

Deephaven Elementary Year-end PTA Meeting

May 18, 2023

Agenda

- 1) President Welcome and Year in Review -- Polly Madsen
- 2) Principal's Update – Bryan McGinley
- 3) Upcoming Key Dates
- 4) Brainstorming for Next Year – Advancing our mission [and an invitation to volunteer!]

Deephaven PTA Mission :

THANK YOU for your engagement!

Through the dedication of volunteer hours and financial resources, the Deephaven Elementary PTA Builds Our Community to enable:

- Educational Enrichment to help our students reach their full academic potential
- Cultural Enrichment to build a community of openness and inclusion
- Social Connection to build camaraderie and common purpose across parent, students, and teachers
- School Operation Support to help our Deephaven educators and administrators keep everything running smoothly

2023 : Academic Enrichment

- Executed **Principal's Challenge** to incent learning through summer
- Held **Read-A-Thon, Imagination Fair, and Lighthouse Publishing** to foster learning and feed curiosity beyond the classroom
- Executed annual **Teacher Grant Process** to award over \$23k in teacher grant requests:
 - Additional flexible seating throughout the school
 - iPad keyboards for 4th and 5th graders
 - New basketball hoops in the gym
- Funded ongoing **academic supports** to help every student learn
 - IXL
 - Lexia
 - School wide math fluency programming

2023 : Cultural Enrichment

- **DEI / Belonging Committee** gaining momentum
 - Growing calendar of events, e.g. World Culture Week, Monthly Culture Celebrations
 - Strong committee engagement and teacher [Belonging Committee] support
 - Executed year two of DEI Survey to understand belonging at Deephaven and identify areas for improvement
- Hosted first-ever **Family Night & Culture Fair** – over 50 cultures represented in our school!
- Enabled community-wide exposure to **Arts & Culture** via:
 - Cultural arts field trip funding
 - Student Art Exhibition
 - 5th Grade Artist in Residence program

2023 : Building Social Connection

- Launched **Connections Committee** to provide bite-sized ways for parents and caregivers to connect
 - Moms Night Out
 - Dads Night Out
 - Weekend Donuts with Dads & Dudes
- Hosted **Fall Pizza Party** with minimal cost & record turn out
- Executed **Kindness Week 2023** with activities in & outside of school
- Hosted 'sold out' casino night themed **Parent Party**
- Launched monthly **PTA WAVES** newsletter to strengthen communication of the PTA Mission and how to get involved

2023 : School Operations Support

- Advanced **Business Sponsorship** to provide foundational financial support & in-kind donation
- Optimized Fall **Book Fair** via Teacher Wallet campaign to fund books teachers *want* for their classrooms
- Exceeded ALL **Fundraising Goals** with strong community participation
- Engaged parents, grandparents and caregivers in **Volunteering** through turn-key 'DEVO' (Deephaven Elementary Volunteer Opportunities) e-blast
 - 266 volunteers
 - 1,092 unique volunteer shifts
- Executed full-year **Teacher & Staff Appreciation** calendar
 - Conference dinners
 - Teacher & staff 'surprise and delight'
 - Food provided by in-kind sponsors : Lunds & Byerly's, Jet's Pizza, Nothing Bundt Cakes

Principal Update

Bryan McGinley

Save The Date!

This Year:

Jun 7 Volunteer Thank You Event

2023-24 Highlights*

Sept 13 PTA Welcome Back Night – NEW!

Oct 5 Fall Pizza Party

Nov 9 Veteran's Day Assembly

Dec 1-7 Book Fair

Jan 11 PTA Meeting

Feb 1-28 Read-A-Thon

Mar 14 'We Are Deephaven' Family Night & Culture Fair [Part of World Culture Week]

Apr 13 Imagination Fair

Apr 22 Kindness Week

Apr 25 Art Exhibition

May 8 Bike to School Day

May 9 PTA Meeting

*Full Calendar Available for Download at www.minnetonkaschools.org)

Brainstorming (& an invitation to volunteer)

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Ideas to advance our mission :

- Academic Enrichment
- Cultural Enrichment
- Social Connection
- School Operations Support