



THE WINDS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

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	School Pictures 4-7 p.m. (Media Center)
Oct. 10	Conferences 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Oct. 10	School Pictures, 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.

Pick up line - Pull up tight to the car in front of you when in the pickup line, especially while waiting along Vine Hill Road.

Conferences - Sign up for conferences is available in Skyward. Sign up will close at 12 p.m. on October 8.

- 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.

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

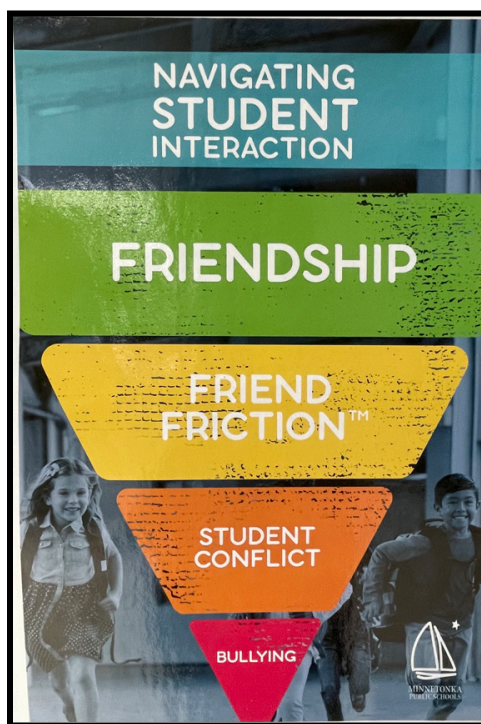
**Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 13.*

Principal's Summer Challenge Recognition Ceremony - Congratulations to all of the students that completed the Principal's Summer Challenge (list below)! Students will be recognized for their work on **Monday, October**

6, at 9:30 a.m. Students that completed all three challenges, the Trifecta, will go to Detello's with Mr. McGinley on October 14, grades 2 & 4, and on October 15, grades 1, 3, & 5. We are so proud of all of you!!

Friend Friction, Student Conflict, or Bullying? Conflict is natural and students are learning how to navigate it and solve it as they go through the elementary school years. We break student conflict into three categories: Friend Friction, Student Conflict, and Bullying. Bullying is often used to describe any conflict and doesn't allow students to manage everyday conflicts that arise. Bullying is a serious behavior defined by hurtful behavior that includes a power difference among the individuals and it is repeated over time. Many conflicts are among friends or classmates that are a one-time incident that can be resolved. Helping your child learn strategies to manage conflict will serve them well. Elementary school is the perfect time to help your child develop conflict management skills with friends in a constructive manner. Below are definitions of each type of conflict. We encourage you to discuss these with your child.

- **Friend Friction** - This conflict is most often between students who have a relationship and is generally a difference of opinion. There is NOT teasing or exclusion present in these situations.
- **Student Conflict** - This conflict is most often an argument that continues and is not being resolved or settled between classmates.
- **Bullying** - An act that includes a power difference, is targeted, repeated within a reasonable time frame, and hurtful.



We employ many proactive strategies to prevent bullying at Deephaven. These include our use of Responsive Classroom, Character Strong, and Social Thinking. However, if bullying occurs, it is important to report it immediately to the school. Here is our district's policy on Bullying Prevention. [Policy #514: Bullying Prohibition](#)

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!

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Build Phonemic Awareness

- Sound Games: Play games that involve recognizing and manipulating sounds in words. [For example, ask your child to identify the first sound in a word or to come up with words that rhyme](#)
- Nursery Rhymes: [Recite and sing nursery rhymes together to develop early literacy skills](#)

PTA PULSE

Deephaven Moms Night Out TONIGHT! Sept. 24 - 6-9 p.m. at Maynards. Moms, Grandmas, and caretakers, stop by any time. Meet us up by the bags courts at the red picnic tables. There is no formal agenda - just visiting.

