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January 6, 2021

**Important Dates**

January 18	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
January 21	Retake Day (see details in “Did You Know”)
January 25	NO SCHOOL – Grading and Planning
January 26	Mismatch Day – Wear your Goofiest Outfit!
January 28	NO SCHOOL – Transition Planning for Staff
January 29	NO SCHOOL – Transition Planning for Staff
February 1-28	Read-A-Thon (see details in “PTA Pulse”)

**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. Although we will be transitioning to Hybrid and in-person learning in a few weeks, we will still be able to focus on academics and help your child grow as much as possible in each of the subject areas. 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.

**Learning Model Update** - After winter break and prior to February 1, we are planning to have students continue in the model they participated in prior to winter break.

Students in our Hybrid Model will automatically transition to in-person learning on February 1. As a reminder, our e-Learning model, which some families selected this past fall, will continue to be offered through the end of the year.

***If you plan on making a switch from your original plan to e-Learning or in-person learning on February 1, please contact us by January 7, 2021.*** You may email your request to Stephanie Pearson at [stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org). You do not need to contact us if you plan to continue with the same learning model for your child on February 1.

**Childcare** - Children currently in our Childcare Program will remain enrolled until January 19, when we make the switch back to our Hybrid Model. If you are considering enrolling your child in our Childcare Program for the dates leading up to January 19, please contact Stephanie Pearson to find out if we have space available.

**Grade 3 students will remain online until February 1. The Childcare Program will continue to be offered until February 1 for students in third grade.**

### **Changes in our Models -**

- **Hybrid Model runs from January 19-27:** K,1,2 in Hybrid Model at Deephaven Elementary.
- **Grades 4 and 5 in Hybrid Model at MHS** (Wednesday, January 20 will be an e-Learning day, just like in the fall. Wednesday January 27 will be a hybrid learning day at MHS). **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATES FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.**
- **Grade 3 students will remain in e-Learning until February 1.** We are only allowed to bring back three grade levels at a time per site. We selected the three youngest grades to return to the Hybrid Model at Deephaven Elementary.

### **Other January Dates:**

- January 18 – No school MLK
- January 25 – No school, Grading and Planning

- January 28 and 29 – No school, transition planning days for staff.
- **February 1 – In-person school begins for K-5 at Deephaven Elementary School.**

**February 1 Class Lists** - Students will return from pods to their homeroom on February 1. Some grade level teachers interacted with the same pod, and your child worked with more than one teacher. As we return to homerooms, your child's teacher will be the same one that was communicated to you back in August. We will be sending out a communication this month with your child's homeroom teacher's name to ensure you have the correct information.

**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 Stephanie Pearson at 952-401-4141 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)

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Retake Day** – We have scheduled our photo retake day for January 21. We will have one photographer at Deephaven and one photographer at the high school. We will have an after-hours photographer for our e-Learning students. More details will be coming next week.

**Ordering Pictures** – You may still order your child's pictures on-line through the Strawbridge website.

- Click on this link <https://www.strawbridge.net/>
- Click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks" (yearbooks will be printed by Jostens later in the year)

**\*\*You must enter the code that came with your child's proof. No other codes are valid, at this point\*\***

- Follow instructions to order your photo packages

If you would prefer to pay by check or cash, please email Stephanie Pearson at [stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org), with your child's name and teacher, and she will send home a paper order form with your child.

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## **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

**If you, your child, or anyone in your household has possible COVID-like symptoms, ALL** household members should remain at home until further evaluation by a health care provider. If you choose not to contact a health care provider, we ask that all household members remain at home until you have spoken with the Health Office. If anyone in your household has been tested for COVID-19, **ALL** household members should remain at home until test results are known.

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## **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus Classroom Meetings we will be talking about effective communication, both how to listen well to what another person is saying and getting your message across in a respectful manner.

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## **PTA PULSE**

We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break with time to recharge and to get outdoors!

If you are looking for a special treat to break up all that sledding and skating (!!), stop by the newly-opened location of [DQ Grill & Chill](#) on County Road 101 & Highway 7. [DQ/Fourteen Foods](#) is a **Platinum Sponsor** for Deephaven Elementary, and what better way to thank them for their generosity than to enjoy an ice cream treat!

Another fun item to add to your winter to-do list is to get ready for our annual **Read-A-Thon**, which begins in February. Stack your home library with your books to get ready to READ, READ, READ! See below for initial details on this fun and engaging activity.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

February 1 -28 Read-A-Thon! (Details to follow)

**READ-A-THON -- Save the Date:** The Read-a-Thon will start on February 1, and students will read from February 1 until February 28. It's time to start getting your books organized to help students set their goal and READ, READ, READ. This is one of the most important fundraisers for our school, so we hope everyone can participate! Stay tuned--more information will be coming out this month.

**NEW Fundraiser: Mabel's Labels --** Mabel's Labels is a great way to keep track of your children's items during the school year! The labels can be reused and are waterproof, and dishwasher/microwave-safe. ***Bonus? 20% of each purchase will go back to Deephaven PTA!***

### ***How to order:***

- VISIT Mabel's Labels website at [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)
- SELECT **Deephaven Elementary** on the website to ensure your purchase benefits our school
- RECEIVE your order shipped directly to your home.

Parents and teachers across the country have been thrilled with Mabel's Labels and we know you will be, too. Your contribution will immediately support a variety of fundraising efforts, including classroom curriculum and supplies, teacher grants, and more. This ongoing fundraiser will be available all year.