



**THE WINDS**  
**March 1, 2023**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Mar. 2	Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Mar. 2	Tonka Pride Sale - 3:30-7 p.m.
Mar. 3	<b>No School</b> - Conferences
Mar. 3	Read-A-Thon minutes due
Mar. 3	Imagination Fair Registration deadline
Mar. 9	Mom's Night Out - Bull & Wren
Mar. 11	Imagination Fair
Mar. 13-16	World Culture Week
Mar. 16	World Culture Fair - Family Night
Mar. 31	<b>No School</b> - Planning/Grading Day
Apr. 3-7	<b>No School</b> - Spring Break
May 12	Deephaven Parent Party - 6:30 p.m. at Cast & Cru

\*Find the full [Minnetonka calendar on the website](#).

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Spring Conferences** – Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 2, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 3, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is Wednesday, March 1 at 3 p.m.**

**Parent Input Forms for the 2023-2024** 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. **Forms are due by March 31.**

**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, and I have heard countless stories from students about how many minutes they read. A special thank you to Jessica Mork and Sarah Min for leading this year's Read-A-Thon.

**No School** on Friday, March 3 - Conferences

**Spring Break** is the week of April 3-7

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

- Math- April 18-20
- Reading- April 25-27
- Science- May 2-4

### **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.**

**Volunteer at Deephaven** - Deephaven is one of Minnesota's best elementary schools in the state, in part to the many volunteer hours put in each year at our school. Volunteering is a great way to feel connected to your child's school and to show your child that you value their education. Please check out this week's DEVO (Deephaven Elementary Volunteer Opportunities) and review the volunteer opportunities currently available. Every parent is welcome and encouraged to volunteer at least once each year. Sign up today for your volunteer experience. We would be grateful!

**DEVO Link** - click [here](#)

**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 students will be talking about friendship. K-2 students will be discussing strategies for initiating play with students, appropriate ways to react to rejection, and roll play taking turns and sharing. 3-5 students will talk about ways to be a good friend and practice friendship related skills such as joining a conversation and sharing.

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### **PTA PULSE**

There are many ways to get involved at school. We would love to have your support! Questions about the PTA - reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com).

### **World Culture Week - Mar 13-17 Flag Display**

To help celebrate World Culture Week, the Deephaven PTA is building a flag display to represent and celebrate our collective heritage: students, staff and administration. Let us know what flags you'd like to see and [register for the Family Culture Fair](#).

**Family Night Culture Fair - March 16th 4:00-6:00.** Join us for a celebration of cultures and countries that resonate with our Deephaven families. We will have crafts, bites, music, and more as we share what makes us

special. Mark your calendars and think about what aspect of your family's culture you'd like to share! For more details on the flag display, and participating in the Culture Fair [RSVP here](#).

**Tonka Pride Sales - Mar 2 3:30-7:00** We will be hosting a Tonka Pride pop-up sale in the front lobby during conferences. Show your school pride with clothing and accessories featuring the Tonka logo and colors.

**Deephaven Mom's Night Out - Mar 9th 6:00-9:00pm** Moms, Grandmas, and Caretakers of any kind please join us for a Deephaven Moms' Night Out at Bull & Wren in Excelsior. This is a buy your own beverage/food event with no formal agenda - just a laid-back way to connect with other Deephaven Families!

**Imagination Fair - Mar 11** Don't forget to sign up for the Imagination Fair. **Registration via [Google Form](#) due Friday 3/3**. Questions? Contact Jane Sladky-Valley at [jsladkyvalley@gmail.com](mailto:jsladkyvalley@gmail.com).

### **Art Adventure 2023 - Spring 23 - Parent Volunteers Needed**

Art Adventure 2023 is starting soon for Grades 1st, 3rd and 5th! Come be a part of this amazing partnership with MIA. All students in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade will be presented with approximately 6 art works from the **Amazing Animals in Art** set between March, April and the beginning of May. Parent volunteers can come to the classroom to discuss the pieces using posters and other tools. Typically, two art works are discussed at each classroom visit for a total of 3 visits. Each classroom can have more than one volunteer. If you are interested in being an Art Adventure volunteer, please sign up in Membership Toolkit as well as for updates on volunteer opportunities. For questions, please contact: Caryn Jakucki at [cjakucki@gmail.com](mailto:cjakucki@gmail.com).

We are looking for volunteers for these classrooms and others

- 1st - Clepper
- 1st - Gong
- 1st - Loera
- 3rd - Peters
- 3rd - Skogerbo
- 5th - Boberg

Details here: [Deephaven Elementary PTA - ART Adventure 2023 \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](#)

### **READ-A-THON – LOG YOUR MINUTES BY FRIDAY!**

**“Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Readers”**

**February's Read-A-Thon is wrapping up so don't forget to log your students' minutes!** Minutes are due this **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** so we can deliver prizes to students next week.

**LOG YOUR MINUTES BY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>!**

- Log your minutes in <https://pledgestar.com/deephaven/> and earn prizes!
- Reading minutes count from February 1<sup>st</sup> - February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Minutes must be entered into Pledgestar by **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

### **Week #4 Results**

- **There are 612 students participating!** We have 90% student participation!
- **Students have read a total of 600,000 minutes so far!**
- *Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **Eli E.**, from Srta. Davis's Third grade class!*

*Classes with 50% participation during Wacky Wednesday will be entered into a raffle for a class pizza party!*

**Questions? Interested in volunteering? Please visit <https://www.deephavenreadathon.com/> or email [deephavenreadathon@gmail.com](mailto:deephavenreadathon@gmail.com) for more information!**