



THE WINDS
MARCH 13, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 18-22	World Culture Week
Mar. 18	World Culture Week Assemblies
Mar. 20	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45 p.m.
Mar. 20	World Culture Week Family Night Culture Fair, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Mar. 26-28	MCA Testing - Grade 5 Science
Mar. 27	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Color Day
Mar. 29	No School - District Offices Closed
Apr. 1-5	No School - Spring Break
Apr. 8	No School - Grading/Planning Day
Apr. 13	Imagination Fair
Apr. 19	3rd-5th Grade Talent Show
Apr. 26	Parent Party

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Parent Input Forms You may complete a Parent Input form and return it to your child's teacher. Forms are available in the office. The deadline to turn in your form is **Thursday, March 28**. We will do our best to take your input into consideration as we build class lists for next year. We do not guarantee that we can accommodate all requests due to the difficult task of creating balanced classrooms. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests.

Lost and Found If you have any missing items, please stop by and check our lost and found. All items will be bagged up and donated on Friday, March 22. There are hats, gloves, winter jackets and more!

No School/District offices closed - Friday, March 29

Spring Break is the week of April 1-5

No School Monday, April 8 - Grading/Planning day

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

- Math: April 16-18 (Grades 3,4,5)
- Reading: April 23-25 (Grades 3,4,5)
- Science: March 26-28 (Grade 5 only)

Student Leadership Food Drive

It is time for **Deephaven Student Leadership's annual ICA Food Drive!** 5th grade student leaders will continue to collect donations through Friday, March 15. Each day there is a different theme BUT any donation can be sent any day. Check your child's backpack for a blue flier with details for each day. Thanks for your generosity Deephaven!

Deephaven Elementary received the **Top Public School Award from the Sun Sailor Reader's Choice Awards**. The winners represent hundreds of different businesses throughout the metro area, primarily in the western and southern suburbs. Thank you for helping Deephaven earn this award for the Minnetonka area.

DHE READS

This month's book, *You Are a Story* (Racza, 2023), reinforces the values of knowing one's identity, acceptances and empowerment of self.. All students in RSK-5th grade will have the opportunity to read/ listen to this book and discuss these values.

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.

PTA PULSE

World Culture Week Family Night Culture Fair Mar 20 4:30 – 6:30pm in the West Gym.

Everyone from the Deephaven Elementary community is invited to 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, [fill out the brief form](#). Please respond no later than Friday, March 15th. We hope you can join us for this celebration of all our cultures! Deephaven PTA - DEI Committee

Imagination Fair - Apr 13 1:00-3:00pm

It's time for your kids to share their creativity. Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, etc. This is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone. [Sign-up!](#)

Lighthouse Publishing - Apr 12 Submissions due!

Lighthouse Publishing is a way for our elementary authors to write their own story, poem, comic strip, etc. Their work is then bound into a book for them to keep and celebrated in a small ceremony on April 17. Grades 2-5 are invited to submit their work using the [attached template](#) and send to: deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com

Deephaven's Got Talent - April 19th - 7 p.m. Excelsior Elementary Auditorium

Join us for the Deephaven Talent Show! Solos, duets, small groups, gymnastics, karate, poetry readings- all kinds of acts are welcome! Performances are open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We're also looking for a few 5th graders to help host the show. Submissions are due to classroom teachers by March 25. Fill out the [attached form](#).

Mrs. Hansen can be available after school if students want to practice their acts and receive feedback. More info to come soon including mandatory dress rehearsal schedule, AV needs, etc.

PTA Volunteer Interest Form

We need you on our team! Whether you're ready to take the lead, or help on a committee the PTA has over 40 volunteer positions we need filled every year. No matter your time commitment or your skill set, we'd love for you to be involved. Please [fill out the survey](#) to let us know what you're interested in.

Student Art Exhibition - Apr 25 5-7 p.m.

Join Us at the Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition!

Date: Thursday, April 25th

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 P.M.

Event Details:

- Location: Deephaven Elementary School Hallways
- What to Expect: A vibrant display of creativity! Each talented Deephaven art student will showcase one masterpiece.
- Activities: Admire the art, create a delightful craft to take home, and leave heartfelt compliments for your favorite artworks.

Volunteer Opportunities: An event of this magnitude requires significant preparation. If you have time, we'd greatly appreciate your support in getting ready for the exhibition. Check out the available volunteer positions [here](#).

Let's celebrate the artistic achievements of our students together! See you there!

Staff Appreciation Update

2/29: Our teachers were treated to a fun and filling meal hosted by the PTA. Robbie and Cote Lund and Lunds & Byerly's donated a taco bar complete with drinks and dessert. Thank you Lund family!

2/30: Mathnasium brought our teachers snacks to sustain them through Friday's conference day. Thank you, Mathnasium!

3/6: Happy school social worker appreciation week! PTA showed our appreciation for Jessica Thull today by giving her this plant and card. We are grateful for the time and energy she pours into our kids!

We also celebrated our technology staff and technology help desk last week. Thank you to Jessica and Rachel who each received a plant and cards, and to our technology help desk folks who received a big basket of snacks to enjoy.