



**WINDS**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sept. 8	First Day of School - Kindergarten/RSK
Sept. 13-22	NWEA Testing (see schedule below)
Sept. 22	Curriculum Night, 6:30 p.m. - Grades 1&2 (parents only)
Sept. 22	PTA Meeting 7 p.m., Media Center
Sept. 23	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Kindness Retreat
Sept. 27	Dad's Night Out
Sept. 29	Curriculum Night, 6 :30p.m. - Grades 3-5 (parents only)
Sept. 30	2-Hour Early Release
Oct. 11	Mom's Night Out

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!** We had a great start to our first day of school this morning for students in grade 1-5. Kindergarten begins this Friday. This is the first edition of Winds, the school newsletter, that is sent out to all parents on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Below you will find topics in bold lettering to help you determine if the item applies to you and your family. Our goal is to save you time so you will read the information pertinent to you. In addition to the weekly Winds newsletters, your child's teacher will provide you with classroom and grade level information.

**Office Staff** – You may reach our office at 952-401-6900. Please contact the health office at 952-401-6904

Principal – Bryan McGinley  
Assistant Principal – Josh Jansen  
Head Office Assistant – Alexis Beckman  
Building Office Assistant – Joyce Murphy  
Health Para – Heidi Koehnen  
Behavior Manager – Theresa Brown

**Student Drop Off** - Students may be dropped off at school between 7:30-7:50 a.m. Beat the traffic and the buses by dropping your child off before 7:40 a.m.

**Student Pick Up** – Students may be picked up at 2:40 p.m. and no later than 2:50 p.m.

**Parents picking up their child from school:**

1. Pull all the way up to the stop sign at the end of our building.
2. Remain in your car. Your child will come to you.
3. Children need to enter the backseat on the driver's side.

4. Remind your child to watch for your car while waiting for you.
5. Pick up runs from 2:40-2:50.

**Reminder** – Parents are not allowed to walk into the bus area during arrival and dismissal times.

**Pass to Ride Other Busses** - No daily bus passes will be issued this year. due to a record number of bus riders. Some of our busses are at full capacity. With that being said, we will review emergency situations on a case-by-case basis. If you have one arise, please reach out to the office.

**Deephaven is an “Allergy Aware” building.** Nuts of any kind, products containing nuts or manufactured in a facility with nuts, are NOT allowed in classrooms at any time. We urge parents to read food labels *carefully* when choosing snacks for their children (especially granola bars and snack bars). *Please* reinforce with your children that for safety reasons, they should NOT share food with classmates. Thank you for your cooperation and partnering with us to keep students safe at school.

**Back to School Fatigue** – Children often experience fatigue as they return to the school schedule. This can last through September and is typically more obvious with our younger students. Please keep this in mind if you see behavior changes at home and remember the importance of an early bedtime.

**Custody Arrangements/Orders for Protection** – If our staff need to be aware of any custody arrangements or orders for protection for your family, please submit documentation to the office staff. **Updated documentation must be submitted each year.** You can scan and email your documents to Alexis Beckman at [alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org).

**Job Opportunities at Deephaven** – Deephaven has 3-hour para positions available in our lunchroom and kindergarten classrooms. Contact Josh Jansen at [josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org) for more information or to express interest in the openings.

**Lockdown Drills and Fire Drills** – Deephaven conducts 5 lockdown drills and 5 fire drills each year. Teachers discuss the expectations and reasons for the drills ahead of time in an age-appropriate way. Essentially, we communicate to students that we are making sure we are keeping everyone safe. The first set of drills will be held on Friday and the remaining drills will be unannounced throughout the school year.

**Last call for Principal’s Challenge calendars!** If you participated in the Principal’s Challenge this summer and have documentation to turn in, make sure it is given to your child’s teacher by **Friday**. More details to come in how we will celebrate our participants.

