



THE WINDS
FEBRUARY 2, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1-28	Read-A-Thon
February 7-11	National School Counseling Week
February 9	Student Leadership
February 18	E-LEARNING DAY/2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE (8 a.m.-12:40 p.m.)
February 21	NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
February 23	Student Leadership
February 23	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character Day
March 3	E-LEARNING DAY (8 a.m.-2:40 p.m.)
March 3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 19	Imagination Fair (more information below)
April 18	E-LEARNING DAY/2-HOUR LATE START (10 a.m.-2:40 p.m.)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

School Counselor recognition week is next week. Deephaven's counselor, Troy Dvorak, joined our staff this year and has been an outstanding addition to our school. Next week we will recognize and appreciate all of his work with our student and staff at Deephaven.

Open Positions at Deephaven – Apply for a recess or lunch supervision position at your child's school. We currently have two openings, with one on our playground and the other supervising students during the lunch hour. The positions are 3 hours long and run from 10:30-1:30. Please contact bryan.mcginley@minnetonkaschool.org and apply online if you have interest in either opening.

No In-person School on Friday, February 18. It will be an e-learning 2-hour early release day. Students will remain at home and connect with their teacher remotely. School will end at 12:40 p.m.

No School on Monday, February 21 – Presidents Day.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Valentine's Day poses unique challenges for students with life threatening food allergies. Please remember that Deephaven does not allow nuts of any kind in school. We ask that you please read all labels carefully before you send any food or candy items to school or put them in Valentine's Day cards. We encourage you to consider non-food treats for Valentine's Day.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tips to make morning drop off move a little faster.

1. If you are in the front of the line, please pull all the way to the stop sign.
2. Finish breakfast and electronics while waiting in the line.
3. Have masks on and backpacks/gear ready before you stop.
4. When your car comes to a stop **anywhere** along the sidewalk, hop and go. (Hop out of the car and go to class.)
5. Wait in the line. Parking in a spot and walking your children across the drop off lane creates a backup when you cross over and again when you back your car out.

We have a lot fewer cars at 7:40. If you would like to miss the backup, come early. We open the door at exactly 7:30am (phone time).

Tips to make afternoon pick-up move a little faster.

1. Kindergarten/1st grade parents should be the first cars to arrive. If you have an older student, please wait to join the traffic line. Those students aren't released until a later time. You will be asked to move to the stop sign and wait.
2. Quickly help your child into the car. Teach them how to buckle up and be ready to go.
3. Once the younger students are picked up, we will have cars pull down to the stop sign. This way the "if you see it, get in it" rule can help all cars get home faster.

Thank you for all your kind waves and smiles. It makes our day!!!!

Teri & Theresa
Deephaven's Traffic Paras

School Lunch Update:

After arriving to your local grocery store, you may notice you can't get all the items you have on your list. You might even end up staring at some bare shelves because some foods just aren't making it to your store. We are experiencing the same situation as we navigate our food supply and menus.

The challenges due to food supply shortages continue for us as well, but we are trying our best to order our groceries more frequently and farther in advance to avoid having last minute food substitutions as much as possible. Our staffing situation remains a bit unstable as we navigate around Covid illnesses and exposures. If you would like to have some background information as to why our manufacturers are struggling to provide us with their food products, please click on this link for a short, 2 ½ minute, video that explains the situation very concisely: [Understanding Supply Chain Disruptions and How They Affect School Meals.](#)

What can you do to help? Consider applying and working for our department as a year-round part-time or substitute staff! Or spread that word that we are hiring! Part time positions include benefits such as paid holidays, no weekend hours, being home when your children leave for and return from school. You'll also be able to stay home when your children have school calendar breaks. Substitute positions allow for staff to choose which days they would like to work in our district. You can click here to view the postings on our website: [Nutrition Services Staff Openings](#)

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

Classroom discussions this week focused on reporting problems to adults in our school. Students discussed different real-life situations with their classes and small groups. As a class, they brainstormed which situations would need to be reported to an adult, and how they can go about reporting them. Everyone's goal this week is to become more proactive in reporting problems to their teacher or an adult in the building.

PTA PULSE

Stuck inside this February? We love winter weather because that's when books bring us together! Snuggle up with a story book, grab a graphic novel, scroll through an eBook or listen to an audiobook — no matter how you like to read, all of it counts during the Read-a-Thon.

Upcoming Key Dates

Feb 1-28 Read-a-Thon
Feb 23 Favorite Book Character Day
Mar 19 Imagination Fair

Yearbook Classroom Volunteers - LOTS of classroom opportunities are open, please consider signing up to assist in the 2021-2022 yearbook! Sign up with Membership Toolkit.

READ-A-THON - Fan Favorite Art Contest

The winner of the art contest fan favorite is Aoife B. in Mrs. Peters' third-grade class!

READ-A-THON STARTS THIS WEEK! FEBRUARY 1-28

"Books Bring Us Together" *Get ready to read, read, read! The Read-a-Thon began this week!*

The Read-a-Thon reinforces good reading habits in students while raising funds for a variety of school-wide enrichment programs. Let's help our kids grow their love of reading while supporting our school!

How It Works:

- Register your student(s) in Pledgestar at https://link.edgepilot.com/s/87926c91/2zwwg_p-5sk2CAoKLZDsCdg?u=http://pledgestar.com/deephaven
- Students start to earn prizes when they log into Pledgestar and read for just one minute or raise just one dollar!

What Reading Counts?

- All reading minutes count from February 1 - February 28

- All reading minutes done outside of school hours (including after-school Explorers)
- *NEW*: All grades can read books, have books read to them, or listen to audiobooks
- Minutes must be recorded and entered by Tuesday, March 8th

Logging minutes in Pledgestar is the only way for children to get credit for their hard work.

PRIZES! Earn prizes for reading and fundraising. Check out the full list of prizes

at <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/cb84c34a/rur318g3-EggWEt1HmgbHw?u=http://www.deephavenreadathon.com/>

Each student who logs 120 minutes or collects \$10 before this Saturday, February 5th will be entered into the weekly drawing!

Questions? Please visit <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/cb84c34a/rur318g3-EggWEt1HmgbHw?u=http://www.deephavenreadathon.com/> for more information or email Jessica Mork and Sarah Min at deephavenreadathon@gmail.com

IMAGINATION FAIR - "Make it Work" - March 19th 9:00-11:00 am

The imagination fair is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, etc. - show us what you've got! [Register via Google Form](#) by Friday 3/4 - all grades welcome!

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