



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 4, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 2-6	Maintenance and Custodial Staff Appreciation Week
Oct. 10	Climb Theater
Oct. 10	Family Pizza Party 4:30-6:30 p.m. (NEW DATE!)
Oct. 11	PTA Dad's Night Out at Maynard's, 6-9 p.m.
Oct. 12	School Pictures 4-7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Conferences 3-7 p.m.
Oct. 13	NO SCHOOL - Conferences 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Oct. 13	School Pictures 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Oct. 19 -20	NO SCHOOL - MEA Break
Oct. 23	PRACTICE E-LEARNING DAY, NO IN-PERSON SCHOOL
Oct. 25	Community Connection Event, 5:30-7 p.m

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Student Leadership is starting soon! Meetings are open to any student in Grades 5 who has an interest in developing leadership skills. Meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:40-3:45 in the Media Center. Parents are responsible for transportation home and students are required to bring a note to school granting permission to attend. **First Meeting – Wednesday, October 25th.** Students should bring a parent note to the first meeting indicating parent permission.

It is Custodian Appreciation Week! Deephaven's new custodians, Johnathan (head custodian), along with Anthony and John (night custodians) do a great job of keeping our school clean for our students and staff. Thank you, guys, for all of your hard work! You can send them a quick message of thanks at DHE.Custodian@minnetonkaschools.org

Lines of communication are established at Deephaven to resolve a concern efficiently and effectively. We ask that you contact the following people in this order.

1. The adult closest to the situation.
2. Your child's teacher.
3. The Behavior Manager.
4. The Principal or Assistant Principal.
5. The Superintendent.
6. The School Board.

If your concern is not resolved, please contact the next person on the list. We believe most concerns can be resolved by contacting the adult closest to the situation.

Conference Dates and Times

Thursday, October 13, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - In-person conferences

Friday, October 14, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – In-person and Google Meet conferences

School pictures will take place during Conferences on October 12 and 13.

Oct. 12 School Pictures, 4-7 p.m.

Oct. 13 School Pictures 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Order forms will be sent home this week! Or you may order online at <http://www.strawbridge.net> and enter code: FM420151

**Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 15.*

**[This link](#) will allow parents to sign up to receive updates via email regarding their child's school portraits. These updates include promotions, additional deals and the ability to order more pictures at a later time. When entering student information, parents should be sure to enter the student's name as it is on file at the school.*

Birthdays – Invitations to birthday parties need to be sent to a students' homes or delivered to students outside of the school day. Students must go home prior to going to a birthday party. Leaving from school creates a feeling of being left out by students not invited.

Change in plans? Please contact your child's teacher prior to 2:00 p.m. if you have a change in your child's end-of-the-day plans.

Car Seats/Booster Seats are required for any child that is either under 4'9" or younger than 8 years old. Deephaven Police will be enforcing this law.

Read at Home - All students are asked to read at home 20-30 minutes a night. This includes reading to your child if he/she is not an independent reader.

The Volunteer Code of Ethics is focused on creating an appropriate and safe learning environment for each Deephaven student. Please read and sign [this form](#) if you plan to volunteer this year.

Background Checks - Parents will be charged \$9.75 administrative fee for background checks. This is in response to the sheer volume of background checks and is in alignment with other Districts.

No School on Friday, October 13 due to parent/teacher conferences.

No School on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 22 (MEA).

Practice E-Learning Day (no in person school) Monday, October 23

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are reviewing, role playing and discussing what we can do to help in a bullying situation.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Immunizations:

A reminder that Minnesota state statute requires that all students enrolled in grades K-12 be immunized according to state guidelines or have an exemption (medical or non-medical/ conscientious objection). If your child is not compliant, you have already received notification from the health office to let you know. There are resources accessible this month for families who are uninsured/ underinsured or are struggling to pay for

immunizations. The school nurse can assist in accessing these resources, if this is the case, and can be reached at 952-401-6905.

The flu vaccine can reduce the risk of severe flu-related illness by 40-60%. Everyone ages 6 months and older is typically eligible. The best time to get immunized is in the fall, ideally by the end of October.

COVID:

The Deephaven Health Office has at-home tests available; please reach out directly to us if you would like some to use now or have on hand. The expiration dates have been extended by the manufacturer, so they are good through the end of the year.

- The state of MN is also offering free, rapid, at-home test kits to residents of eligible communities. Enter your zip code to see if tests are available in your area:
https://sayyeshometest.org/?utm_content=&medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govedelivery&utm_term=.
- Additionally, every US household can again place an order to receive 4 free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. To learn more, go to: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

The MN Department of Health has partnered with Cue Health for a free telehealth test-to-treat program to help ensure Minnesotans have easy access to care, treatment and COVID-19 medication delivery. This service is FREE and available from 7AM-9PM daily. Additional information can be accessed at the Test to Treat website: <https://care.cuehealth.com/mn>.

PTA PULSE

Family PIZZA PARTY Fundraiser - Oct 10 4:30-6:30 Join us for pizza, music, RAFFLE PRIZES, and good company. Purchase your [tickets online](#) , \$5 per person. Tickets include dinner. If you need financial assistance with tickets, please email Jessica Thull at jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org or Troy Dvorak at troy.dvorak@minnetonkaschools.org. Raffle tickets are sold at the event, \$1 each. If you would like to participate in the raffle, bring cash. Pizza generously donated by JETS in Minnetonka. We hope to see you there!

RESOURCEWEST WARM WINTER WEAR EVENT – Oct 2 thru Nov 2 ResourceWest provides winter gear to children (ages 0-18) so they can have a safe, fun, and healthy winter. Each registered child will receive a winter coat, waterproof gloves, and a new warm hat. Registration begins October 2 and appointments are available October 16 - November 2. To register online (or to donate items), go to resourcewest.org/winter-warm-wear. Families can also register by calling 952-322-0882 (English/Espanol) or 952-322-0357 (English/Somali).