



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 18, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 19 -20	NO SCHOOL - MEA Break
Oct. 23	PRACTICE E-LEARNING DAY (no in person school)
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. 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

REMINDER – NO SCHOOL TOMORROW OR FRIDAY DUE TO MEA.

Conferences were well attended by parents. We had upwards of over 98% of our parents attend last week's conferences. Thank you for being a valued partner in the education of your child. Working as a team, we are able to educate your child more effectively and achieve higher educational outcomes. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you. Our staff is always open to hearing from you and willing to meet with you as needed.

Practice E-Learning Day (no in person school) Monday, October 23 will be a professional development day for staff. There will be no school for elementary students. Families will have the option to take part in activities designed to practice e-learning. These will be asynchronous activities aimed at helping students prepare for the possibility of e-learning days that might come as the result of an emergency school closure, such as extreme winter weather.

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!

Halloween – Your child's teacher will provide more details on how they will be celebrating Halloween.

Important Halloween Costume Message - Deephaven allows children to wear costumes during school, but wearing of masks, painted faces, disguises or grooming that limits or prevents identification of an individual is strictly prohibited. Also, weapons of ANY kind are NOT allowed in school, including look-alike weapons. We want Halloween to be enjoyable and safe for everyone!

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.

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.

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.

Left Turn – Traffic needs to continue to flow on Vine Hill Road during drop-off and pick-up times. **Please do not back up traffic waiting to make a left turn into Deephaven.** Arriving from the north and stacking along the boulevard is the best option.

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](#)

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

Thank you everyone who participated in our Pizza Party Fundraiser, thank you JETS for donating pizza and Lunds & Byerlys for donating water. What a great community building event with 744 people gathering to enjoy great company and raise money for our school. We raised \$3,900.

PTA Board Position Available - Join the PTA board as the Teacher Liaison / Room Parent lead. This position serves on the Executive Committee for the PTA and provides the overall guidance and direction to the individual Room Parents on class party budgets, reimbursement procedure and ongoing classroom communication. And, is a helpful communication piece for other committees when reaching out to parents of Deephaven. Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per month attending meetings, 1-2 hours with other miscellaneous tasks. Reach out to Sandy Dostal for more information sandy.dostal@gmail.com. Please reach out by 10/27. Thanks!

Read-a-thon Event co-leads needed - Love inspiring young kids to read? Want to help put on one of the best fundraisers our school does? We're looking for two folks to help co-lead our February read-a-thon. Reach out to Sandy Dostal for more information sandy.dostal@gmail.com.

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).