Family Pizza Party - Oct. 1 4:30-6:30 p.m. Join us for pizza, music, RAFFLE PRIZES, and good company. Purchase your [pizza party tickets online](#). \$5 per pizza eater, tickets must be purchased prior to 10/1 so we know how much pizza to get! Bring your own water bottle. If you need assistance with tickets, please email Mika Wallacel at Mika.Wallace@minnetonkaschools.org. Raffle tickets are sold at the event, \$1 each. To participate in the raffle, bring cash. Pizza generously donated by JETS in Minnetonka. We hope to see you there!

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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!

2025 Principal's Challenge

Participation

Juliet Boll
Jack Boll
Andrew Boll
Monroe Bollis
Loretta Campbell
Indie Cardinal
Calvin Carlson
Zaki Forest
Zayna Forest
Jackson Gaard
Griffin Grotenhuis
Emma Gwost
Luke Hunter
Gianna Kolbinger
Hadley Larsen
Ellie Levine
Aliyah Maronga
Madelyn Misner
Ana Nafstad
Elin Nafstad
Maren Reese
Kristen Reid
Alex Scott
Walter Toledo

Achievement

Jordan Baumgarten
Finnian Blahosky
Kennedy Carlson
Gabriel Delgado
Hannah Ernst
Theodore Grotenhuis
Hamza Gueye
Riley Hoffner
Arsene Hontos
Caleb Jakubowski
William James
Henry Jandro
Saoirse Jones
Jett Knutson
Theo Kolbinger
Ella Longshore
Isabella Martin
Cooper McCoy
Teagan Murray
Finn Nelson

Dwyer Prall
Piper Punch
Caden Rouse
Declan Rouse
Vivienne Schrader
Bryn Schrader
Andrew Wildung
Leo Witte
Katherine Zahn

Trifecta

Isla Anderson
Hendrix Anderson
Stella Anderson
Afton Bailey
Sam Baker
Ollie Baker
Charlie Bauchle
Addy Bauchle
Clara Behbahani
Alexander Behbahani
Jack Boardman
Lorna Borst
Charlotte Brisse
Henry Brodbeck
Ashley Burns
Quinton Busch
Nathan Clary
Penelope Clary
Russell Clary
William Conway
Everett Dickens
Rowen Doring
Cora Engelsma
Mason Engelsma
Hattie Erickson
William Fransen Weinberger
Alex Gillette
Josie Gillette
Alden Graham
Ruth Grannes
Jonathan Griffiths
Esther Griffiths
Magdalene Griffiths
Anna Griffiths
Hannah Hedtke
Miriam Helf
Dylan Heltner

Gavin Hoffner
Quinn Hopfenspirger
Olivia Hunstad
Claire Jakubowski
McMillan Jones
Lucille Jurek
Trifecta
Nash Knutson
Rose Koenig
Liesel Koenig
James Kottke
Sonja Kottke
Wesley Lantz
Naomi Leckas
Evangeline Leckas
Ben Lester
Vivian Loftus
Isaac Lundberg
Olivia Maiz
Alex Maiz
Nora Marcus
Finn McCoy
Amelia McCreight
Leyton Miles
Thatcher Miles
Leila Montazemi
Hattie Mower
Polly Mower
Kilian Murphy
Ingrid Nelson
Berit Nelson
Charlotte Novak
Grace Patel
Jack Peterson
Archer Peterson
Mac Peterson
Mia Peterson
Benjamin Pflugfelder
Allison Pflugfelder
Willow Powell
Harper Powell
Mila Puzak
Ethan Rado
Connor Rado
Leo Rattner
Chloe Reid
Lila Rogers
Louise Ruiz

Grace Saba
Haley Sargent
Bodin Sargent
Micaela Sierra
Natalia Sierra
Corinne Skemp
Mary Strangio
Cassandra Strangio
Charlie Sutter
Alma Tauer
Loretta Tauer
Tanner Thompson
Hayes Tobin
Ollie Tobin
Charlie Utoft
Vivian Valley
Sara Vidal-Trejo
Sebastian Vidal-Trejo
Adley Whitcomb
Evelyn Whitcomb
Cooper Whitney
Delia Winter
Asher Yuvarajan
Finn Yuvarajan
Beatrice Zawacki