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THE WINDS
MARCH 18, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 19 PTA Family Night & Culture Fair, 4:30-6 p.m.
Mar. 19 PTA Deephaven Mom's Night Out, 6 p.m. at Maynard's
Mar. 20 **No School** - Eid al-Fitr
Mar. 23 Grade 3 Music Program, 9:50 a.m. (back gym)
Mar. 25 Wacky Wednesday: Sports Day
Mar. 30-Apr. 3 **No School** - Spring Break
Apr. 6 **No School** - Grading/Planning Day
Apr. 11 PTA Imagination Fair, 1-3 p.m.
Apr. 20-24 Deephaven Volunteer Appreciation Week

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Deephaven's Winner of the Minnetonka Award for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching I am pleased to announce that Maura Devanie, Deephaven's teacher for English Language Learners has been selected for the Minnetonka Award for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching. Maura will be honored at this year's Celebration of Excellence on May 14 at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be held at the MHS Arts Center on 7. Please join me in congratulating Maura on this well-deserved recognition!

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.

Parent Input Forms for the 2026-2027 school year are now available. 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.**

NO WINDS NEXT WEEK

No School Friday, March 20 - Eid al-Fitr

Spring Break is the week of March 30 - April 3

No School Monday, April 6 - Grading/Planning day

Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition - You are invited to attend The Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition on **Thursday, April 23 from 5-7 p.m.** Each year we celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of Deephaven Elementary artists by displaying their art in the school hallways. Every Deephaven art student will have one work of art on display. Come and enjoy the art, make a craft to take home, and leave compliments for your favorite artworks.

Upcoming Assessment Dates

Please avoid scheduling appointments for your child(ren) when testing is taking place this spring:

- MCA Reading: April 13-15 (Grades 3,4,5)
- MCA Math: April 21-23 (Grades 3,4,5)
- MCA Science: April 28-29 (Grade 5 only)
- NWEA Testing: May 5-19

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 points of view and improves communication skills.

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.](#)
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PTA PULSE

World Culture Fair - March 19 4:30-6:00 The World Culture Fair is Thursday! Join us to celebrate everything that makes Deephaven unique.

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

Parent Party tickets on sale! April 24 This adults-only evening, hosted by the PTA, is one of our biggest events of the year. Our goal is simple—raise funds for teacher grants while enjoying a fun night out, making friends, & building community. This year's theme is "The Deep North" — think cabin cozy, flannel, overalls, hunting gear, and a little Paul Bunyan flair. Dress to the theme or simply come as you are. Either way, we promise a memorable night of fun, LIVE music, games, and dancing. Early-bird ticket pricing is available now through April 10th, so [grab your tickets today!](#) If you need financial assistance to attend comfortably, please reach out to Mika Wallace (mika.wallace@minnetonkaschools.org).

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](#).

REUSE & RECYCLING EVENT

FOR THE GREENER GOOD 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

9 AM TO 1 PM

MINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL
18301 HIGHWAY 7
MINNETONKA, MN 55345

DRIVE-THRU EVENT BENEFITING
LOCAL NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS



SCAN THE CODE TO
ACCESS THE GROWING
LIST OF ITEMS ACCEPTED

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