#### **NWEA Testing Schedule**

Sept. 13-14	Grades 4 & 5- Math
Sept. 15-16	Grades 1-3 – Math
Sept. 19-20	Grades 4 & 5 – Reading
Sept. 21	Kindergarten – Math
Sept. 21-22	Grades 1-3 – Reading
Sept. 22	Kindergarten - Reading

More information, including specific testing times for your child, will be shared with you by your child’s teacher.

On Monday, September 19 a group of **students from Chile** are going to be visiting our immersion students at Deephaven. Students will get to learn more the country of Chile, as well as see the students perform La Cueca, the national dance in Chile. This will be a great opportunity for our students to learn more about another Spanish speaking country, and culture.

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus Classroom Meetings we will talk about our school rules about bullying. Bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.

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### **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

We want to remind all families that Deephaven Elementary continues to be **Allergy Aware** which means **no nuts of any kind** are allowed at school (cafeteria, classroom, class parties, field trips etc.) Please remember to read all labels carefully before sending snack or lunch items to school. As always, we thank you for partnering with us to keep students safe!

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Welcome a staff member or your child's teacher** Back-To-School with a special gift prepared and delivered by the Minnetonka Schools Foundation!

All proceeds benefit the [Teacher Grant Program](#)

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Gifts Delivered September 12<sup>th</sup>

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### **Parenting with Purpose Speaker Series**

#### **“Powerful Parenting: Empowering Your Kids to Thrive” with Ross Bernstein**

*Monday, October 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm, Minnetonka High School Arts Center*

Aspiring to raise responsible, well-rounded kids who can overcome obstacles, harness creativity and generate momentum? Join us for a powerful evening of learning and inspiration with Ross Bernstein. The best-selling author of nearly 50 motivational sports-themed books, Ross is a peak-performance speaker who speaks about leadership, modeling excellence and winning with integrity. He will share best practice ideas on ways to become a more effective leader for ourselves, our colleagues and our families to ultimately build and model stronger relationships.

The event is **free**, but [tickets must be reserved online to secure your spot!](#)

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### **PTA PULSE**

Welcome to the first week of school! The PTA is so excited to be kicking off a new year. While we know you're “drinking from the firehose” with all of the new information, we wanted to make sure you know how to connect in with the PTA.

Questions, comments or ideas? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com) at any time.

### **How to Connect**

- [Membership Toolkit](#) - This is our school's directory, and the place where you can sign up for volunteering opportunities. It's really important that you update your family's info in here so you can make sure you're included in all the fun activities and enrichment that happens at the school!
- [Deephaven Elementary PTA Facebook page](#) - Another place to stay connected to the school community. Also a place you can go to with questions about how things work.
- [District Website Deephaven PTA page](#) - We have a page on the school's site that includes PTA info. Check here for info you might need on the PTA.
- [District Calendar](#) - Wondering what's happening on what day at Deephaven. The Deephaven district calendar is a great place to check.
- DEVO - 'Deephaven Elementary Volunteer Opportunity emails' come out Sunday evenings. And are a great way for you to see how to be involved at school.

**PTA Meeting Sep 22** - Please join us for our first PTA meeting at 7:30 in the Media Center. Learn what's happening around the school, find ways to plug in to our parent community, and hear from PTA leadership and Principal Bryan McGinley. We hope to see you there!

**Deephaven Dads Night Out - Sep 27** - Join us for a Deephaven Dads' Night Out, Sep 27th from 6pm - 9pm at Maynard's. Contact Andy Punch at [andrew@andrewpunch.com](mailto:andrew@andrewpunch.com) with questions.

**Deephaven Moms Night Out - Oct 10** - please join us for Mom's Night Out, October 10th from 6pm - 9pm at Maynard's. Stop by any time and encourage other Deephaven Moms to join. There is no formal agenda - just visiting! Contact Sarah Punch with questions [sarah@sarahpunch.com](mailto:sarah@sarahpunch.com).