



THE WINDS
JANUARY 10, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 10	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony, 8:15 a.m. in the Front Gym
Jan. 12	DreamMakers PJ Day
Jan. 15	No School - MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 18	PTA Mom's Night Out at Cast & Cru
Jan. 22-26	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week
Jan. 26	No School - Grading/Planning Day
Jan. 31	Wacky Wednesday - Animal Day
Jan. 31	Grade 5 Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Incoming Kindergarten Families – Registration materials for residents is due on January 15. Families that are open enrolling must turn in their applications by January 15 as well. Please contact Alexis Beckman at 952-401-4141 or alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

Winter Weather – Students spend 20-30 minutes outside each day at school unless the temperature or wind chill 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. Her email is jessica.thull@minnetonkaschools.org.

Reminder: District Emergency Closing Procedures can be found on our website [here](#).

Nutrition Services Advisory Committee: Hello parents! We are excited to announce that we are creating a Nutrition Advisory Committee to explore our meal programs and services. This is an opportunity to learn about the USDA meal programs and what it means for our district to participate in them. Committee members can add their suggestions, concerns, and ideas for our department as part of their contribution and may also bring additional items to the table that they hear from other district families. Participants for this committee are asked to make a 2-year commitment to monthly meetings held at the District Service Center every second Thursday of the month at 2 PM. Our first meeting will be held February 8, and then we'll meet monthly through May. Please email Jane Bender at jane.bender@minnetonkaschools.org if you are interested in joining us or have any questions about the committee.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will talk about being assertive. We will also discuss how being able to read body language and facial cues can help us understand people, situations, and solutions.

DID YOU KNOW?

[Minnetonka Preschool, ECCE & Junior Explorers Open House](#)

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 | 9:30-11:30 am | Minnetonka Community Education Center (4584 Vine Hill Road, Excelsior)

Tour classrooms, meet the teachers, ask questions, play in the gym, learn about Junior Explorers Childcare, and attend an info session. This event is free of charge and sponsored by Minnetonka Preschool and PTO/ ECCE Advisory Council. Childcare will be provided during each info session. 2024-25 online registration begins Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 am.

[View the catalog here.](#)

Groveland Lost & Found

If your child has been at Groveland for Explorers or basketball, you are welcome to click [here](#) to view their virtual lost & found. To claim items, email emily.westlund@minnetonkaschools.org and she will interoffice it to your child's school office to be returned to your student. Unclaimed items are disposed of every Friday at 10:00 AM. You can save the link and check weekly for new items.

PTA PULSE

PTA Meeting & Social - TONIGHT! Jan 10 7:00-8:30 in the Media Center. Join us in the Media Center to discuss our recent grant process, open volunteer positions for the coming year and preview the read-a-thon. See you there!

Lighthouse Publishing - Jan 11 at 8:15am- The first Lighthouse Publishing event for this school year is here! Ceremony will be on January 11th in the front gym. Celebrate your authors with us.

Dream Makers PJ Day - Friday, Jan 12 Wear your PJs this Friday and bring in a donation of \$1-\$5. Donations benefit Dream Makers - Minnetonka Foundation, a district wide charitable foundation that assists teachers with making their dreams come true towards advancing our students' education in the classroom. Parents - Dream Makers Event is February 3rd. [Get your tickets now!](#)

Bookmark Contest - Next week we'll be kicking off the Read-a-thon with a bookmark contest. Templates will go home on Monday and are due on January 22! One winner will be selected from each grade (K-5). Winning bookmarks will be handed out to students during February's Read-a-Thon.

Talent Show Lead Needed by end of January - We are looking for someone to lead the show! This is a great way to get involved at the school and help our students showcase their specialties! Reach out to communications@deephavenpta.com with questions. We need a volunteer by the end of January, or we'll skip the event for the year.

Mom's Night Out - Jan 18 - 6:00-9:00 at Cast & Cru. Mom's, Grandma's Aunts, Caregivers of any kind - join for a few minutes or to stay for the whole time. It's an easy way to connect with others at the school with no formal agenda. Reach out to sarah@sarahpunch.com with questions.