



**THE WINDS**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Nov. 3-7   | School Psychology Staff Awareness Week                     |
| Nov. 6     | <b>No School</b> - Professional Learning Day               |
| Nov. 6     | 2026-27 Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. (Front Gym) |
| Nov. 7     | <b>No School</b> - Grading/Planning Day                    |
| Nov. 11    | Veteran's Day Assembly, 9 a.m.                             |
| Nov. 12    | Picture Retake Day, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.                         |
| Nov. 19    | PTA Dad's Night Out, 6 p.m.                                |
| Nov. 17-20 | Scholastic Book Fair (Media Center)                        |
| Nov. 21    | Community & Resource Night, MME 6-8PM                      |
| Dec. 4     | PTA Mom's Night Out                                        |

[District Calendar](#)

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**No School - Thursday, November 6** - Professional Learning Day

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

**Veterans' Day Assembly - Wear Red, White & Blue on Veterans' Day** - Show your support! Please have students wear red, white and/or blue to help us celebrate Veterans' Day during our Veterans' Day assembly on Tuesday, November 11. We welcome photos of your Veterans for our slideshow. Photos submitted last year will be automatically included. Send new photos to Stephanie Powell, [marystephanie@gmail.com](mailto:marystephanie@gmail.com).

**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](#).

Please review the attached **quarterly newsletter from our Specialist Team**.

**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.

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

**There is no school on November 26-28 due to the Thanksgiving break.**

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.

### **What does WIN time look like at Deephaven Elementary School?**

WIN Time stands for What I Need, also known as a learner-centered approach. Students will benefit from differentiated instruction that occurs during a 30-minute daily WIN time ("what I need") that includes reteaching, remediation, or extension activities for Math, Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning.

**Student Drop-off and Pick-up** to ensure student safety and to reduce the time it takes to get through the process. Please be respectful to our outside staff, as they have been instructed to enforce these procedures.

1. Keep in mind that our front parking lot is designed as a **two-lane parking lot with one-way traffic**.
2. **Students need to exit and enter the vehicle on the curb side.** Students entering or exiting a vehicle on the passenger side are in danger of being hit by a car by the second lane of traffic.
3. **Adults should remain in their car** and students should have their backpack and other items ready to go at arrival time. Exceptions are made for assistance with students too young to buckle or unbuckle their car seat.
4. **Pull up as far as possible.** Proceed to the stop sign if you have no cars in front of you. Follow the directions given by the outside staff. We need to use our entire sidewalk to allow more students to exit and enter their vehicle.
5. **No parking and walking your child into school between 7:30-8:00 a.m.** Exceptions will be made for medical reasons, volunteering, or a meeting with staff. This practice is dangerous and slows down our entire drop-off and pick-up process for everyone in line.

Additional reminders:

1. **Arrive before 7:40** to avoid the traffic. Buses arrive at 7:45 and traffic begins to back up.
2. Students are to **be at school at 7:50** to prepare for the **start of school at 8:00 a.m.**

Our goal is to create a safe and quick process for every parent. Please show consideration to the rest of our school community by following our drop-off and pick-up procedures.

**Bus Corral Area is for Students and Staff** during arrival time and dismissal time. Parents picking up students by car or foot need to meet their child along the front sidewalk or front door. For student safety and school security reasons, we separate our students that take the bus to and from school, from those students that are dropped off or picked up by a parent. **Only adults on staff are allowed in our bus corral area.**

**Supporting Families: Food Assistance Available through Local Food Shelves, Including ICA**

To assist families during challenging times of food insecurity, ICA Food Shelf has reached out to our school district to remind families food assistance is available. ICA is one of several food shelves in the Twin Cities that offers accessible ways for families to receive food support.

Families may schedule an **in-person shopping appointment** at ICA's Minnetonka location (11588 K-Tel Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343) for a free, grocery-style experience. To make an appointment, call **952-938-0729**. Each household may shop up to twice per month.

Alternatively, families may **register for curbside pickup** of pre-packed food bags, available Thursdays (6–8 p.m.) and Fridays (10 AM–12 p.m.) at the ICA Minnetonka location. Bag options include pantry staples, dairy, produce, and frozen meat. Registration is required; those without it will receive an emergency bag. Registration is available on the [ICA website](#).

**Emergency food bags** are also available without an appointment at ICA and select community sites. These ready-to-go bags contain shelf-stable items and a simple meal.

For full details, [view this informational flyer](#), visit [icafoodshelf.org](http://icafoodshelf.org) or call **952-938-0729**.

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## CHARACTER STRONG

### November Theme: Gratitude

In November, we are shifting the focus to Gratitude. Gratitude is defined as choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives. Please see this month's SEL/Character Strong Newsletter attached to this week's Winds.

