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**THE WINDS**  
**JANUARY 24, 2024**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan. 22-26	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
Jan. 26	<b>No School</b> - Grading/Planning Day
Jan. 31	Wacky Wednesday - Animal Day
Jan. 31	Grade 5 Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Peaceful Bus
Feb. 8	PTA Dad's Night Out at Haskell's, 6-9 p.m.
Feb. 19	<b>No School</b> - Presidents Day
Feb. 1-27	Read-a-Thon

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Paraprofessional Appreciation Week** – This is Paraprofessional Appreciation week at Deephaven. We are acknowledging the helpful role all of our paras play at Deephaven for our students and teachers. They supervise students at recess and in the lunchroom. They also help support students with behavior and academics in the classroom. Please join us in sharing your appreciation for the great work our paras do every day at Deephaven. Thank you, Deephaven paras. You are the best!

**Yearbooks** - Don't forget to order your 2023-2024 yearbook! Grab yours TODAY...prices increase on Saturday 1/27, so order now!

Click [here](#) to order.

Questions? Email [deephavenyearbook1@gmail.com](mailto:deephavenyearbook1@gmail.com)

**Wacky Wednesdays** were created to have fun dressing up at school. This month's Deephaven's Wacky Wednesday's theme is Animal Day. Have your child join in the fun Wednesday, January 31.

**No School Friday, January 26** – Grading/planning day for teachers

**No School on Monday, February 19** – Presidents Day

**Deephaven's Read-A-Thon** is our largest school fundraiser of the year! It is a win-win approach to helping our students by encouraging reading while raising funds for enrichment activities and materials. Please encourage your child to participate in this year's Read-A-Thon.

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**OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus meetings students will be discussing cyber-bullying and cyber safety. This is a good time to review with your child your rules and expectations at home for Internet use.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**“Everyone can be great, because anybody can serve.” Martin Luther King Jr.**

Plan to engage your student or family in service in 2024. The benefits of volunteering are well documented. When children and adults serve others, they feel better physically and emotionally and are much more connected to their communities. When we serve with compassion and empathy, we make this world so much better!

Looking for ways to serve? [Click here](#) for current ideas.

Have more questions about how to connect to resources & opportunities?

Contact Sarah Johnson, Community Service Specialist at Minnetonka Public Schools, [sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org) or 952-401-5766

### [Tonka Chase - Winter Edition](#)

Saturday, Feb 3 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | Minnetonka Community Education Center (4584 Vine Hill Road, Excelsior)  
Competing as teams of two - one adult and one child (grade 2-5) you and your partner will race through the challenging, exciting and chilly scavenger hunt course starting on the campus of the Minnetonka Community Education Center and Deephaven Elementary. [Register here](#)



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## PTA PULSE

**Happy Para Appreciation Week!** The PTA provided a full breakfast for our paraprofessionals on Wednesday January 24th. The teachers have been appreciating them every other day this week. If you see them, say thank you for their awesome work.

**Dad's Night Out is Thursday, February 8** from 6-9 p.m. at Haskell's in Excelsior. Open house style event so come any time and bring a friend. We'll be joined by Groveland Dads as they also want to connect so feel free to invite someone from the broader Minnetonka Elementary school network. Please contact Andy Punch at 612-670-8506 with any questions.

**PJ Day for Dreammakers** - Thank you to all who participated in PJ Day for Dreammakers. We raised a total of \$1,059.13. This money goes to the Minnetonka Foundation to fund grants throughout the district.