



THE WINDS
FEBRUARY 25, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 23-27 Student Leadership Food Drive for ICA
Mar. 2-6 Technology Staff Appreciation Week
Mar. 2-6 School Social Worker Appreciation Week
Mar. 4 Deephaven Leaders in Action, 2:45-3:45
Mar. 5 Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Mar. 6 **No School** - Conferences, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

No School Friday, March 6 - Conferences

After School Student Pick Up Reminder: Dismissal is at 2:40 p.m. and **students must be picked up by 2:50 p.m.** Please adjust your schedule if you have not been arriving by 2:50 p.m.

It is time for **Deephaven Leaders in Action annual ICA Food Drive!** 5th grade Student Leaders have been collecting donations for the ICA Food Shelf the week of February 23-27. Each day there is a different theme BUT any donation can be sent any day. Check your child's backpack for a blue flier with details for each day. Thanks for your generosity Deephaven!

Read-a-Thon continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Lunch Treats and Special Beverages at School

Our goal is to maintain a learning environment that supports students' physical and mental well-being while promoting healthy habits, including proper hydration and nutrition.

- **Pop, energy drinks, and other caffeinated beverages are not allowed at school.** Some drinks may look like water or juice but contain added sugars or caffeine, so please check labels before sending them to school.
- Restaurant food is welcome for special occasions in the lunchroom, but a parent/guardian must be present and food cannot be shared with other students.

Nominations Open for Celebration of Excellence When you think of excellence in the Minnetonka Public School District, is there a person who comes to mind who helps to make the District exceptional? A teacher? A para? A staff member? A volunteer in the schools?

[Nominate that person today](#) for a Minnetonka Schools Child-centered Excellence Award. Nominations are now open through February 28, 2026.

Award categories include:

- Award for Child-centered Excellence in Teaching
- Award for Child-centered Excellence in Teaching E-learners
- Bradley G. Board Award for Excellence in Elementary Education
- Joyce Gustafson Memorial Award
- Minnetonka Employee Award for Child-centered Excellence
- Team Award for Child-centered Collaboration
- Spinnaker Award (for community members' volunteerism and efforts in support of schools)

Spring Conferences – Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (in person) and on Friday, March 6, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (virtually). Our goal is to have all our parents participate. An email was sent on Wednesday, February 18 at 5 p.m. with instructions on how to sign up for conferences. Please work directly with your child's teacher if you would like to meet in person on Friday. **The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is Wednesday, March 4 at 4 p.m.**

Parent Input Forms for the 2026-2027 school year will be available during conferences. You may request one from your child's teacher or pick one up in the office. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests. Parent Input forms are **due to the office by Friday, March 27.**

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

This month's focus is Honesty. One way to think about honesty is "being truthful in what you say and do." Practicing Honesty helps strengthen our relationships and even reduces stress. Honesty is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Use Technology Wisely

- **Educational Apps:** Utilize apps and online resources that promote reading and literacy skills. [Be a "media mentor" by guiding your child in using technology for learning.](#)
- **Audiobooks:** [Incorporate audiobooks into your routine to expose your child to more language and stories.](#)

PTA PULSE

Read-a-thon Our Read-a-thon has officially come to a close, and we are thrilled that our students logged an incredible number of reading minutes! Thanks to your generosity our fundraising efforts were equally impressive. Your support truly makes a meaningful difference to our school and our teachers. A recap email highlighting our achievements and celebrations will be sent out in the coming week — stay tuned!