



**THE WINDS**  
**APRIL 10, 2024**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Apr. 10	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45
Apr. 13	Imagination Fair, 1-3 p.m.
Apr. 15-19	Explorers Staff Appreciation Week
Apr. 16-18	MCA Testing - Math (Grades 3,4,5)
Apr. 19	3rd-5th Grade Talent Show, 7-8:30 p.m. (NEW TIME!)
Apr. 22-26	Kindness Week
Apr 23-25	MCA Testing - Reading (Grades 3,4,5)
Apr. 24	Wacky Wednesday: Silly Sock & Hair Day
Apr. 24	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45
Apr. 25	Student Art Exhibition, 5-7pm
Apr. 26	Deephaven Parent Party, 7 p.m.
May 24	Lighthouse Publishing Event, 8:15-8:45 (NEW DATE!)

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Welcome Back** from spring break. I hope you were able to enjoy time with family and friends over the break. We have many fun events at school, along with exciting PTA led events, in April and May. It is also testing month, with grades 3-5 taking MCA tests and K-5 taking NWEA tests. Please check for your child's test dates in the classroom newsletter/communication you receive from the teacher. Finally, with spring here, we find students staying up a little later with more daylight and spring activities. The challenge of keeping a routine bedtime can be hard, but it is so important for children. Happy spring!

**Tackle Cancer** - Deephaven raised **\$1,368.13**, and as a district we raised just under **\$9k**, for Tackle Cancer and the Randy Shaver Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!

**School starts** at 8:00 a.m. and the first bell rings at 7:50 a.m. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. It is best if students are dropped off before the first bell, so they have time to get ready for their 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: April 30-May 1 (Grade 5 only) NEW DATES!

**Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition** - You are invited to attend The Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition on **Thursday, April 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.**

Each year we celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of Deephaven Elementary artists by displaying their art in the school hallways. Every Deephaven art student will have one work of art on display. Come and enjoy the art, make a craft to take home, and leave compliments for your favorite artworks.

### **Statewide Tornado Drills**

Deephaven will participate in the statewide tornado drill this Thursday, April 11 at 1:45 p.m. Families are encouraged to practice at home during the second drill on Thursday, April 11 at 6:45 p.m.

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### **DHE READS**

This month's book, Emmanuel's Dream (Thompson 2015), reinforces the values of perseverance, resilience and grit. All students RSK-5th grade will have the opportunity to read/ listen to this book and discuss these values.

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will be talking about peer pressure. Topics will include what peer pressure is, how it can lead to bullying, and how to respond appropriately to peer pressure.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Save-the-Date for this fabulous drive-thru recycling event!**

Plan on donating your unused items to local non-profits at the **For the Greener Good Reuse & Recycling Event, scheduled for Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Minnetonka High School.** Student service clubs from around the district will be hosting stations and gathering items that align with their mission. This is a great opportunity to donate items and help others!

#### **What Can Be Donated?**

Click on this [LINK](#) or visit [www.bit.ly/2024GreenerGood](http://www.bit.ly/2024GreenerGood) to view the growing list of items being collected

#### **Questions?**

Contact [sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org)

### **Fifth Grade Finale**

**Minnetonka Middle School West Finale: Friday, April 19, 6:30-8pm**

**Minnetonka Middle School East Finale: Friday, May 3, 6:30-8pm**

Come and check out your new middle school and have a blast dancing, taking pictures in the photo booth, playing games and bouncing on the inflatables - all while meeting future sixth-grade classmates. *This is a drop-off event. Fifth graders only. Parents, please come pick up your child from the cafeteria promptly at 8 pm. Pre-register for \$10 or pay at the door for \$12.*

Register and find more information [here](#).

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### **PTA PULSE**

#### **Imagination Fair - April 13, 1-3 p.m.**

Stop by the Imagination Fair to see all the creativity and science that Deephaven students have to offer. This is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone. [Sign-up!](#)

#### **NEW Final Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony date is now Friday May 24th.**

Therefore submission timelines are extended; submissions due by Friday, May 10th.

You all have another whole month to write!

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](mailto:deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com)

### **Deephaven's Got Talent - April 19, 7 p.m. Excelsior Elementary Auditorium**

Join us to watch the Deephaven Talent Show. Enjoy solos, duets, small groups, gymnastics, karate, poetry readings- all kinds of acts will be presented by our third to fifth graders!

### **Student Art Exhibition - Apr 25 5-7 p.m. Join us for the Annual Student Art Exhibition!**

- **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.
- **We need volunteers:** Check out the available Art Exhibition volunteer positions here.

### **PTA Parent Party - April 26, 6:30-11:00 Oak Ridge Country Club**

Our annual Parent Party Fundraiser is coming up on Friday, April 26th at Oak Ridge Country Club. This fun community building event is a great opportunity to get to know other parents as well as raise money for our school. All money raised through the live and silent auction will support our spring teacher grant's. Purchase tickets:

[https://link.edgepilot.com/s/756de21c/jSg5JQQ\\_hUy13JKejZYDjg?u=https://app.memberhub.gives/dpp24/Campaign/Details](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/756de21c/jSg5JQQ_hUy13JKejZYDjg?u=https://app.memberhub.gives/dpp24/Campaign/Details)

### **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.