



THE WINDS
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 14	Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. (for 2026-27 incoming kindergarteners)
Nov. 17-20	Scholastic Book Fair (Media Center)
Nov. 19	Wacky Wednesday: Animal Day
Nov. 19	PTA Dad's Night Out, 6 p.m.
Nov. 21	Community & Resource Night, MME 6-8PM
Nov. 26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 4	PTA Mom's Night Out

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Veterans Day Assembly - Deephaven came together yesterday to honor and celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country. Learn more about yesterday's assembly by clicking here: [Veterans Day Assembly at Deephaven](#)

Lost and found items will be packed up and brought to a charity on Wednesday, November 26. 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.

Early Dismissal Process When picking your student up early from school, please have a 10-15 min. cushion to allow for your child to meet you in the office. Students are often in the middle of learning, lunch, or even outside, and it takes time for them to get to the office with all of their belongings.

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

- 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](#).

REMINDER - Dress for the Weather – Students are outside for up to 25 minutes each day during recess. Temperatures need to be -10 degrees below zero actual temperature or wind chill to have indoor recess.

How We Work with Children – Deephaven has an intentional approach to working with our students. Our goal is to create a consistent learning environment from the day students walk into kindergarten through their last day of fifth grade.

Our entire staff uses Responsive Classroom, Character Strong's Purposeful People curriculum, and Social Thinking to set students up for social and emotional success. We begin our day with the morning broadcast, done entirely by fifth grade students, followed by a Morning Meeting in each classroom. We model and teach our expectations, so students understand what is expected of them and how to do what is expected. We create engaging lessons that increase on-task behaviors. Routines are important and we embed them throughout the school day.

Our intentional approach has created a school environment where suspensions are almost non-existent and misbehavior is at a minimum. Your support at home is critical to our success during the school day with your child. Thank you for trusting our staff to care for your child and to hold them accountable when necessary. Together, we are providing Deephaven students with the skills necessary to be successful in life.

- **Responsive Classroom:** <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/>
- **Character Strong's Purposeful People curriculum:** <https://characterstrong.com/purposefull-people/>
- **Social Thinking:** <https://www.socialthinking.com/social-thinking-methodology>
- **Deephaven Parent and Student Handbook**

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Building Representative can be contacted at any time if you have questions or would like a connection within the building. Please reach out to Morgan Minich, morgroberts@gmail.com.

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.

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.](#)

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Keep your eyes open for head scratching. We are seeing an increase in head lice at Deephaven. The best way to spot head lice before they have time to multiply is by regularly checking your child's head at home.

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Use a lice removal or other fine toothed comb.
- Comb in small sections
- Look for crawling lice and for nits on your child's scalp and on the comb.
- Live lice move quickly.
- Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks attached to the hair.

- Nits are firmly attached to hair and difficult to remove, while dandruff, dirt or other particles are not. For more information you can go to: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/headlice/headlice.html>.

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 p.m. 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.

Parent Party Committee - join us! Want to help plan the most fun night of the year? Join the Parent Party Team! It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents, and help make this year's event unforgettable. Email Kelli Deeg president@deephavenpta.com to join the crew!

Read-a-thon Lead Needed We are looking for someone to help lead our school's biggest fundraiser—the Read-a-thon! The event takes place in February. Please reach out to Kelli at president@deephavenpta.com with any questions or interest.