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THE WINDS
APRIL 15, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 13-17 Explorers Staff Appreciation Week
- Apr. 13-17 PTA Deephaven Staff Appreciation Week
- Apr. 16 Statewide Tornado Drills - 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- Apr. 20-24 Deephaven Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Apr. 21-23 MCA Testing, Grades 3-5 (Math)
- Apr. 23 Student Art Exhibition, 5-7 p.m.
- Apr. 24 Deephaven Parent Party (see PTA Pulse for more information)
- Apr. 28 PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Explorers Appreciation Week – This week we celebrate the work done by our amazing Explorers staff. The staff provides childcare before and after school for Deephaven students. They create a fun, engaging, and safe environment for students. We appreciate the hard work they put into their jobs to make sure our students enjoy their time before and after school.

Tackle Cancer - Deephaven raised **\$360.95** for Tackle Cancer and the Randy Shaver Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!

Statewide Tornado Drills Deephaven will participate in the statewide tornado drill next Thursday, April 16 at 1:45 p.m. Families are encouraged to practice at home during the second drill on Thursday, April 16 at 6:45 p.m.

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.

No Stopping on the Bridge – Stopping on the bridge as you head south on Vine Hill Road is not allowed and blocks the view of oncoming traffic. The police monitor the bridge and will ticket cars that stop on it. If you arrive and traffic is backed up, please continue driving forward on Vine Hill and find your way back to the end of the line. The line will most likely be shorter when you return, and you will be able to stack along the side of Vine Hill Road in front of the school.

E-Bikes are not permitted on school grounds - Minnesota Statute 169.222 states that children must be 15 years old to ride an e-bike.

Headphones needed for school

It is important for students to have headphones for use with their iPad. They are needed for testing and schoolwork. Personal headphones will minimize the spread of germs. Students will keep their headphones in the classroom. You can send headphones of a style preferred by your student (recommended) or you can purchase inexpensive headphones from the Media Center for \$4 through this [Webstore link](#).

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, earbuds/earphones, 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.

Upcoming Assessment Dates

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

- 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.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Deephaven Elementary Serves!

Thank you for recognizing the importance of volunteering! Your service makes a difference!

Did you know you & your children can be recognized for your service?

At Minnetonka, individuals age 5 & older, can apply for the [President's Volunteer Service Award](#) through AmeriCorps & Minnetonka Schools.

To learn more about awards programs & get more service ideas, visit:

Tonkaserves.org



CHARACTER STRONG

We are excited to focus on courage this month. One way we define courage is choosing what is helpful, right, and kind even when it is hard or scary. We all experience moments in our lives when we have to choose to do something that is hard or choose to do the right thing. This month students will learn that courage is a little different for each person and that there are different types of courage. For example, courage that is scary like trying something new or everyday courage like being a good friend. Students will learn strategies like the courage to ignore (distractions), courage to ask for help, courage to dream, and courage to include others.

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Encourage Comprehension

- **Discuss Stories:** Before reading, look at the book cover and predict what the story might be about. During reading, ask questions about the plot and characters. [After reading, summarize the story together.](#)
- **Relate to Experiences:** [Connect the story to your child's own experiences to make it more relatable and memorable.](#)

PTA PULSE

Staff Appreciation Week!

This week our PTA is celebrating the entire DeePhaven staff with treats in the breakroom, food trucks, a coffee cart, and lunch catered. Thank you DeePhaven!

Talent Show - June 5, 7 p.m. The talent show for 4th and 5th grade will be at Excelsior Elementary's auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 5, with a mandatory dress rehearsal the day before on the 4th. [Register here](#) All acts are welcome! Singers, dancers, poets, comedians, magicians- we want to see all our students shine!

Volunteer opportunities:

Parent Party Volunteers

Help us staff the Parent Party! We need 2 volunteers to take a quick 30-minute shift at the table [selling Meat Raffle tickets and Heads or Tails beads](#). This is a fun way to get involved at the party and meet new people!

Art Exhibition Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to mount, label, and hang art in preparation for the [Annual DeePhaven Art Exhibition](#) coming Thursday, April 23rd!

- **Kindness Rock Painting Station - Art Exhibition** Join the fun during Kindness Week by volunteering at the rock-painting booth at the Art Exhibition! Help students paint rocks with uplifting kindness messages and spread positivity throughout our community. [Sign up here.](#)