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AROUND MINNETONKA

NEWS FROM MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CELEBRATING MINNETONKA HOMECOMING

In late September, the Minnetonka Schools community celebrated Homecoming, an annual opportunity to recognize pride and camaraderie in our district. From Minnetonka High School's pepfest, weeklong spirit activities in our schools and the community-wide parade in Excelsior to the varsity football game and the Minnetonka Alumni Association's annual Alumni Awards Brunch, it was a festive and joyful week recognizing the many ways our community strives for excellence. Pictured below are highlights from the pepfest and parade. **Find more photos from Homecoming on the Minnetonka Schools Facebook page.**



DISTRICT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2025

- 2.....No School K-12+
- 9.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., DSC
- 9.....P/T Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
- 10.....No School K-12+, P/T Conferences, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 16-17...No School K-12+, Statewide Teacher Meetings
- 23.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m., DSC

NOVEMBER 2025

- 4.....Election Day
- 5.....Quarter 1 Ends
- 6.....No School K-12+, Professional Development
- 7.....No School, Gr K-12+, Planning and Grading/PLC
- 10.....Quarter 2 Begins
- 10.....Celebration of Service, 6:30 p.m., MHS
- 13.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7p.m., DSC
- 20.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m., DSC
- 21.....Community & Resource Night, 6-8 p.m., MME
- 26.....No School K-12+
- 27-28...No School K-12+, District Offices Closed, Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 2025

- 11.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7p.m., DSC
- 12.....Tonka Pride Sale, 3-7pm, DSC
- 13.....Tonka Pride Sale, 9am-2pm, DSC
- 18.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m., DSC
- 22-Jan 5...No School K-12+, Winter Break
- 24-25...District Offices Closed

Remember to VOTE on or before November 4

This year, there are two Minnetonka Schools items on the ballot for district residents.

Building Bond Referendum

Learn more about the Building Bond Referendum at minnetonkaschools.org/Building-Bond-2025



Three School Board Seats

Learn more about School Board candidates at minnetonkaschools.org/elections



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PODCAST *Ahoy, Minnetonka!*
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A DISTRICT OF STUDENT-CENTERED EXCELLENCE

We can't wait to welcome your child and your family into the Minnetonka Public Schools community! We are among the best-performing school districts, not just in Minnesota, but across the nation. We proudly serve 10 cities in the west metro and also welcome open-enrolled/non-resident students from more than 40 Minnesota school districts.

From students' earliest years, our primary goal is to inspire the love of learning in children through academic, social and emotional teaching strategies. Our curriculum balances active, playful, hands-on learning with individual, small- and large-group instruction designed to nurture early academic skills and promote social development. Throughout the grade levels, our innovative programs and extensive supports help each student to succeed. We offer:

- personalized, child-centered education
- caring support to promote student well-being
- K-5 computer coding
- unique programs for advanced learners in elementary school (Navigators, Wings, project-based learning and accelerated math and reading)
- before- and after-school childcare in our Explorers Childcare Program

GETTING READY TO ENROLL

All families must complete registration steps to enroll their child in Kindergarten. Begin with the online form at minnetonkaschools.org/enroll-now.

- **Resident families: The priority deadline for Resident Enrollment is January 15, 2026.** *What does priority mean?* Families must make an important decision for their Kindergartener: English language instruction (offered at all elementary schools), Chinese language Immersion (offered at Excelsior and Scenic Heights elementary schools) or Spanish language Immersion (offered at Deephaven, Clear Springs, Groveland and Minnewashta elementary schools). Your first choice of language and school are given **priority** when you register by January 15. After that date, your first-choice schools or programs may be filled.
- **Open-enrolled families: The state deadline for Open Enrollment applications is January 15, 2026.** There are several steps in the approval process, which are outlined at minnetonkaschools.org/oe-checklist. Families that submit an Open Enrollment application will be notified regarding placement by February 15, 2026. At that time, families will be asked to complete the approved Open Enrollment Registration Form.

Visit Us Online to Learn More:
MinnetonkaSchools.org/Kindergarten

Hello, Incoming Kindergarten Families!

Join us to learn more about our schools and how to enroll your child for 2026-27. Register online at minnetonkaschools.org/info-night

Location	Events in November and December 2025
Clear Springs Elementary 952-401-6950	Monday, Nov. 17: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 2: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 4: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Deephaven Elementary 952-401-6900	Thursday, Nov. 6: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Friday, Nov. 14: Preschool Story Hour, 9am Thursday, Dec. 4: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Excelsior Elementary 952-401-5650	Wednesday, Nov. 5: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 2: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 4: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Groveland Elementary 952-401-5600	Monday, Nov. 17: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 2: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 4: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Minnewashta Elementary 952-401-5500	Monday, Nov. 3: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 2: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 4: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Scenic Heights Elementary 952-401-5400	Monday, Nov. 3: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 2: Virtual Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 4: In-Person Information Night, 6pm
Tonka Online 952-283-8126	Call to schedule a 1:1 conversation about Tonka Online.



A MESSAGE from the Superintendent

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Fall has always been one of my favorite times of year, filled with optimism and energy in our schools. Each week, I visit classrooms across the District, and it is clear that students and staff are off to a great start. Our schools are thriving, and I am grateful to see so much learning, growth and joy in action.

One important change this year is at the high school, where students now store their phones in "airplane mode" during class. I've spoken with dozens of students about this, and many report feeling more productive, more connected with classmates, and less distracted. While not everyone is fully supportive, most acknowledge the positive impact.

We've also been gathering feedback on classroom "screen time," an area of interest for many parents. In elementary classrooms, I've seen a thoughtful balance between technology and other forms of instruction. By high school, students value the organizational tools and efficiency technology provides, while still having access to paper materials, if preferred. We will continue to monitor this balance closely throughout the year.

Looking ahead, the coming month is an important one for our community. The November election includes three open School Board seats and a Building Bond measure. I encourage all community members to learn about the School Board candidates by reviewing their campaign pages and watching the League of Women Voters candidate forum. For the Building Bond, please review the informational mailers sent this fall or visit our website's Building Bond page.

The \$85M Building Bond would provide improvements for every school in the District, based on recommendations from students, staff, parents and community members. This proposal extends the current General Obligation Bond tax rate—it does not raise it. However, state statute requires ballot language to state that voting "for" the measure will increase taxes, since it extends an existing obligation.

Most importantly, I encourage every eligible voter in our community to exercise their civic right and to cast a ballot on November 4.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with Minnetonka Public Schools!

David Law, JD • Superintendent of Schools