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## SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

### Engage in Joint Reading Activities

**Interactive Reading:** Take turns reading parts of a book. [Ask open-ended questions about the story to encourage critical thinking and comprehension](#).

**Use Interests:** Choose books that align with your child's interests to keep them engaged.

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## PTA PULSE

### Scholastic Book Fair - Nov 17-20

The Book Fair runs Nov 17–20 during school, and families can shop Tuesday & Wednesday, 3–6 PM. Students may bring cash or use a Scholastic eWallet (a digital gift card). You can donate to your teacher's eWallet to help grow classroom libraries! Set up your eWallet and learn more [here](#). All sales benefit our school—thank you for supporting our readers!

**Dad's Night Out Nov 19 6-9 p.m.** at Excelsior Brewing. Dads, Grandpas, and caretakers of all kinds, please join us. This is a buy your own food and beverage event. Contact Andy Punch at 612-670-8506 with questions.

### REMINDER: Breakfast & Lunch Are Free for All Students!

No need to fill your cabinets with extra breakfast food — both breakfast and lunch are free for every Deephaven student! When students arrive in the morning, they can head straight to the cafeteria for a nutritious start to their day before class begins. Check out [what's on the menu](#). Let's make sure every kid starts the day fueled up and ready to learn!

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteering cultivates gratitude and helps children feel better connected to their families and community. This season, help your student find meaningful ways to give back by working with a nonprofit organization or creating their own volunteer projects.

Visit [bit.ly/2025FALLVOLUNTEER-ELEM](https://bit.ly/2025FALLVOLUNTEER-ELEM) to access great updated resources and age-appropriate ideas.

For more resources or information about service award programs, visit [tonkaserves.org](https://tonkaserves.org) or [Doing Good Together](#) or contact Sarah Johnson at Tonka Serves, [sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org).

# DEEPHAVEN

## MONTHLY SEL NEWSLETTER



### THEME: Gratitude

In November, we are shifting the focus to Gratitude. Gratitude is defined as choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives. The lessons around gratitude build as students grown in developmental stages. Students progress from being thankful to learning how to find gratitude in disappointing situations. Students will learn a strategy for Gratitude in their lives. It begins with pause to notice their surrounding from the big down to the small things, and then choosing one good thing for the day. Try one of the strategies in the at home section for ways to focus Gratitude at home or try the Gratitude Challenge.

### Gratitude Challenge

#### ★ 21-Day ★

In your journal, express gratitude for:

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| 1<br>An activity you enjoy doing  | 2<br>Someone you love             | 3<br>An important life lesson | 4<br>A recent photo in your gallery |
| 5<br>Something you're proud of    | 6<br>Something you let go of      | 7<br>Someone who helped you   | 8<br>A memory you adore             |
| 9<br>Something you like in nature | 10<br>A comfort you enjoy         | 11<br>Something in your city  | 12<br>Something in your home        |
| 13<br>Your best friend            | 14<br>A movie/series/book         | 15<br>A piece of technology   | 16<br>A good quality about you      |
| 17<br>A privilege in your life    | 18<br>Something you use every day | 19<br>Something in your body  | 20<br>Being alive, living life      |
| 21<br>For planet Earth            |                                   |                               |                                     |

[Try Gratitude Bingo](#)

Read more on Gratitude - The Life Blog

### At Home: Gratitude Together

#### Establish gratitude routines

- Gratitude jar or tree: Have family members write down things they are grateful for and put them in a jar or hang them on a "tree".
- Daily gratitude sharing: At dinner or before bed, have each person share one thing they are thankful for.
- Gratitude journal: Keep a journal where kids can write or draw things they are thankful for.

#### Practice through Actions

- Volunteer: Get involved in community events like a food drive or helping at a local shelter.
- Help others: Encourage children to help neighbors, grandparents, or others in need.
- Write thank you notes: Have kids write or draw thank you notes for people who have helped them, like a teacher or a friend.

#### Lead by Example

- Model gratitude: Express your own gratitude for everyday things out loud, like a sunny day or a tasty meal.
- Point out generosity: When you see others being generous, point it out and talk about how it makes others feel.
- Be specific with praise: When you praise children, be specific about their actions, for example, "I appreciate how you helped your brother tie his shoes".

#### Shift Focus

- Limit materialism: Focus on the value of experiences, like spending time together, rather than just material possessions.
- Celebrate accomplishments: Acknowledge and celebrate their achievements, both big and small, and the effort they put in.

# Deephaven Specialist News (November 2025)

Take a look at **what's coming up** in Art, Media, Music, and PE!

## ART (Reid Anderson)

48 MINUTES/6 DAY CYCLE

**RSK:** Learning about collage by creating a picture of a house. Learning about landscapes by creating their own version of van Gogh's "Starry Night".

