



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 8, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 6-10 Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Oct. 6-10 Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week
- 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)
- Oct. 14-15 Principal's Challenge Trifecta Pizza Parties
- Oct. 16-17 **No School - MEA**
- Oct. 22 Unity Day - wear orange
- Oct. 22 Deephaven Leaders in Action, 2:45-3:45 (Grade 5)

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

No School on Friday, October 10 due to parent/teacher conferences.

No School on Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17 (MEA).

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.*

Bully Prevention Month - please see the Bully Prevention Family Information and Character Strong Bully Prevention website included in the document.

Lost and Found – Stop by lost and found during conferences. It is located in the front lobby.

The Deephaven Daily Report has begun and is off to a great start. Fifth grade students produce and deliver our daily news show for our school. The Deephaven Daily Report takes place every morning at 8:04 a.m. and is watched by each classroom. The broadcast begins with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by school news and the daily weather report. New this year is a weekly segment introducing a different staff member each week.

Drop Off between 7:30 a.m. -7:40 a.m. and beat the traffic. Buses begin arriving at 7:45 a.m. and the line takes longer

Pick Up - Kindergarten students are dismissed first. Parents with a child in grades 1- 5 arriving just before 2:40 p.m. help move the line along by allowing kindergarten parents to pick up their child first and exit the line.

Change in plans? Please contact your child's teacher prior to 2:00 p.m. if you have a change in your child's end-of-the-day plans.

Students are Encouraged to Wear Orange on October 22 to promote unity among our students at Deephaven. Unity Day was established by the Pacer Center to send a visible message of building commUNITY through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent bullying.

Show Deephaven Unity and Tonka Pride – Students are encouraged to wear their Deephaven blue t-shirt (or any blue shirt) every Monday and Tonka Pride gear every Friday to show their school spirit.

CHARACTER STRONG

October Theme: Kindness

Kindness is the choice to use our time, actions, and resources to better the lives of others and ourselves! Kindness involves all the different ways we express care, concern, and consideration for ourselves and those with whom we share the world. This month we will pay attention to the opportunities we have to choose kindness.

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Encourage Comprehension

- **Discuss Stories:** Before reading, look at the book cover and predict what the story might be about. During reading, ask questions about the plot and characters. [After reading, summarize the story together.](#)
- **Relate to Experiences:** [Connect the story to your child's own experiences to make it more relatable and memorable.](#)

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Calling all Volunteers! The Health Office is looking for volunteers on **Wednesday, Oct. 22nd** to help with hearing & vision screenings for our 1st, 3rd & 5th graders. No previous experience is necessary, volunteers will be trained that day. Please check [Membership Toolkit](#) for details. We ask that you commit to the entire time frame as it will be a jam-packed day and it is difficult to train and insert volunteers once the process starts.

Thank you in advance for your help! We could not provide these important screenings without the help of our awesome Deephaven volunteers!

As Halloween approaches, please keep in mind our NO NUTS policy. Halloween can be a difficult time for students with life threatening food allergies. We would like to encourage you to consider non-food treats for Halloween. Peanuts and tree nuts tend to be found in many types of chocolates and other candies. Please consider any food allergies (egg, gluten, etc.) that may be in your child's classroom. We ask that you check all labels carefully before sending any food/ candy items to school. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

From Apps to Laps: What Young Children Need from Us in a Digital World

For families with children birth to Grade 3

Wednesday, October 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | MCEC

RSVP [here](#)

The youngest among us are no strangers to digital technology. Yet parents and professionals are inundated with conflicting advice about screen time. On one hand companies promise that media can boost children's intelligence while on the other pediatricians urge screen time limits in the early years. In this workshop, Erin Walsh will cut through conflicting information and translate the latest research into easy-to-understand language. Using stories, warmth, and humor Erin will share ways that technology can both help and hurt children's learning and development and explore practical strategies for helping young children thrive in a world dominated by screens.

Meet Erin Walsh, M.A.

Erin is a parent, speaker, author, and co-founder of Spark & Stitch Institute, an organization dedicated to helping families and communities foster deeper connections and navigate the challenges of raising resilient kids in the modern world. She hosts the Connected & Courageous podcast, and her work has been featured in top publications like The Washington Post, Parents.com, and the Star Tribune. Erin co-authored the Tenth Anniversary Edition of the national bestseller *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen*, and her latest book, *It's Their World: Teens, Screens, and the Science of Adolescence*.

PTA PULSE

Pizza Party Success - We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended our Pizza Party Fundraiser last week. With more than 750 attendees, we raised \$3,400 to further our PTA's mission of supporting students, teachers, and our school community. It was a wonderful evening of food, fun, and connection! Thank you, JETS Pizza, for generously supporting us with delicious pizza.

Volunteer Opportunities - There are lots of volunteer opportunities available if you're interested in getting involved. Check out Membership Toolkit. We are especially looking for help with:

- [Health Screenings on Oct 22](#)
- [Classroom Yearbook Volunteers](#)

BULLY PREVENTION

To help students achieve their best and make school safe and welcoming, we are using CharacterStrong curriculum that uses strategies that are proven to work and focus on key skills for life success. In the curriculum, students will experience a blend of anti-bully methods with other important skills like empathy, communication, and resilience. This integrated approach provides explicit instruction in prevention, empowers students, and aims to address bullying's root causes while fostering positive social interactions and emotional well-being among students.

[CharacterStrong Family Bully Prevention Page](#)

1 UNDERSTAND

Sometimes behavior gets labeled as "bullying" when in fact it is not. Understanding what bullying is will better equip students, families, and educators to support their students.



2 DEFINE

Watch video for shared language and understanding. [What is Bullying?](#)

Bullying is a behavior that...

- involves an imbalance of power
- is unwanted, harmful,
- and likely to be repeated



3 SUPPORT

[What to do if your child is experiencing bullying \(click here\).](#)

- Let your child know they can always come to you about difficult situations at school
- Listen carefully and gather all the details before responding—acknowledge their courage in speaking up
- Work together to create a plan: talk to the bully, stay close to friends, tell a teacher, or practice responses through role-play
- Decide together if they should report it themselves or with your help
- If a school meeting is needed, send a written request including what happened and focus on solutions during the meeting.



More than half of bullying situations (57%) stop when someone steps in to help.

4 CYBER BULLYING

Cyberbullying has some unique characteristics that are important to understand. Cyberbullying can be anonymous, which makes it difficult to detect. Cyberbullying can take place during or outside the school day. Teach your child how to handle cyberbullying and read more about protecting your kids online [here](#).



5 FAMILY RESOURCES

Several resources are available to support students and families. Visit [CharacterStrong Family Resources](#) site for a curated list of top digital resources from leading government agencies and national organizations to help families effectively and safely understand and stop bullying. This includes proactive strategies for promoting Well-Being and Resilience.

