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AROUND MINNETONKA

FALL 2022

NEWS FROM MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MINNETONKA SCHOOLS CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

Homecoming is an exciting time for the Minnetonka community to come together as a District, and from September 19-24, Skippers of all ages enjoyed the variety of events that took place throughout the festive, weeklong celebration.

"I love everything about Homecoming," said Karianna Lien, a Minnetonka High School senior representative for the school's student government. "My favorite part is just seeing the community come together and celebrate Minnetonka for what it is."

From themed school spirit days, the annual a Powder Puff football game, pep fest and dance at Minnetonka High School to the parade in Excelsior and Friday night football game, there were many opportunities for students and community members to connect and participate.

The Minnetonka Alumni Association and Minnetonka Schools also hosted the 13th annual Alumni Awards Brunch on Saturday, September 24. Read more about this year's honorees by visiting <https://bit.ly/3RfP66T>

To see a video recapping the celebration and to find more details about the festivities, visit <https://bit.ly/MtkaHomecoming2022>

Go Skippers!



- 1: Students celebrate at the annual Homecoming parade in Excelsior.
- 2: MHS Homecoming Royalty greet the crowds from their parade car.
- 3: The Skippers beat Champlin Park 20-9 in the Homecoming game.

MINNETONKA SCHOOLS IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2022

- 1.....Two-Hour Late Start K-12
- 3.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8.....Election Day
- 10.....End of 1st Quarter
- 11.....No School K-12, Planning and Grading/PLC
- 14.....2nd Quarter Begins
- 15.....Celebration of Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 17.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m.
- 24-25.No School K-12, District Office Closed, Thanksgiving Break

School Board Election on Nov. 8

This year, there is a School Board election for one seat, for a one-year term. Find the details online: minnetonkaschools.org/elections

DECEMBER 2022

- 1.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9-10.....Tonka Pride Sale, DSC
- 15.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m.
- 22-30.No School K-12, Winter Break
- 23-26.District Office Closed

JANUARY 2023

- 2.....No School and District Office Closed, New Year's Day Observed
- 5.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.*
- 15.....Kindergarten Registration Deadline
- 16.....No School, District Office Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 19.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m.*
- 26.....2nd Quarter Ends
- 27.....No School K-12, Planning and Grading/PLC
- 30.....3rd Quarter Begins

* Note: these meeting dates and times are tentative

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Superintendent David
Law on Instagram, too!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT



**FOLLOW THE STEPS
TO ENROLL FOR
THE 2023-24
SCHOOL YEAR**

Did you know? Even if you have other children attending school in Minnetonka, you must complete the steps to enroll your child in Kindergarten. Begin with the online form at minnetonkaschools.org/enroll-now.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE - JANUARY 15, 2023

Resident families: The priority deadline for resident online enrollment is January 15, 2023. *What does priority mean?* Families must make an important decision for their Kindergarten: English language instruction (all elementary schools), Chinese language Immersion (Excelsior and Scenic Heights elementary schools) or Spanish language Immersion (Deephaven, Clear Springs, Groveland and Minnewashta elementary schools). Your first choice of language and school are given **priority** when you register by January 15. After that date, your first-choice schools or programs may be filled.

Open-enrolled families: The state deadline for Open Enrollment applications is January 15, 2023. There are several steps in the approval process, which are outlined at minnetonkaschools.org/oe-checklist. Families that submit an Open Enrollment application will be notified regarding enrollment by February 15, 2023. At that time, families will be asked to complete the approved Open Enrollment registration form.

DISTRICT OF CHOICE

Minnetonka Public Schools is among the best-performing school districts, not just in Minnesota, but across the nation. Starting in Kindergarten, our primary goal is to inspire the love of learning in

children through academic, social and emotional teaching strategies. Our curriculum balances active, playful, hands-on learning with individual, small- and large-group instruction designed to nurture early academic skills and promote social development. Throughout the grade levels, our innovative programs and extensive supports help each student succeed:

- Personalized, child-centered education
- Caring support to promote student well-being
- K-5 computer coding
- Unique programs for advanced learners in elementary school: Navigators, Wings, project-based learning and accelerated math and reading
- Before- and after-school childcare in our Explorers Program: minnetonkaschools.org/explorers

INFORMATION EVENTS HAPPENING SOON!

Register online for a Kindergarten information event to let us know you'll join us: minnetonkaschools.org/info-night

Location	Events in November and December 2022
Clear Springs Elementary 952-401-6950	December 6: In-Person Information Night, 6pm December 8: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Deephaven Elementary 952-401-6900	December 1: Preschool Story Hour, 9am December 8: In-Person Information Night, 6pm
Excelsior Elementary 952-401-5650	November 4: Preschool Story Hour, 9am December 6: In-Person Information Night (Immersion), 6pm December 8: Virtual Information Night (English Program), 6pm
Groveland Elementary 952-401-5600	November 15: Preschool Story Hour, 10am December 6: In-Person Information Night, 6pm December 8: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Minnewashta Elementary 952-401-5500	December 6: In-Person Information Night, 6pm December 8: In-Person Information Night, 6pm
Scenic Heights Elementary 952-401-5400	November 10: Preschool Story Hour, 9:30am December 6: Virtual Information Night, 6pm December 8: In-Person Information Night, 6pm
Tonka Online 952-283-8126	December 6: Virtual Information Night, 4:30pm

MESSAGE from the Superintendent

Greetings! I am David Law, Superintendent of Minnetonka Schools. I've been with the district for about three months now, and I continue to be impressed each day by our students, teachers and staff, my fellow administrators, our School Board and the parents and community. There is so much support for this wonderful school district, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

It is the time of year when parents of soon-to-be Kindergarteners begin to think about which district their child should attend. That first year of school marks a milestone for both child and family. As both a parent and now as a grandparent, I can appreciate the breadth of emotions that parents feel. Here in Minnetonka, we take pride in providing excellent educational opportunities to meet the needs of each learner.

To new families considering Minnetonka, I encourage you to spend time reviewing the opportunities available for students at the elementary level and also across our K-12 system and to talk with our teachers, our administrators and with other parents in the district.

Whether you are a current resident, a current Minnetonka Schools family or a prospective member of our school district, please know that both our school board and I are committed to continued excellence. Expect the district to continue innovating, shaping our programming to match research-based practices and the future needs of our students. When you join Minnetonka, you are joining a system that will continue to lead the way in public education.

For the year ahead, we are focused on ensuring we are meeting the unique learning needs of each student and providing support for students below, at and above grade level in reading and mathematics. We are committed to ensuring every student feels welcome and a sense of belonging in our schools. And, we are focused on literacy, as we know how important it is for every student to be confident in their reading skills to be successful in school and in life.

Thank you to all who put their trust in us to do what's best for kids. We take that responsibility very seriously. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead and hope I have the opportunity to meet each of you!

David Law, JD
Superintendent of Schools

