



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 29, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 3-7	School Psychology Staff Awareness Week
Nov. 2	Daylight Saving Time ends – SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!
Nov. 6	No School - Professional Learning Day
Nov. 7	No School - Grading/Planning Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Assembly, 9 a.m.
Nov. 12	Picture Retake Day, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Halloween Your child's teacher will provide more details on how they will be celebrating Halloween.

Important Halloween Costume Message Deephaven allows children to wear costumes during school, but wearing of masks, painted faces, disguises or grooming that limits or prevents identification of an individual is strictly prohibited. Also, weapons of ANY kind are NOT allowed in school, including look-alike weapons. We want Halloween to be enjoyable and safe for everyone!

No School - Thursday, November 6 - Professional Learning Day

No School - Friday, November 7 - Grading/Planning Day

Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 12 in the Media Center from 8-12 p.m. If your child missed picture days or you would like a retake, please fill out [this form](#).

Winter Gear With the colder weather upon us, it is time to make sure your child is coming to school with their winter gear. Students are outside for 20-30 minutes a day unless the temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lost and found items will be packed up and brought to a charity on Wednesday, November 27. If you are missing any items, stop by and take a look.

Bully Prevention Month

- Throughout the month of October, it's been great to see students actively practicing responsibility: arriving to class on time, having fully charged iPads, completing homework, owning their actions, and demonstrating an awareness of how their behavior can positively impact others. We're proud of their growth and look forward to building on this momentum as we head into November!

- We'd like to share one final resource with families—this time focusing on the important topic of cyberbullying. Please see the **attachment** for information about cyberbullying.

Wacky Wednesday Our next Wacky Wednesday is November 19. The dress up day is Animal Day.

Do you have an **incoming kindergartner** next school year? This year, we have three events to talk about kindergarten options:

- November 6: Kindergarten Information Night (Front Gym), 6 p.m.
- November 14: Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. in the Media Center
- December 4: Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. (virtual)

It is highly recommended that you click on the link below to sign up.

[RSVP to Kindergarten Information Night](#)

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING YOUR INCOMING KINDERGARTNER OR SIBLINGS TO THE EVENT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Kindergarten registration information can be found [here](#).

Work at Deephaven! We have a lunchroom para position opening at Deephaven. Contact [Josh Jansen](#) if you have interest in learning more about this opportunity.

REMINDER: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 IS ELECTION DAY!

Don't forget to vote on or before November 4! For Minnetonka School District Residents, there are two Minnetonka Schools-related items on the ballot. They include:

Building Bond Referendum

The Minnetonka School Board unanimously put forth a referendum asking voters to consider an \$85M Building Bond. Approval of the referendum would enable long-term investment in safe, modern and adaptable learning environments in our schools. The bond payments would be structured in a way that allows for no net tax rate increase for the General Obligation Bond portion of residents' property taxes. Learn more at:

minnetonkaschools.org/Building-Bond-2025

Three School Board Seats

There are three seats open on the Minnetonka School Board. The newly-elected members will begin their four-year terms in January 2026. Learn more about School Board candidates at

minnetonkaschools.org/elections .

Where/When to Vote

Visit the District website for more information about how to vote early and how to find your polling place:

minnetonkaschools.org/elections or <https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov/>.

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

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.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

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!

PTA PULSE

Deephaven "M" Blue T-Shirt - The PTA provides all students new to **Deephaven** with a **Deephaven blue "M" unity t-shirt** to help build community, connection, and school pride. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their **Deephaven gear on Mondays** as a visual symbol of belonging. If your child has outgrown, misplaced, or "well-loved" their shirt and you'd like a replacement, please fill out the [Google Form](#), and we'll get a new one to you!

Help Kids Fight Cyberbullying and Online Harms

Most kids will encounter mean behavior at some point in their digital lives. For some kids, this experience is a blip that's easily forgotten, while for others it can have deep, long-lasting effects. For parents, the key is staying involved in kids' lives -- both online and off -- so they can step in and offer help if necessary. With guidance from parents and educators, kids can learn how to dodge the drama and stand up for others.

Check out these 6 tips 

1

Define your terms.

Make sure kids understand what cyberbullying is: repeated and unwanted mean or hurtful words or behavior that occur online (through texts, social media posts, online chat, etc.).

2

Check in about online life.

Just like you'd ask your kid about their sleep, exercise, and eating, stay on top of their online life. Who are they chatting with? How do people treat each other in the games and on the sites they're using?

3

Role-play.

If kids feel like they might have trouble removing themselves from digital drama, experiment with some different ways they can make a graceful exit. Talk through words they can use, ways they can steer conversations in positive directions, etc.

4

Encourage upstanding.

Let kids know that supporting a friend or acquaintance who is being bullied can make a big difference. If they feel safe confronting the bully, they should. If not, a private message to the victim can be enough to help someone through a tough time. Speaking up against hate speech is important, too.



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Take breaks.

If you notice your kid getting pulled into digital drama, help them take a break. It's great if they can determine for themselves when they need to step back, but they might need some help setting limits. Putting devices to bed at a specific time, plus breaks for mealtimes and face-to-face connection, can help kids recharge.

6

Review worst-case steps.

Walk through what to do if your kid is being bullied online. First, step away. Ignoring a bully can be very effective. If the bullying continues, take screenshots or print out evidence. Then block the person. If it gets worse, report the behavior to a trusted adult. Talk about who those people are and make sure your kid has their contact information.

