



THE WINDS
MARCH 4, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

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.
Mar. 19	PTA Family Night & Culture Fair, 4:30-6 p.m.
Mar. 19	Deephaven Mom's Night Out, 6 p.m. at Maynard's

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

No School Friday, March 6 - Conferences

Lost and found items will be packed up and donated on Friday, March 27. If you are missing any items, stop by and take a look.

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.

The **Deephaven Leaders in Action** group would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the students and families who contributed to our **ICA food drive fundraiser**. Because of your incredible support, we successfully collected 1,104 pounds of food/supplies for people in our community. These donations will make a significant difference for those who utilize the services the ICA provides to the community. We are proud of the generosity shown by our school and appreciate everyone who helped us reach this impressive goal!

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. 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 Cooperation. Cooperation is working together towards shared goals and is our focus for March. We all experience situations in which we must work with others to accomplish a goal or task in our lives. Whether we are working with friends, teammates, family members or with someone new, students need tools to successfully navigate these real-life situations and maintain healthy relationships. Cooperation helps students understand other's point of view and improves communication skills. See this month's Character Strong newsletter below for more information.

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.
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PTA PULSE

World Culture Fair - March 19 The World Culture Fair is approaching quickly! [Sign up](#) to host a table to help us celebrate everything that makes Deephaven unique. Even if you're unable to host a table, mark your calendars for March 19 4:30 to 6 p.m. to join the festivities.

Deephaven Mom's Night Out - March 19 6:30 p.m. at Maynards. Moms, Grandmas, and caretakers, stop by any time. There is no formal agenda - just visiting. Contact Megan D'Alessandro with questions. Daleessandromeg@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifth Grade Finale

Minnetonka Middle School West Finale: Friday, April 17, 6:30-8 PM

Minnetonka Middle School East Finale: Friday, May 1, 6:30-8 PM

Come and check out your new middle school and have a blast dancing, taking pictures in the photo booth, playing games and bouncing on the inflatables - all while meeting future sixth-grade classmates. This is a drop-off event. Fifth graders only.

Register and find more information [here](#).

Tonka Trail Trot

Minnetonka Community Ed Center | Wednesday, May 6 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Grades K-5

Run the trails and hills in this exciting, cross-country mile set on the beautiful campus of Minnetonka Community Education Center and Deephaven Elementary.

Register and find more information [here](#).

Tonka Youth Tri

Minnetonka Middle School East | Saturday, May 16 | 8:00 - 10:00 AM | Grades 2-8

Get ready for the Tonka Youth Tri! A morning of fun, fitness, and excitement for young athletes—swim, bike, and run your way to the finish line! For students in grades 2-8.

Register and find more information [here](#).

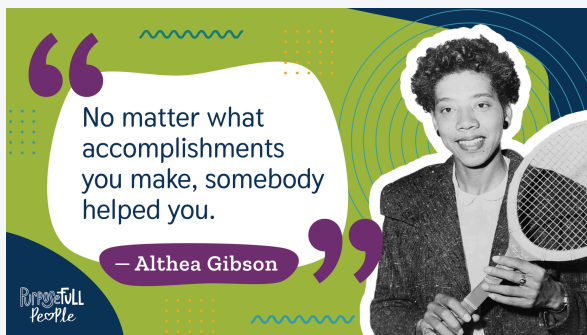
DEEPHAVEN MONTHLY SEL NEWSLETTER



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[Watch Cooperation video](#)



Coping Skill of the Month Elevator Breathing

In this mindful breathing exercise, imagine that your breath is an elevator going up as you inhale Cooperation and going down as you exhale Struggle. Experience calm as you go up and down 11 stories, spelling out the word C-O-O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N. Add movement by laying your hands flat, palms together, in front of your body, lifting one hand to simulate an elevator as you inhale, then lowering it as you exhale. Close your eyes and try to predict when it'll meet back up with your bottom hand that stayed stationary.

Home Connection

1) This month, plan a time where everyone needs to work together to accomplish a shared goal like cleaning up the space you live in or making a meal together. Make sure everyone has a role to play with specific tasks. When the project is complete, discuss and celebrate how each person's part was important to the end result.

2) Discuss how you use cooperation in your day to day life from work to home and in the community. Give examples of how cooperation was helpful and then engage your children in a cooperation hunt. A cooperation hunt provides examples of meaningful real-world examples and engages them in the learning. For example, share an article from the newspaper or connect it to a sporting event. The basketball games in March will give several opportunities to discuss cooperation.

3) Learn while you play. Play activates multiple areas of the brain simultaneously, strengthening neural connections and promoting executive function skills like problem-solving, planning, and flexible thinking (Diamond & Lee, 2011). Children also retain information better when learned through play versus direct instruction because play creates emotional connections and personal relevance to content (Hirsh-Pasek et al., 2009). As a bonus, play is known to reduce stress and build resilience so try out one of the following ideas for cooperative play:

- Use games readily available around the house or create your own.
- Create a "band" at home with singers, dancers, and instrument players.
- Create a shared drawing where everyone adds to the picture.
- Try a science experiment like the [erupting volcano](#) by making a volcano together out of play doh or clay, then using the magic ingredients to watch it erupt.