



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 25, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 25	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m. in the Media Center
Oct. 25	Community Connection Event, 5:30-7 p.m. at Stratford Wood Apartments
Oct. 26	Peaceful Bus
Nov. 1	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m. in the Media Center
Nov. 5	Daylight Saving Time ends – SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!
Nov. 8	Grade 5 Kindness Retreat
Nov. 9	Veteran's Day Assembly, 9 a.m.
Nov. 10	No School - Planning and Grading Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Stratford Woods Community Event - Deephaven will be hosting a pizza party at the Stratford Clubhouse on October 25 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Families are invited to attend and enjoy pizza and water with Deephaven teachers, our counselor, and our social worker. Mr. McGinley and Mr. Jansen will also be in attendance. The Deephaven PTA has bought fun games and puzzles that teachers will play with the children, and then the kids can take the games home with them!! There will also be books that children can take home with them. Hennepin County Library will be there to help you get a library card and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Winter Gear – With the colder weather upon us, it is time to make sure your child is coming to school with their winter gear. Students are outside for 20-30 minutes a day unless the temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Read Each Night with your child or have your older child read alone. It is important that children engage in reading outside of school for 20-30 minutes each night. This is a fun and memorable activity to do with younger children and it will help develop a habit of reading each day. Once your child is an independent reader, he/she may choose to read alone. Don't worry if you miss a night, as we all know that life can get busy. But do try and make this activity a priority in your home. It is proven to help improve your child's ability to read and comprehend.

Homework should be a positive experience for your elementary age child. If you are struggling with your child each night over homework, please contact your child's teacher to make a plan. We will work with you so it will become a more positive experience for your child and you.

Morning Drop-off goes best when you are well prepared. Tips for making it work well for you and your children.

1. Eat breakfast at home.

2. Have the backpacks ready to go.
3. Give hugs at home.
4. Remain in your car.
5. Drop your child off anywhere along the front sidewalk.

Our goal is to make drop-off a positive experience for everyone involved. By being prepared, you can keep our line moving and help other parents remain on schedule in the morning.

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

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](#).

Regional Trail Closing the Week of October 30th - Culvert lining work will take place the week of October 30th on the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail between Vinehill and 101. There will be a daytime closure for two culverts in the middle of the trail section between Vinehill and 101. Trail signage will be posted. The exact day/schedule is not yet determined. Please keep this in mind if your child uses this part of the trail to get to school.

Here is a link for the project. [Culvert work on regional bike trails | Hennepin County](#)

Make Your Voice Heard - VOTE! Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

Election Day is just two short weeks away! Whether you are a resident family voting here in the district or an open-enrolled family voting in your home district, I want to encourage you to make your voice heard and to vote in this year's election.

Here in Minnetonka, in addition to a School Board election, there is a one-question referendum on the November ballot seeking voter approval to renew the District's capital projects "tech" levy. Our tech levy currently funds our school district's technology infrastructure, software, hardware and building security. I encourage you to be informed and read more about the levy here:

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/about/levy>

Please note, your voting location may have changed since the last election. To find your voting location, enter your address here. For those whose voting location is the Minnetonka Schools District Service Center, early voting is open on weekdays 8AM-4:30PM this week and next. On Saturday, November 4, it is open from 9AM-3PM. And, on Monday, November 6, it is open from 8AM-5PM.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom lessons students will talk about the different "hot spots" in our building where bullying or exclusion may take place. They will brainstorm solutions to help these places make students

feel welcome and to promote inclusion. Students will use social behavior mapping to talk about expected and unexpected behavior in the hallway and how that makes others feel.

PTA PULSE

Winter Gear – With the colder weather upon us, it is time to make sure your child is coming to school with their winter gear. Students are outside for 20-30 minutes a day unless the temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The PTA has scholarships for financial assistance, please contact Troy Dvorak at Troy.Dvorak@minnetonkaschools.org or Jessica Thull at Jessica.Thull@minnetonkaschools.org.

Deephaven Mom's Night - Nov. 7 Thanks to everyone who joined the first Mom's Night of the school year in Sep. We had a record turnout and lucked out with a beautiful night at Maynard's patio for new connections to be made and reconnections with friends. Mom's and Dad's Nights Out were created due to parent's desire to connect with our school community in a relaxed atmosphere. Our next Deephaven Mom's Night out is November 7th at the Excelsior Brewery from 6PM – 9PM. This is an open house casual event where everyone (Mom's, Grandma's Aunts, Caregivers of any kind) is invited to join in for a few minutes or to stay for the whole time. It's an easy way to connect with other parents and caregivers at the school with no formal agenda while supporting our local businesses. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Punch (sarah@sarahpunch.com) for more information.