



THE WINDS
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 9	Veteran's Day Assembly, 9 a.m.
Nov. 10	No School - Planning and Grading Day
Nov. 15	Picture Retake Day, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Nov. 15	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m. in the Media Center
Nov. 16	PTA Coffee Talk, 9 a.m. at MCEC, Room 205
Nov. 17	Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. in the Media Center
Nov. 22	No School - Professional Learning Day
Nov. 23-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29	Wacky Wednesday - Pajama Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Red, White & Blue on Veterans' Day - Show your support! Please have students wear red, white and/or blue to help us celebrate Veterans' Day on Thursday, November 9.

Wacky Wednesday – Our next Wacky Wednesday is November 29. The dress up day is Pajama Day.

What does win time look like at Deephaven Elementary School?

WIN Time stands for What I Need, also known as a learner-centered approach. Students will benefit from differentiated instruction that occurs during a 30-minute daily WIN time ("what I need") that includes reteaching, remediation, or extension activities for Math, Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up to ensure student safety and to reduce the time it takes to get through the process. Please be respectful to our outside staff, as they have been instructed to enforce these procedures.

1. Keep in mind that our front parking lot is designed as a **two-lane parking lot with one-way traffic**.
2. **Students need to exit and enter the vehicle on the curb side.** Students entering or exiting a vehicle on the passenger side are in danger of being hit by a car by the second lane of traffic.
3. **Adults should remain in their car** and students should have their backpack and other items ready to go at arrival time. Exceptions are made for assistance with students too young to buckle or unbuckle their car seat.
4. **Pull up as far as possible.** Proceed to the stop sign if you have no cars in front of you. Follow the directions given by the outside staff. We need to use our entire sidewalk to allow more students to exit and enter their vehicle.
5. **No parking and walking your child into school between 7:30-8:00 a.m.** Exceptions will be made for medical reasons, volunteering, or a meeting with staff. This practice is dangerous and slows down our entire drop-off and pick-up process for everyone in line.

Additional reminders:

1. **Arrive before 7:40** to avoid the traffic. Buses arrive at 7:45 and traffic begins to back up.
2. Students are to **be at school at 7:50** to prepare for the **start of school at 8:00 a.m.**

Our goal is to create a safe and quick process for every parent. Please show consideration to the rest of our school community by following our drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Bus Corral Area is for Students and Staff during arrival time and dismissal time. Parents picking up students by car or foot need to meet their child along the front sidewalk or front door. For student safety and school security reasons, we separate our students that take the bus to and from school, from those students that are dropped off or picked up by a parent. **Only adults on staff are allowed in our bus corral area.**

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting Parents of students who receive special education have an opportunity to provide input on current programming, share innovative ideas for improving special education opportunities for students, and engaging with district special education administration and support staff on Thursday, November 9th from 9:00-10:30 at the District Service Center in the Community Room. Please consider attending this informal coffee and conversation. Questions about the meeting should be directed to Executive Director Christine Breen at christine.breen@minnetonkaschools.org.

Do you have an incoming kindergartner next school year? This year, we have two events to talk about kindergarten options:

November 17 Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. in the Media Center

December 7 Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. in the Front Gym

It is highly recommended that you click on the link below to sign up.

[RSVP to Kindergarten Information Night](#)

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING YOUR INCOMING KINDERGARTNER OR SIBLINGS TO THE EVENT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Kindergarten registration information can be found [here](#).

Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 15 in the Media Center from 8-11 a.m. We expect picture orders to be sent home with students on Monday, November 13.

If you would like your child to have their photo taken on Retake Day, please fill out [this form](#).

Please plan to send your child's old photo package to school to give to the photographer on Wednesday, November 15.

If you did not have your picture taken on Picture Day and still need to order, follow the instructions below

1. Go to <https://www.strawbridge.net/>
2. Click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks"
3. Click on Fall Retake link: [FM420151](#) and enter your information.

*[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.

There is no school November 22 due to a Professional Learning Day.

There is no school on November 24 and 25 due to the Thanksgiving break.

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will rehearse positive ways to handle bullying in the lunchroom. They will then use a social behavior map to brainstorm expected and unexpected behavior in the lunchroom and how it makes others feel.

DID YOU KNOW?

[Technology Touchpoints - November](#) - Managing Screen Time, Should I Allow My Child to Use Social Media? Common Sense Media offers lots of great information and resources for families. Their mission is to create a safe, healthy, and equitable digital world for kids and families. Take a peek at this month's curated articles!

Tonka Serves

Volunteering cultivates gratitude and helps you and your child feel better connected to your community. This season, find meaningful ways to give back by working with a non-profit or creating your own volunteer projects.

- Talk with your child about what they care about, who they want to help, and let that information lead you.
- Is your child an animal lover? Make dog or cat toys for the Animal Humane Society.
- Is your child interested in helping the environment? Walk around your local park or neighborhood and pick-up garbage. Visit your county or city park program websites for one-time or ongoing outdoor environmentally focused volunteer projects.
- Is your child concerned about food insecurity? Help them coordinate a food drive in your neighborhood. Volunteer at a local non-profit focused on food preparation and delivery to community members.
- Does your child have a special talent or an interest in brightening someone's day? Volunteer at a local senior living center (either in-person or virtually) and share a talent, help with Bingo, or visit with residents. Make artwork at home and deliver it to seniors or neighbors as unexpected gifts.

Looking for local non-profits currently in need of help? [Click Here](#)

Did you know that these suggestions count towards the [President's Volunteer Service Award](#)?

For more resources, visit tonkaserves.org or [Doing Good Together](#) or contact Sarah Johnson at Tonka Serves, sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org.

PTA PULSE

PTA Meeting - "Coffee Talk" Nov 16 9-11 - Join us at MCEC in the Excelsior room for our next meeting to learn the latest from the PTA and where you can plug in. This meeting will be held with coffee and conversation from Mr. McGinley and PTA leadership. Email president@deephavenpta.com with questions.

Art Adventure Volunteers Needed - Love art? We have JUST the volunteer opportunity for you! Deephaven's 1st, 3rd and 5th graders get to participate in the [Art Adventure](#) program through the Minneapolis Institute of Art. The program culminates in a field trip to Mia in the spring! We are looking for 3 volunteers per class to commit to training through Mia and sharing two pieces of artwork with their assigned classroom. Sign up in [Membership Toolkit](#). All training and materials will be provided! Please direct questions to: Gina.a.erickson@gmail.com or Kelsey.nelson@usbank.com.

Volunteering at Deephaven - WE WANT YOUR INPUT! We'd like your feedback regarding volunteering at Deephaven so that we can best reach you with opportunities that allow you to take an active role in your child's education. Please take a moment to fill out the short survey below to help us learn more about how to best serve you! On behalf of the PTA, we look forward to a collaborative partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential.

[Deephaven Volunteer Feedback Survey](#)