



**THE WINDS**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Nov. 15	Picture Retake Day, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Nov. 15	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m. in the Media Center
Nov. 16	PTA Coffee Talk, 9 a.m. at MCEC, Room 205
Nov. 17	Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. in the Media Center
Nov. 22	<b>No School</b> - Professional Learning Day
Nov. 23-24	<b>No School</b> - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29	Wacky Wednesday - Pajama Day
Dec. 4-7	Scholastic Book Fair
Dec. 5	PTA Dad's Night Out
Dec. 7	2024-25 Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. in the Front Gym

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Beth Egan** started this week as our new office assistant. She will be learning a lot in her new position, so please keep that in mind as you ask for help and make requests. She comes to us with experience running a daycare center and is very comfortable working with children, staff, and parents. Please join me in welcoming Beth to Deephaven the next time you visit our office.

**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](#).

**REMINDER - Dress for the Weather** – Students are outside for 30 minutes each day during recess. Temperatures need to be -10 degrees below zero actual temperature or wind chill to have indoor recess.

**How We Work with Children** – Deephaven has an intentional approach to working with our students. Our goal is to create a consistent learning environment from the day students walk into kindergarten through their last day of fifth grade. Our entire staff uses Responsive Classroom, Restitution Theory, and Social Thinking to set

students up for social and emotional success. We begin our day with the morning broadcast, done entirely by fifth grade students, followed by a Morning Meeting in each classroom. We model and teach our expectations, so students understand what is expected of them and how to do what is expected. We also create engaging lessons that increase on-task behaviors. Routines are important and we imbed them throughout the school day. This intentional approach has created a school environment where suspensions are almost non-existent and misbehavior is at a minimum. Your support at home is critical to our success during the school day with your child. Thank you for trusting our staff to care for your child and to hold them accountable when necessary. Together, we are providing Deephaven students with the skills necessary to be successful in life.

- **Responsive Classroom:** <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/>
- **Restitution Theory:** <https://realrestitution.com/restitution-in-schools/>
- **Social Thinking:** <https://www.socialthinking.com/social-thinking-methodology>
- **Deephaven Parent and Student Handbook:**  
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1661883273/minnetonka/llzgx8e889fzdsey0nk/DeephavenElementaryParentandStudentHandbook2021-22.pdf>

**Deephaven Student Leadership** is offered to all fifth-grade students. At Deephaven, we believe we have students that will be serving in leadership roles at some point in their lives. Our goal is to teach them specific skills to help them be a successful leader, whether it is in a formal role or in an informal role. In addition to learning leadership skills, our Student Leadership group heads up our school's efforts to give back to our community through such activities as food drives and raising funds for nonprofits. They also provide our prospective families with tours of our school. Mr. Boberg and Mrs. Whiteside coordinate Student Leadership and are invested in helping our fifth graders learn about being leaders.

**There is no school November 22 due to a Professional Learning Day.**

**There is no school on November 24 and 25 due to the Thanksgiving break.** Our next Winds will be sent out on November 29. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are discussing how to create a positive classroom. What does a positive classroom look like, sound like and feel like? Ask your child what he or she can do to help create a positive classroom.

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### **PTA PULSE**

**PTA Meeting -“Coffee Talk” Nov 16 9-11** - Join us at MCEC in the Excelsior room for our next meeting to learn the latest from the PTA and where you can plug in. This meeting will be held with coffee and conversation from Mr. McGinley and PTA leadership. Email [president@deephavenpta.com](mailto:president@deephavenpta.com) with questions.

**Book Fair Volunteers Needed Dec 1—5** Join the fun of the Scholastic Book Fair! Check out opportunities to help with set up, work the fair, and take down. It's a guaranteed good time! [Sign up in Membership Toolkit](#)