



**THE WINDS**  
**JANUARY 8, 2020**

**Important Dates**

January 10	7:30-7:55 School Store
January 13	1:00-2:00 Grade 5 Geography Bee
January 14	8:30-11:00 K Field Trip to Lowry Nature Center (Day 1)
January 15	8:30-11:00 K Field Trip to Lowry Nature Center (Day 2)
January 17	9:10-2:10 Grade 4 Field Trip to Mill City
January 17	9:10-12:00 Grade 3 Field Trip to the Physics Force Show
<b>January 20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day</b>
January 22	1:00-2:00 Grade 5 Spelling Bee
January 23	9:20-12:30 Grade 2 Field Trip to The Works
January 27-31	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
<b>January 27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Planning and Grading Day</b>
January 29	Wacky Wednesday – Wear Mismatched Clothes!

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Happy New Year!** Welcome back to the routine of work and school for your family. I hope you enjoyed the two-week break! Students returned this week to school, and we have been able to quickly pick up where we left off. Student behavior has been on-task, allowing teachers to focus on the curriculum. The next three months, we have minimal disruptions to our calendar, allowing us to focus on academics and to 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.

**Student drop off and pick up** – Please continue to remain in your car when you arrive at school. It allows us to move the line along faster for everyone. Also, be patient as you enter our school parking lot. The safety of everyone is our priority!

**Incoming Kindergarten Families** – Registration material is due on January 15. 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 windchill 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.

**No School** on Monday, January 20, in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**From the Media Center** – In November of 2019, approximately 400 parents attended the first showing of the "LIKE" documentary about social media, and they found it very valuable. The elementary years are a great time for parents to understand and prepare to guide their children toward the healthy use of social media, which may start in middle school. The second evening screening is on Monday, January 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please [RSVP](#) to reserve your seat. If you are unable to attend, check out the handout that accompanies the film, [Tips for Managing Social Media Use](#), as well as the resources on our [District Digital Health & Wellness page](#). We hope you find these resources valuable for your child(ren) and family!

**Minnetonka Preschool Open House** - You and your pre-kindergarten child(ren) are invited to the Minnetonka Preschool Open House on Saturday, January 25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Meet teachers, tour classrooms, ask questions, and play in the gym! A parent presentation of "What to Look for in a Preschool" will be held at 9:45 and 10:30 a.m.; free childcare is provided during the presentation. This event is held at the Minnetonka Community Education Center, 4584 Vine Hill Road, Excelsior.

**From the Health Office** – Please see the attachment for an update on influenza at Deephaven.

**Get your YEARBOOK!** Order your Deephaven yearbook today for \$28.00! Prices will increase after February 21. Visit [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) and select **Buy Your Yearbook** from the yearbook drop-down menu. Here is the direct link:

[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1128491/Deephaven-Elementary-School/2020-Yearbook/20190910043805893109/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1128491/Deephaven-Elementary-School/2020-Yearbook/20190910043805893109/CATALOG_SHOP/)

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### **PTA PULSE**

We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break with plenty of time to play in the snow, given the relatively mild weather! Now that school is back in session, there are a lot of fun activities to look forward to, including our annual Read-A-Thon, which kicks off in February. See below for a brief snapshot of what the Read-A-Thon is all about.

**PTA Project Spotlight: Read-A-Thon** - One of the most fun ways the PTA fosters academic enrichment with our Deephaven students is through February's Read-A-Thon. From February 1-24, students log their minutes, engage their families and friends in support, and have a lot of fun along the way! With prizes for participation for individuals, classes and the school, it's no surprise that the entire community gets involved! In fact, last year, our school achieved over 75% student participation! Please look for details coming later this month on how your student can READ, READ, READ!

**And if you are ready to think spring, the PTA has been working to reenvision our outdoor classroom** to create a new and inspiring setting for learning. To help get our ideas implemented, we are looking for landscapers and landscaping companies to help in the design and implementation. If you are a landscaper, or have a connection to one who might be willing to support us, please contact our Sponsorship Chair, Jamie Paz, at [jamiehpaz@gmail.com](mailto:jamiehpaz@gmail.com) for details on the bidding process and sponsorship opportunities. **Bids are due January 31, 2020.**