



**Deephaven Elementary**  
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**THE WINDS**  
**November 9, 2022**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Nov. 7-11 School Psychology Awareness Week  
Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Assemble 9 a.m.  
Nov. 11 **No School** – Grading/Planning Day  
Nov. 16 Deephaven Dads Night Out  
Nov. 17 Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony 9:15 a.m.  
Nov. 22 Picture Retake Day (rescheduled for this date, see note below)  
Nov. 24/25 **No School – Thanksgiving Break**  
Nov. 30 Wacky Wednesday: PJ Day  
Dec. 1 Preschool Story Hour, 9 a.m. in the Media Center  
Dec. 8 Kindergarten Information Session, 6-7 p.m. in the Front Gym  
Dec. 22-Jan.2 **No School – Winter Break**

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**No School on Friday** – Professional Learning Communities and Grading and Planning

**Fundraiser for Florida School** – Last week Deephaven students raised over \$1,500 for an elementary school in Florida impacted by Hurricane Ian. This money will be used to help students and families with school related items. Thank you so much for supporting our fundraiser!

**Veteran's Day Assembly tomorrow** - Deephaven will honor veterans and active servicemen and women during our annual Veteran's Day assembly. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will lead us in the Flag Ceremony and we will all *recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*. Mrs. Anderson will lead us in the singing of the National Anthem, students will have speaking parts in the assembly, and a video of pictures submitted by our students of the veterans they know and love, as well as pictures of students in front of important national and state monuments honoring veterans, will all take place tomorrow. Thank you to Deephaven parent, Marta Chou for heading up this important school event.

**Picture Retake Day** Due to shipping delays at Strawbridge, we anticipate school pictures will be sent home to families on Friday, November 18. Picture Retake Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 22. Watch for a separate email communication next week.

**Do you have an incoming Kindergartener for the 2023-24 school year? Registration is open now!**

Kindergarten enrollment for 2023-24 is available now for in-district and open-enrolled families! Visit [minnetonkaschools.org/enroll](https://minnetonkaschools.org/enroll) to discover more, register for a Kindergarten Information Night or Preschool Story Hour, and begin the enrollment process.

All families, resident and open enrolled, must complete the steps to register your child for Kindergarten for the 2023-24 academic year by January 15, 2023, even if you have other children attending schools in the District.

**Deephaven Preschool Story Hour** is Thursday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Deephaven Media Center. Parents of incoming K students are invited to attend with their child. The children will be read stories by our Queen of Kindergarten while parents learn about Deephaven Elementary.

**Deephaven Kindergarten Information Night** is on Thursday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Deephaven front gym. Incoming K parents will learn about our kindergarten options. This event is for the parents only. [RSVP to Preschool Story Hour and Kindergarten Information Night](#)

**School Board's Belonging Goal in action at Deephaven** – Our Belonging efforts are to ensure all students and families feel welcome at Deephaven. To address this goal, some of our efforts include our daily Responsive Classroom Morning Meetings in each classroom, our school-wide news broadcast put on by our fifth graders, our upcoming Peaceful Bus event where bus drivers meet with their students to learn more about each other and to build a relationship, the September pizza dinner, our community connection at Stratford Woods Apartments, our M & M mentor/mentee program for students to connect with a caring staff member, our focus on cultural awareness including this month's focus on Native American Heritage month, and more. We are committed to making sure each student and families feels a sense of belonging at Deephaven.

**Reading at home for 20-30 minutes each night** is a requirement of all Deephaven students. Focus on your child's interest areas if they are a reluctant reader. Students may break up their reading time into two or three blocks which could include before school, after school, and before bedtime. Parents may also read to their child or alternate the reading of pages. Please help us promote literacy by helping your child build this routine into his/her day.

**Thanksgiving Break – November 24-27.**

**No Winds** on Wednesday, November 23.

**Wacky Wednesday** – Our next Wacky Wednesday is November 30. The dress up day is Pajama Day.

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are discussing how to create a positive classroom. What does a positive classroom look like, sound like and feel like? Ask your child what he or she can do to help create a positive classroom.

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### **PTA PULSE**

With this beautiful weather, can you believe it's November!?

Questions, comments or ideas on how to make Deephaven even more incredible? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com)

**Veterans Day TOMORROW** - We are still recruiting veterans and active servicemen and women for the All-School Veterans Day Assembly and classroom visits. Email Marta Chou [martachou@hotmail.com](mailto:martachou@hotmail.com) for details.

**Lighthouse Publishing DUE TOMORROW, November 10th!** Grades 2-5 are invited to write their poems, short stories, comic strips, etc. [Template](#) is required for submissions. Email submissions to: [deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com](mailto:deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com). Thank you and happy writing! Ceremony date: Thursday, November 17, 9:15 a.m.

**Dads Night Out** -- Calling all dads to November Deephaven Dads Night Out Wednesday, November 16th at Haskell's Port in Excelsior. No agenda -- just connection and fun! Questions? Contact Andy Punch at [andrew@andrewpunch.com](mailto:andrew@andrewpunch.com)