



THE WINDS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept. 20 | PTA Mom's Night Out at Maynards, 6-9 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Curriculum Night, Grades 3,4 & 5, 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 4 | Walk & Roll to School Day |
| 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 |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Curriculum Night for Grades 3-5: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21.

Your child's teacher will provide you with more information on Curriculum Night.

Conferences

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

Conferences will consist of a blended model this year. The blended model includes offering in-person conferences and conferences over Google Meets. **Conference sign-up will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28.** Our school values parent/teacher conferences and we typically have over 98% participation by parents. Conferences are an important time to connect and build the home/school partnership.

Pick up line - Pull up tight to the car in front of you when in the pickup line.

Custody Arrangements/Orders for Protection – If our staff need to be aware of any custody arrangements or orders for protection for your family, please submit documentation to the office staff. **Updated documentation must be submitted each year.** You can scan and email your documents to Alexis Beckman at alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is used at Deephaven throughout the school year. Weekly lessons are taught to each of our classrooms. You can learn more about our approach to bullying prevention by reading the letter attached to this week's Winds (included below).

What Is Bullying? The definition of bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself. Bullying can take many

forms, such as hitting, verbal harassment, not letting someone be part of the group, or sending unwanted messages on a cell phone or over the Internet.

Bullying does not include single incidents that result in discipline and are resolved. There is also “friendship friction” when students are having difficulty getting along with each other and the conditions do not meet the criteria for bullying.

Deephaven uses Responsive Classroom as a way of working with students. What is Responsive Classroom? It is a student-centered, social and emotional approach to teaching and discipline. This research-based approach helps create a safe, joyful, and engaging classroom where students can learn.

Learn more about Responsive Classroom by clicking the link: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/>

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will match our school rules about bullying to pretend situations. Family discussion item: Imagine that you saw two friends telling your other friend that she couldn't play. What school rule does this match with? What would you do? Our Olweus rule is that we will try to include others who are left out.

DID YOU KNOW?

Headphones It is important for students to have headphones for educational use. Personal sets of headphones will minimize the spread of germs. Students will keep their headphones/earbuds in the classroom.

There are two options for providing headphones for your child:

- Send a pair from home. Many students have a preference for a particular style. Sending them from home will ensure they have what works best for them.
- Purchase a pair from school (pictured above). Use [this link](#) for purchasing information.

President's Volunteer Service Award/AmeriCorps - DEADLINE EXTENDED

If your child volunteers through school, a faith community, nonprofit, or in your neighborhood, they might be eligible for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Students track their service hours between Sept. 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2023. Awardees can be as young as 5, and the hours required are based on age. Awards will be presented at the Celebration of Service, scheduled for November 6, 2023.

The application deadline has been extended to Sept. 20, 2023.

The application, requirements, tracking sheet, and general information can be found [HERE](#). The application process is 100% paperless. Video instructions/directions are built into the online application. Questions? Contact Sarah Johnson, Community Service Specialist, at Sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org or 952-401-5766.

PTA PULSE

Thanks to everyone who came to last week's PTA meeting! We had a stellar turn-out and are excited to get the year underway. Check out a list of [PTA committees](#) to get involved, or see our list of [volunteer opportunities on Membership Toolkit](#). We'd love to have your help.

Deephaven Moms Night Out - Sept 20 - 6:00-9:00 outside at Maynards patio. Moms, Grandmas, and caretakers, stop by any time. There is no formal agenda - just visiting! Contact Sarah Punch with questions sarah@sarahpunch.com.

Bike to School Day - Oct 4 National Walk & Roll to School Day is Oct 4th! Help our community build healthy habits for students as well as the environment. Prizes will be handed out near the bus door by our famous PE teachers! There are many ways your student can participate regardless of your location and current method of transportation to and from school. Here are a some alternate ideas - plan ahead so you can join the fun:

- Walk or bike to your bus stop
- Drive to the parking lot along the trail by Haralson Park/Deephaven City Hall and walk or bike to school
- Designate a meeting place and time and bike to school with your friends – a friend's house, Thorpe Park, Cottagewood Store, etc.
- Choose your own adventure - get outside with your family before or after school to walk or bike together.

Email carynwinkler@gmail.com if you can't pick up a prize at school and I'll be sure to get one to you!

Interested in helping lead Bike to School day? Reach out to Caryn!

Family PIZZA PARTY (NEW DATE!)- Oct 10 4:30-6:30 Join us Tuesday the 10th for a pizza party! The party will be held on the blacktop and playground here at school. Pizza, music, RAFFLE PRIZES, and good company. **Purchase your [tickets online](#), \$5 per person.** Tickets include dinner. Raffle tickets are sold at the event, \$1 each. If you would like to participate in the raffle, bring some cash to the event. Pizza generously donated by JETS in Minnetonka. We hope to see you there!!

PTA Green Team - We need you! Green Team is a group of parent volunteers whose goal is to help our school community become more environmentally sustainable through school projects and awareness events. Think recycling and composting, energy conservation, outdoor classrooms and more. We'd love to have you on our team. Email tracywhitney246@gmail.com if you're interested in joining.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

MINNETONKA
Community
and
Resource
NIGHT

Tuesday, October 3 ★ 5:30-8 p.m.

Minnetonka Middle School East

17000 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka MN

★ **Resources for families in one convenient place**

From housing and healthcare to food support, immigration, energy assistance, school activity sign up and more

★ **Community-building activities for families**

Fun games, crafts, bouncy houses, treats, prizes, a read-aloud story time, cultural information booths and a pizza dinner

Scan to RSVP



Language interpreters on-site!

Free books for all!

Bring the entire family!

Volunteer Opportunities Available:

bit.ly/mtka-night-2023

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