn.

Learn more about Responsive Classroom by clicking the link: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/>

The Foundation has informed us that this Teacher Appreciation Campaign is on hold until the Foundation hires its new executive director so that person can manage this initiative.

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.

School pictures will take place during Conferences on October 9 and 10 during school conferences. Order information will be emailed to parents/guardians after picture days.

Oct. 9 School Pictures, 4-7 p.m.

Oct. 10 School Pictures 8 a.m.- 2p.m.

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

Parent/Caregiver Coaching & Family Support

Children don't come with instructions and parenting does not have a manual! Family education is a state supported program within school districts. **FREE** coaching is available to parents/caregivers to meet individually with a licensed Parent Educator to discuss or strategize ways to support your unique family. Whether it's the toddler or the teenage years, we can all use a little support! To request support please complete [this form](#).

Supporting Reading at Home:

Create a Reading Routine

- Daily Reading Time: Set aside at least 20 minutes each day for reading. [This can be a mix of reading aloud to your child and having them read to you.](#)
- Consistent Schedule: Try to read at the same time each day to build a habit.

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. Building community and a culture of respect supports our work around bullying prevention.

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!

PTA PULSE

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](#). Here are the classrooms without a room parent: Knowles and Sladky Valley. These classrooms have just one room parent: Borne, Langan, Landy, Norton, Powell, Tam, Gloe, Dickinsen, Burgos, Loynachan.

Become a Deephaven PTA Sponsor - Ready to make a big impact with a small investment? Become a Deephaven Elementary PTA sponsor and help our school community thrive! Sponsors help the PTA deliver enrichment programs, classroom resources, fund teacher grants and are front and center at school community events. Learn more by contacting Sponsorship@deephavenpta.com.

Dad's Night Out - Sept. 17 6-9 p.m. Calling all Deephaven dads, step-dads, grandpas and caretakers to a night out at Maynards this Thursday from 6 -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.

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. [Order yearbooks here](#).

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

Tonka Pride Fall Sale Sept. 19-20 Show your school pride with clothing and accessories featuring the Tonka logo and colors. The district sale will take place Sept. 19, 3-7 p.m., Sept 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the District Service Center.

Bike to School Day is Sept. 24 Lace up your walking shoes, raise your kickstands, and join students and families for Bike to School Day! Your student can participate regardless of your location. Here are a few ideas so you can join the fun:

- Drive to the parking lot along the LRT trail by Haralson Park/Deephaven City Hall and walk/bike to school on the LRT.
- Designate a meeting place and time and bike or walk to school with friends - Thorpe Park, Cottagewood Store, a friend's house, etc.

- Go for a walk or bike at home AFTER school - that's right, even after school counts for a prize! Just reach out to the organizers and we will get a prize to your student for participating.

Meet organizers BY THE BUS ENTRANCE to pick up your prize on event day! You can find more information regarding the event [here](#) or feel free to reach out to hailyjdixon@gmail.com.

Birthday Books A long-standing program at Deephaven that has an incredible impact on the Media Center and School. You can donate a Birthday Book to the Media Center for \$17 per child. Your child will choose a book from a special selection in the library, will be the first to check out the book and share with their class, and will have a bookplate attached to the inside cover to admire for years to come. Pay online with the [PTA RevTrak Link](#). All donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, contact PTA Birthday Book Coordinator: melissa.anheluk@gmail.com