



THE WINDS
APRIL 22, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 20-24 Deephaven Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Apr. 20-24 Administrative Office Professionals 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. 27-May 1 Kindness Week
- Apr. 28 PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 29 Wacky Wednesday: Dress in One Color Day
- May 1 2026-27 Mini K Experience for Incoming Kindergarteners, 9 a.m.

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Administrative Office Professional Appreciation Week - This week, we are celebrating and showing our gratitude for the incredible work our Administrative Office Professionals do to support our students, staff, and parents. Alexis Beckman and Beth Egan keep our school running smoothly and handle a variety of challenges each day with a smile and a sense of calm. Please join me in expressing our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and hard work!

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.

Parent Party Friday Night - The Deephaven Parent Party this Friday night is a great opportunity for our parents to have fun together! This PTA event builds community among our parents and raises money to support enrichment opportunities for students. Thank you to all of the parents who put time and effort into planning Friday night's party. It's going to be a great event!

Mini-Kindergarten Experience Event takes place at Deephaven on Friday, May 1 in the front gym at 9:00 a.m. All incoming kindergarten students and Ready Start Kindergarten students are invited to attend. Students will participate in a mini-kindergarten experience while parents learn more about our PTA and how to get involved at Deephaven.

The 2026 Celebration of Excellence will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at MHS Arts Center. This year will be Minnetonka's 20th year celebrating the achievement of our teachers, staff and community.

Deephaven will be celebrating our art teacher, Reid Anderson, and the first member of our Grand Friends Program, Dick McFarland. Congratulations to Mr. Anderson and Mr. McFarland! We are so proud of you!

- **Minnetonka Awards for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching – Maura Devanie.** This award seeks to select the best representatives of the many outstanding teachers in the Minnetonka School District. The award includes recognition at every level and from every school.

Safety Reminder: Please Slow Down in the Parking Lot. We have noticed an increase in vehicles speeding through the parking lot, especially during recess hours. This poses a significant safety risk to our students. We kindly ask all parents to drive slowly and cautiously when entering and exiting the school grounds. Your cooperation is essential in ensuring the safety of our students. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Minnetonka Schools Dress Code – With spring here, this is a reminder about our district’s dress code, Policy #504. Here is a portion of the policy. You may find the entire policy by following [this link](#).

Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately mid-thighs, applicable to front and back. Tops must have shoulder straps.

Upcoming Assessment Dates

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

- 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

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

Create a Literacy-Rich Environment

- **Access to Books:** Ensure your home has a variety of age-appropriate books. [Visit the library regularly to keep the selection fresh.](#)
- **Model Reading:** Let your child see you reading regularly. [This sets a positive example and shows that reading is a valuable activity.](#)

PTA PULSE

PTA Meeting April 28, 6-6:45 p.m. Join us in the Media Center for our last meeting of the year. We'll review the spring teacher grants, and vote on executive committee spots and the budget for 2026-2027. It's always a great time to get involved in the Deephaven school community.

Volunteer Interest We're currently recruiting volunteers for PTA leadership positions for the upcoming school year! If you're passionate about supporting our school community, we'd love to have you join our team, reach out to Kelli Deeg at president@deephavenpta.com.

Deephaven Parent Party - April 24 Find your flannels because Friday is our "Up North" themed Parent Party. The party starts at 7:00 at Oak Ridge Country Club, and is guaranteed to be a good time! [Visit our website for more info and to buy tickets.](#)

Silent Auction is Open! - The Deephaven Parent Party [Silent Auction is on fire!](#) There are so many great items to bid. And don't forget the Teacher Experiences! The auction closes Friday night so get your Max Bids in early. The platform gets busy at close time. Let's GO Deephaven!!