



THE WINDS
APRIL 29, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 27-May 1 Kindness Week

May 1 2026-27 Mini K Experience for Incoming Kindergarteners, 9 a.m.

May 4 Lighthouse Publishing Submission Deadline

May 6 Bike to School Day

May 19 Grade 5 Choir Concert, 8:20 a.m

May 19 Grade 4 & 5 Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m.

May 20 Grade 5 Track & Field Day (Rain Date is 5/21)

[District Calendar](#)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kindness Week is this week at Deephaven. Students will be engaged in completing kindness challenges, writing kind messages with chalk on our playground, and watching a movie on Friday with a message of kindness. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this important week at our school.

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.

2026-27 Transportation Information Attention Minnetonka families, if you *have not already* completed the transportation request for 26-27, please do so now. [2026-27 Student Transportation Request Form](#) This transportation form must be completed each year.

The 2026 Celebration of Excellence will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, at MHS Arts Center. This year, **Deephaven's Award for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching goes to 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.

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

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.](#)
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PTA PULSE

Bike to School Day is May 6 Lace up your walking shoes, raise your kickstands, and join students and families for Bike to School Day! Your student can participate regardless of your location. Here are a few ideas so you can join the fun:

- Drive to the parking lot along the LRT trail by Haralson Park/Deephaven City Hall and walk/bike to school on the LRT.
- Designate a meeting place and time and bike or walk to school with friends - Thorpe Park, Cottagewood Store, a friend's house, etc.
- Go for a walk or bike at home AFTER school - that's right, even after school counts for a prize! Just reach out to the organizers and we will get a prize to your student for participating.

Meet organizers BY THE BUS ENTRANCE to pick up your prize on event day! Reach out to hailyjdixon@gmail.com with questions.

Teacher appreciation is next week - Keep an eye out for information coming home in your child's folder about ways we can help honor our amazing teachers and staff. The PTA will also be providing donuts in the staff lounge on Friday, May 8th, for all staff to enjoy. Thank you for helping us celebrate the incredible educators who do so much for our kids every day!

Parent Party Success! What a night of building community and raising money for our school. Official numbers are still in the works, but it is safe to say that we raised \$30,000 to support our school. Thank you all for your participation in making this night such a success!

What is Lighthouse Publishing? This is a bi-annual event that invites your student to embark on an exciting literary journey. Whether your child is a poet, a storyteller, or a comic book enthusiast, we want to showcase their unique voice. Students are encouraged to create any writing project they want, which will then be printed and bound into an official book! These books are presented to our authors during a special ceremony in the Media Center, attended by students, parents, and caregivers. Best of all, **the books and the event are completely free for all participants!**

Important Dates:

- **Submissions Due:** Monday, May 4th
- **Ceremony:** Monday, May 11th at 9:00 AM

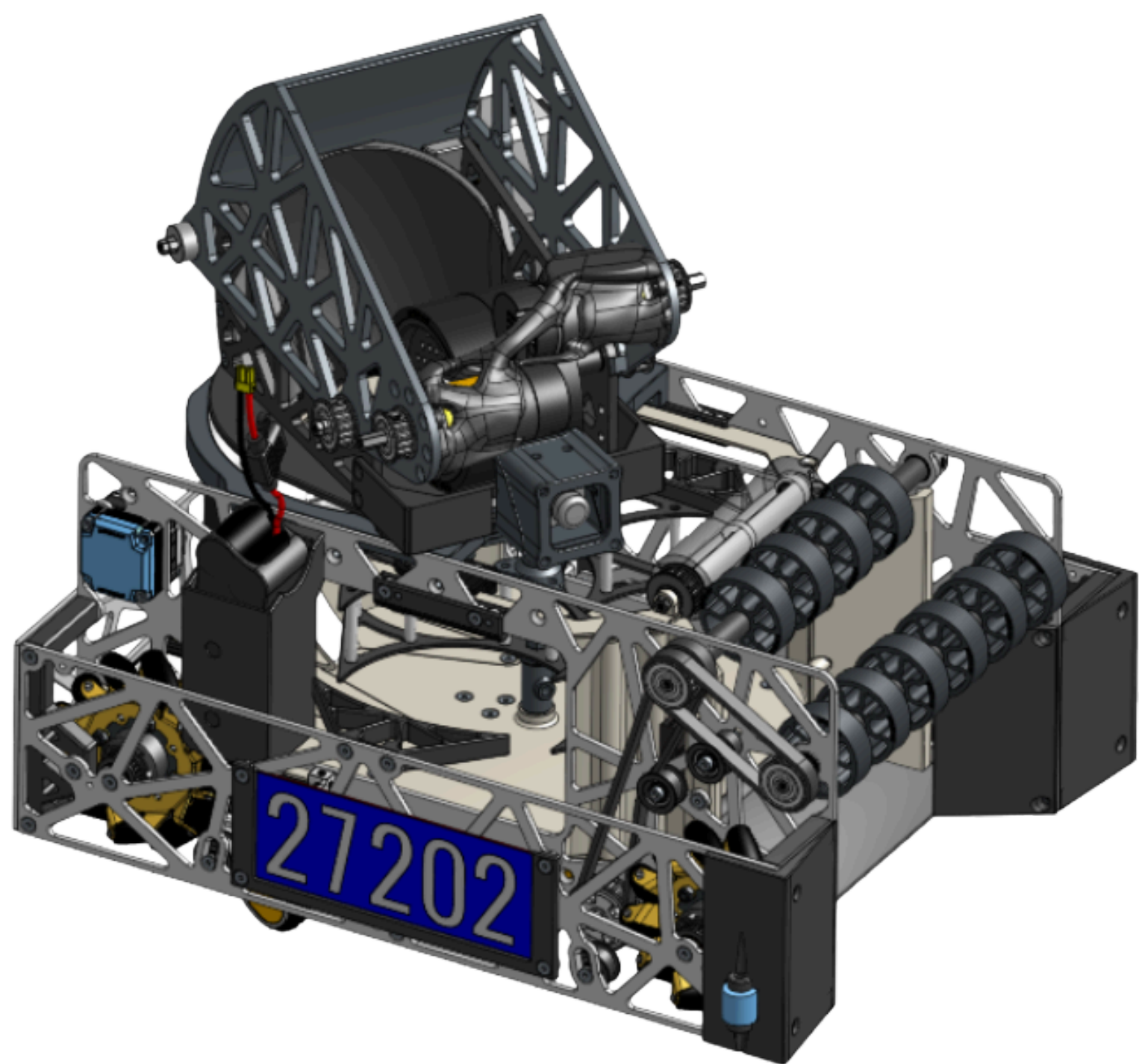
How to Submit:

- **Format:** Students are free to express themselves in any format – poems, short stories, personal narratives, plays, or comic strips!
- **Template:** Please use our [provided template](#) for consistency.
- **Parental Support:** We encourage parents to assist their children with typing their submissions, especially for our younger authors.
- **Submission:** Email all documents to deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com

Prizes & Questions: As a fun bonus, the classroom with the largest number of authors will win a pizza party to celebrate their literary achievements! 🍕🎉

If you have any questions, please submit them directly to deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com.

Let's unleash our creativity and share some amazing stories!



5TH ANNUAL

ROBOT DAY!

MAY 29

4:30-6:00

LOCATION: MHS

- Interact and watch robots
- Ask us questions about the robot
- Learn basic robotics principles

