



THE WINDS
JANUARY 21, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 19-23	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
Jan. 23	Lighthouse Publishing Event, 9 a.m. (Media Center)
Jan. 26	No School - Grading/Planning Day
Jan. 28	Wacky Wednesday: Cozy Day
Feb 1-28	Read-a-Thon
Feb. 2-6	National School Counseling Week
Feb. 4	Grade 5 Band Concert, 6:30 p.m (Front Gym)

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paraprofessional Appreciation Week – This is Paraprofessional Appreciation week at Deephaven. We are acknowledging the helpful role all of our paras play at Deephaven for our students and teachers. They supervise students at recess and in the lunchroom. They also help support students with behavior and academics in the classroom. Please join us in sharing your appreciation for the great work our paras do every day at Deephaven. Thank you, Deephaven paras. You are the best!

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.

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.

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

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

Bookmark Contest Winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Read-a-thon kick-off Bookmark Contest. There were so many amazing entries. Congratulations to the winners! Winning bookmarks will be distributed to students next week.

- Kindergarten: River Haroldson
- 1st: Mila Pizak
- 2nd: Teagan Murray
- 3rd: Delia Winter
- 4th: Nellie Cunningham
- 5th: Evie Whitcomb

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.