



**THE WINDS**  
**JANUARY 3, 2024**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan. 4	Lighthouse Publishing Submissions Due
Jan. 10	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony
Jan. 15	<b>No School</b> - MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 18	PTA Mom's Night Out at Bull & Wren
Jan. 22-26	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
Jan. 26	<b>No School</b> - Grading/Planning Day
Jan. 31	Wacky Wednesday - Animal Day
Jan. 31	Grade 5 Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Happy New Year!** Welcome back to the routine of work and school for your family. I hope you enjoyed winter break! The next three months, we typically have minimal disruptions to our calendar. Getting back to good routines at home, such as a regular bedtime and family dinners, helps set your child up for success during the school day. We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we head into the second half of the school year. We welcome your communication from home on ways we can best support your child's learning at school.

**Thank You PTA!** The PTA Executive Board approved a **record-breaking \$91,107 in enrichment grants** this December. The Fall grant process was new this year as was the special budget. Spring Teacher Grants will still take place following The Minnetonka Public Schools Foundation grant program, and the budget will be more in line with the Deephaven PTA's typical grant budget of \$10,000 - \$30,000 based on fundraising income. Enrichment support provided by our PTA directly impacts our students and their learning opportunities.

**REMINDER** – Please notify the health office when your child is absent from school. Attendance is taken by our health office and the direct phone number to report an absence is 952-401-6904.

**Incoming Kindergarten Families** – Registration materials for residents is due on January 15. Families that are open enrolling must turn in their applications by January 15 as well. Please contact Alexis Beckman at 952-401-4141 or [alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org) if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

**Winter Weather** – Students spend 20-30 minutes outside each day at school unless the temperature or wind chill reaches -10 degrees. Be sure your child is prepared with the proper winter gear. Contact Jessica Thull, our school's social worker, at 952-401-6908 if you need help with winter gear for your child. Her email is [jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org).

**REMINDER** – School starts at 8:00 a.m. and the first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. When everyone is on time, classes are able to start without disruptions.

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will talk about being assertive. We will also discuss how being able to read body language and facial cues can help us understand people, situations, and solutions.

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### **PTA PULSE**

**Lighthouse Publishing - Submissions due Jan 4** Sharpen those pencils! The first Lighthouse Publishing event for this school year is here! Ceremony will be on January 11th. Please use the [attached template](#) when submitting your stories. Contact Sandy Dostal with any questions: [sandy.dostal@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.dostal@gmail.com) or call/text at 612-724-2351

**Deephaven PTA Meeting & Social** - January 11, 7:00-8:30 in the Media Center. Join us for an upcoming PTA meeting in the Media Center on Jan 11th. Can't wait to see you there.

**Mom's Night Out** - January 18, 6:00-9:00 at Bull & Wren. Mom's, Grandma's Aunts, Caregivers of any kind - join for a few minutes or to stay for the whole time. It's an easy way to connect with others at the school with no formal agenda. Reach out to [sarah@sarahpunch.com](mailto:sarah@sarahpunch.com) with questions.

**Art Adventure Volunteers Needed** - Do you love art? There's still an opportunity to volunteer with the [Art Adventure](#) program through the Minneapolis Institute of Art. All training and materials will be provided! We still have a few classes with only one volunteer - see below! Questions - email [Gina.a.erickson@gmail.com](mailto:Gina.a.erickson@gmail.com) or [Kelsey.nelson@usbank.com](mailto:Kelsey.nelson@usbank.com)

- Gong – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Casper Sanchez – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Tam – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Deephaven Parent Party** - April 26 Save the Date! The Deephaven Parent Party will be happening this year on April 26th. Mark your calendars and find a babysitter.

**Book Fair Success!** Our Book Fair raised just over 11,000 Scholastic Dollars that our PTA will use for student incentives and to purchase books for our classrooms and media center. Thank you Deephaven!