



THE WINDS
February 22, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1-28	Read-A-Thon
Feb. 22	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character
Feb. 28	Last Day to Order Yearbooks
Feb. 11	Minnetonka Foundation Dream Makers Event
Mar. 2	Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Mar. 2	Tonka Pride Sale - 3:30-7 p.m.
Mar. 3	No School - Conferences
Mar. 3	Read-A-Thon minutes due
Mar. 3	Imagination Fair Registration deadline
Mar. 11	Imagination Fair
Mar. 13-16	World Culture Week
Mar. 16	Family Night Culture Fair (replaces Spring PTA Meeting)
Mar. 31	No School - Planning/Grading Day
Apr. 3-7	No School - Spring Break
May 12	Deephaven Parent Party - 6:30 p.m. at Cast & Cru

*Find the full [Minnetonka calendar on the website](#).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Spring Conferences – Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 2, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (in person) and on Friday, March 3, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (virtually). Our goal is to have all our parents participate. Please work directly with your child's teacher if you would like to meet in person on Friday.

The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is Wednesday, March 1 at 3 p.m.

Parent Input Forms for the 2022-2023 school year will be available during conferences. You may request one from your child's teacher or pick one up in the office. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests.

Yearbook Orders end on February 28. Order a yearbook today so your child will have one on the day they are distributed.

No School on Friday, March 3 - Conferences

Spring Break is the week of April 3-7

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will be talking about friendship. K-2 students will be discussing strategies for initiating play with students, appropriate ways to react to rejection, and roll play taking turns and sharing. 3-5 students will talk about ways to be a good friend and practice friendship related skills such as joining a conversation and sharing.

PTA PULSE

The weather is keeping us on our toes! And perhaps giving us more time to rack up those Read-A-Thon minutes! Hope everyone is staying warm and safe. Questions about the PTA - reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com.

World Culture Week - Mar 13-17

In March, we will be celebrating World Culture Week with the theme of "We are Deephaven." To help celebrate, the Deephaven PTA is building a flag display to represent and celebrate our collective heritage: students, staff and administration. We will also be hosting a **Family Night Culture Fair on Thursday March 16th from 4:00-6:00**. Families are welcome to host a table or just enjoy the celebration. Tables will celebrate cultures and countries that resonate with our Deephaven families. Join us for crafts, bites, music, and more as we share what makes us special. Mark your calendars and think about what aspect of your family's culture you'd like to share! For more details on the flag display, and the Culture Fair check your child's folder or RSVP [here](#).

Tonka Pride Sales - Mar 2 3:30-7:00 We will be hosting a Tonka Pride pop-up sale in the front lobby during conferences on Thursday March 2nd. Show your school pride with clothing and accessories featuring the Tonka logo and colors. A portion of the profits comes back to support the Deephaven PTA.

Imagination Fair - Mar 11 The Imagination Fair is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone. **Registration via [Google Form](#) due Friday 3/3**. Questions? Contact Jane Sladky-Valley at jsladkyvalley@gmail.com.

Art Adventure 2023 - Spring 23 - Parent Volunteers Needed

Be a part of this amazing partnership with MIA. Students in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade will be presented with approximately 6 art works from the Amazing Animals in Art set between March and the beginning of May. **Volunteers needed to come to the classroom to discuss the pieces using posters and other tools.** Details and sign up here: [DeePhaven Elementary PTA - ART Adventure 2023 \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](https://deephavenpta.org/membershiptoolkit)

READ-A-THON WEEK #4! FEBRUARY 1-28

"Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Readers"

It's the last full week of February's Read-A-Thon, and students are almost at the end of this month's reading marathon! Top off your hot cocoa, settle down in a comfy corner, and grab a gripping read – we'll see you at the finish line on February 28th!

It's not too late to register and start reading!

Register your child today: <https://pledgestar.com/deePhaven/>

LOG YOUR MINUTES BY MARCH 3RD!

Log your minutes in <https://pledgestar.com/deePhaven/> and earn prizes!

Reading minutes count from February 1st - February 28th

Minutes must be entered into Pledgestar by **Friday, March 3rd**!

Week #4 Results

- **There are 602 students participating!** Students have earned popcorn and a movie day!
- **Students have read a total of 400,000 minutes!** We need **another 235,000 minutes** so that our teachers and staff get slimed! If each student reads 60 minutes a day, we'll reach our goal!
- We're at 75% of our goal to raise \$60,000! **Will you help us raise \$15,000?**
- Proceeds from the Read-A-Thon fund **more than half of the PTA's activities** including teacher grants, school supplies, math and reading programs, field trips and more. You can post donation requests on social media, donate, or send out pledge requests at <https://pledgestar.com/deephaven/>
- *Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **Sophia E.**, from Sra. Burgos' Fifth grade class!*

Students who secure \$100 in pledges by Friday, March 3rd will receive their own bottle of slime to help slime staff members when we hit our goal of 635,000 reading minutes.

Dress up as your favorite book character this week during Wacky Wednesday! Classes with 50% participation will be entered into a raffle for a class pizza party!

Questions? Please visit <https://www.deephavenreadathon.com/> **or email** deephavenreadathon@gmail.com **for more information!**