



THE WINDS
JANUARY 14, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 14	Deephaven Leaders in Action, 2:45-3:45
Jan. 16	Lighthouse Publishing Submission Deadline
Jan. 16	Dreammaker PJ Day (see PTA Pulse for more information)
Jan. 19-23	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
Jan. 19	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 23	Lighthouse Publishing Event, 9 a.m. (Media Center)
Jan. 26	No School - Grading/Planning Day
Jan. 28	Wacky Wednesday: Cozy Day

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Morning Drop-off - To help reduce congestion and keep everyone safe, we encourage families to **drive their child to the bus stop and wait with them in the car** until the bus arrives, rather than driving all the way to school. This small step helps ease traffic near the building and ensures a smoother start for everyone. Thank you for your support and care for our students!

Please Remain in Your Car when dropping off your child. This helps to keep our drop-off line moving.

Dream Makers PJ Day is Friday, January 16th! Students are encouraged to wear their PJs to school and donate \$1-\$5 to benefit the Minnetonka Foundation's Dream Makers event.

Wacky Wednesdays were created to have fun dressing up at school. This month's Deephaven's Wacky Wednesday's theme is Cozy Day. Have your child join in the fun **Wednesday, January 28**.

No School Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No School Monday, January 26- Grading/Planning Day

Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices

As a reminder, Deephaven is a cell-phone free educational environment. We strive to create an optimum learning environment with limited distractions and a focus on engagement and connection. Our guidelines are as follows:

1. PED (Personal Electronic Devices) includes cell phones, laptops, watches with input capability, audio recorder, etc.
2. PEDs are to be completely out of sight from 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
3. If a student has a PED, it must be stored in a student locker or backpack.
4. Families can contact students at any time by calling the main office at 952-401-6900.

5. Contact Mr. McGinley if your family has a unique situation like a medical emergency and would like to discuss an exception.

Deephaven's Read-A-Thon is our largest school fundraiser of the year! It is a win-win approach to helping our students by encouraging reading while raising funds for enrichment activities and materials. Please encourage your child to participate in this year's Read-A-Thon in February.

Reminder: District Emergency Closing Procedures can be found on our website [here](#).

Practices Around Immigration Matters - Our staff are aware of our practices regarding immigration matters, and our District administration team is prepared to support school leaders in such situations. If enforcement action were to occur at arrival or dismissal times, our priority will always be to ensure all students and staff are safe. Our response will be fluid, depending on the specific incident and will be led by District administration. It may also potentially include support from local law enforcement to ensure safety.

Upcoming Explorers Registration Dates

Summer 2026 Juniors & K-5 Explorers opens on **February 11 at 8 AM**

School Year 2026-27 Junior Explorers opens on **February 5 at 7:30 AM**

School Year 2026-27 K-5 Explorers opens:

- **Tuesday, March 10 at 7 PM** for Clear Springs and Scenic Heights
- **Wednesday, March 11 at 7 PM** for Deephaven and Groveland
- **Thursday, March 12 at 7 PM** for Excelsior and Minnewashta

[Click here](#) to join the Explorers email list and get updates on Explorers registration.

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

We all experience challenges in our lives and have moments when we feel like we can't do it or that we want to give up. We need to develop tools that help us work through those challenges and grow instead of giving up. The theme this month is perseverance, defined as pushing yourself to work through challenges and obstacles. Students will be learning about goal setting and how to work towards larger goals. Each grade level has a different area of focus about perseverance.

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.

PTA PULSE

Art Adventures Volunteers Needed - Do you love art? We have JUST the volunteer opportunity for you! Deephaven's 1st, 3rd and 5th graders get to participate in the Art Adventure program through the Minneapolis Institute of Art. The program culminates in a field trip to MIA in the spring! We are looking for 2-3 volunteers per classroom to complete training through MIA and share two pieces of artwork with their assigned classroom. All training and materials provided! Sign up in [Membership Toolkit](#). Questions: Gina.a.erickson@gmail.com or kelseypnelson@gmail.com.

Dream Makers PJ Day - January 16

Wear your PJs Friday and bring in a donation of \$5. Donations benefit Dream Makers - Minnetonka Foundation, a district wide charitable foundation that assists teachers with making their dreams come true towards advancing our students' education in the classroom.

Lighthouse Publishing | Submissions Due January 16

Calling all writers in grades 1-5! We invite you to create any writing project which will be printed and bound into an official book and presented during a ceremony (usually with treats!). The ceremony is hosted by our administrative staff and attended by students, parents, and caregivers. The ceremony will take place January 23, at 9:00am.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Format:** Students are free to express themselves in any written format they choose – poems, short stories, personal narratives, plays, or even comic strips!
- **Template:** To ensure consistency, please use our provided template: [Download Here](#)
- **Parental Support:** We encourage parents to assist their children with typing their submissions, especially for our younger authors
- **Submission:** Email all documents to deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com

Unleash your creativity, share your stories, and become a published author with Lighthouse Publishing!



Parent/Caregiver Coaching & Family Support

Ages Birth - High School



Children don't come with instructions and parenting does not have a manual! Family education is a state supported program within school districts.

FREE coaching is available to parents/caregivers to meet individually with a licensed Parent Educator to discuss or strategize ways to support your unique family. Whether it's the toddler or the teenage years, we can all use a little support!

Meet by phone, email, virtually using Google Meet, in your home or at the Minnetonka Community Education Center.

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