



**THE WINDS**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Feb. 29	Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Mar. 1	<b>No School</b> - Conferences 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mar. 4-8	School Social Worker Appreciation Week
Mar. 4-8	Technology Staff Appreciation Week
Mar. 4	<b>No School</b> - Staff Professional Development Day
Mar. 6	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:40 p.m.
Mar. 8	2nd Grade Music Program, 9:50-10:15 a.m.
Mar. 12	PTA Moms Night Out at Unmapped Brewery, 6 p.m.
Mar. 13	3rd Grade Music Program, 9:50-10:15 a.m.
Mar 18-22	World Culture Week
Mar. 20	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:40 p.m.
Mar. 20	PTA Family Night Culture Fair, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Yearbook Orders** end on February 29. Order a yearbook today so your child will have one on the day they are distributed. [Click here to order.](#)

**Spring Conferences** – Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 29, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (in person) and on Friday, March 1, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (virtually). **The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is today at 4 p.m.**

**Parent Input Forms** for the 2024-2025 school year will be available during conferences. You may request one from your child's teacher or pick one up in the office. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests. **Parent Input forms are due by March 28.**

**Read-A-Thon** – Thank you for supporting your child's involvement in our school's Read-A-Thon. There was so much enthusiasm on the part of our students. A special thank you to Stephanie Splett and Tracy Whitney for leading this year's Read-A-Thon.

**No School on Friday, March 1** - Conferences

**No School on Monday, March 4** - Staff Professional Development Day

**Spring Break** is the week of April 1-5

**MCA Testing** Please avoid scheduling appointments for your child(ren) when MCA testing is taking place this spring:

- Math: April 16-18

- Reading: April 23-25
- Science: May 26-28 (Grade 5 only)

### **Special Message about drop-off and pick-up at Deephaven.**

Our capacity to manage vehicles is maxed out many times during the a.m. drop-off time. To address this challenge, we need everyone to help. Here are ways you can help us improve the situation.

1. Have your child ride the school bus.
2. Set up a carpool with your neighbors/friends.
3. Arrive at school between 7:30-7:40 a.m.

Additional ways to help the process move quicker include:

1. Be mindful of the people waiting behind you and say a quick good-bye.
2. Refrain from driving next to your child and talking to them as they walk along the sidewalk. Please pull away to make room for other cars.
3. Remain in the line. Do not park and walk your child across the driveway. We have had several near misses.

**By working together, we can improve the experience for everyone. Thank you.**

**My Stop** is a web-based application available for all Minnetonka parents whose children ride the bus. It allows you to view the current location of your child's bus and it will tell you the time the bus will arrive at your bus stop. You may access the My Stop application by using a smartphone, tablet, or computer. It is powered by GPS transmission from the bus and your screen will update every one to two minutes.

Click on the link for more details.

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/departments/transportation/mystop>

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are talking about how to be safe and respectful in the lunchroom as well as to and from school. Remember, if you ever feel confused or bullied by something or someone, tell your parents or another adult you trust right away.

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### **PTA PULSE**

#### **READ-A-THON Wrap up - "Rising Tide Lifts All Boats"**

Spectacular Results!

- We had 603 students participate in the Read-A-Thon. That's 89% participation!
- Students read a total of 750,838 minutes!
- Students and families raised just over \$60,000, doubling our goal of \$30,000

Thank you to everyone who read to their child, logged minutes, volunteered, and cheered folks on. Thank you to teachers, staff and administration for all their support and extra effort this month. A special thank you to Stephanie Splett and Tracy Whitney for co-chairing the event, and to Kyah Miles, Jess Schelitzche, Greg Veen, Amy Blahosky, and Kelli Deeg for all their help.

This fundraiser allows us to power the good work that happens at our school. Check out the [list of teacher grants](#) the PTA funded this fall alone. Everyone in the school benefits!

**Spring Teacher Grants** - The PTA's Spring Teacher Grants process will open up on March 5th and close on March 21st. We're excited to be able to fund teacher's needs and innovative ideas. This fall the PTA Executive

Board approved a record-breaking \$91,107 in enrichment grants. This directly impacts our students and their learning opportunities. [Fall Teacher Grants Recap](#). The PTA Parent Party is one of the events that helps fundraise for these grants. Keep an eye out for more info!

**World Culture Week is coming up: March 18 – 22, 2024!**

Deephaven's PTA will once again be hosting the FAMILY NIGHT CULTURE FAIR on Wednesday, March 20th from 4:30 – 6:30pm in the West Gym.

This event is FREE of charge, and everyone from the Deephaven Elementary community (students, siblings, parents, caregivers, grandparents) are invited to join in and share a piece of your family's culture or attend and explore others' traditions.

Ideas for sharing include:

- Give samples or recipes of a food from your culture
- Illustrate how to write one's name in a different language
- Show how to play an instrument, or use special tools (i.e., chopsticks)
- Demonstrate how to wear traditional clothing
- Teach friends how to play a fun game central to your heritage

**If you would like to share your traditions or customs**, please [click this link](#) to fill out the brief form. Due to space constraints, please respond no later than Monday, March 11th.

We hope you can join us for this casual evening of fun in celebration of all our cultures!

Deephaven PTA - DEI Committee

**Sponsor Thank You** - Thank you Robbie and Cote Lund and Lunds & Byerlys for supporting our teachers with a taco bar dinner during conferences.