**K:** Learning about collage by creating a picture of a cityscape. Learning about sculpture by creating a miniature playground with paper, scissors, and glue.

**1st:** Learning about warm and cool color schemes and weaving.

**2nd:** Learning about printmaking by creating a stamp that shows repetition in its design. Learning how to draw and color a winter animal.

**3rd:** Creating an animal out of clay and painting glaze on it. Learning about monochromatic color schemes in a painting project.

**4th:** Working with clay to create a tile that shows a symbol that represents their personal identity or interests.

**5th:** Creating an abstract work of art that utilizes geometric shapes, organic shapes, and complementary colors.

## MEDIA (Matt Carlson)

48 MINUTES/6 DAY CYCLE

**K:** Balancing Our Technology Time (Common Sense Media), Star of the North Book Award voting, Indi robots and upcoming identifying fiction and nonfiction

**1st:** Just Right Websites (Common Sense Media), Star of the North Book Award voting, Fiction and Nonfiction identification, upcoming Indi robots

**2nd:** Star of the North Book Award voting, Genre Scavenger Hunts, upcoming Databases vs. search engines (ask your child about swimming pools and oceans!)

**3rd:** Identifying by Genre, searching on Destiny, [Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award](#), Typing Club, upcoming safe image searching, being a good digital citizen, protecting passwords, positive digital footprints (Common Sense Media)

**4th:** Identifying by Genre, searching on Destiny, Using the library catalog to find books we love, Typing Club, [Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award](#), upcoming navigating databases for research

**5th:** Identifying by Genre, using Destiny, Using the library catalog to find books we love, Typing Club, [Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award](#), upcoming giving creative credit using MyBib and writing and posting book reviews.

**Remember to return your library books as soon as you finish with them!**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Samantha Bauchle, Bart Inniger)

96 MINUTES/6 DAY CYCLE

**Kinder/1st/2nd:** Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will be participating in scooters, bowling, and team games. 2nd grade will also be trying the Mission Impossible unit for the first year!

**3rd/4th/5th:** 3rd-5th Graders will be participating in Mission Impossible, Bowling and Team Games until

## REMINDERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, IMPORTANT DATES!

### All Art:

[Artsonia Information Letter](#)

Save the Date!  
Deephaven Student  
Art Exhibition, **April  
23rd, 5 - 7 PM**

**4th Grade Orchestra:**  
Concert on **May 19th.**

### 5th Grade Choir:

Winter Concert on  
**January 21, 2025 @  
8:20 a.m..**

**5th Grade Orchestra:**  
Concert on **Dec. 9th  
and May 19th.**

### 5th Grade Band:

**2/4/26 Concert Front  
Gym @ 6:30**

Concert on May 26th  
@ MHS - 6:45

**5th Grade PE**  
Remember your  
tennis shoes on PE  
days!



winter break!

**ALWAYS remember your tennis shoes for Physical Education!**

**MUSIC** (Liz Anderson: Choir, K-5 Classroom, Choir, Melani Schwartz: K-4 Classroom, Miles Mortensen: Band, Rachel Tisdale: Orchestra)

96 MINUTES/6 DAY CYCLE

**All Classroom Music classes:** This year we have added a focus of connecting literature and music to support the literacy focus of the district

**K:** Exploring Music through singing, movement, and playing instruments

**1st:** Learning about steady beat through singing and movement. Learning quarter note, paired eighth note, and rest rhythms, and musical opposites (high/low, loud/soft, fast/slow). Identifying sol, mi, la solfa pitches. Singing and movement

**2nd:** Focusing on musical patterns, half note rhythms, adding solfa pitches la and do, singing and movement.

**3rd:** Body Percussion, Performing Ensembles, sixteenth note rhythms, and C pentatonic solfa pitches.

**4th:** Playing recorders, Genres unit, learning notes on the Treble Staff.

**Band:** We know 5 notes. Knowing the “Big Five” allows us to play a lot of music that people will recognize! We are Playing our band pieces during band special in preparation for our February and May Concerts! Our first concert is 2/4/26 @ Deephaven – 6:30 pm and our 2nd concert will be on May 26 at 6:45 pm at the MHS Arts Center

**As always, remember to have your band materials for school on Days 2 and 5. Practice at home!**

**Classroom:** Reviewing treble staff note names and musical symbols, playing ukuleles, creating in Garageband, singing and movement.

**Choir:** Singing in unison, canon, and two parts. Learning our music for the upcoming **Winter Concert on January 21, 2026 at 8:20 a.m. in the Front Gym.** Mark your calendar now for a great morning of music!

**Orchestra (4th):** Instrument basics, focusing on posture, sound, first notes, bow, and tuning (coming soon).

**Orchestra (5th):** New notes and rhythms, learning how to play as an ensemble, focusing on the awesome music for our first concert on **December 9th.** Looking forward to seeing you in the audience!

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