

**THE WINDS**  
**JANUARY 19, 2022**

**Important Dates**

January 21	NO SCHOOL
January 24	NO SCHOOL – Grading and Planning
January 26	Wacky Wednesday: Fancy Day
February 1-28	Read-A-Thon
February 9	Student Leadership
February 18	E-LEARNING DAY/2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE (School 8-12:40)
February 21	NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day
February 23	Student Leadership
February 23	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character Day
March 19	Imagination Fair (more information below)

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Wacky Wednesdays** were created to have fun dressing up at school. Next Wednesday, Deephaven's Wacky Wednesday's theme is to dress fancy. Have your child join in the fun next Wednesday for Fancy Day at Deephaven.

**PTA Meeting Tonight – Virtual.** The Deephaven PTA is having a virtual PTA meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. Click on this link to join the meeting:  
<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8a6654cf/iDXAJxZISEqLyalBLwOOOrA?u=https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87914249262?pwd=cVYyL01uTkxhOHItaWVqQkxuQ2Z4Zz09>

**Black History Month** - Well-known storyteller and local legend Nothando Zulu will be joining Deephaven virtually to kick off Black History Month. Nothondo has reached thousands with her lively and engaging storytelling style since she started performing in 1977. As a child she was telling traditional tales in her school in Virginia at the age of 8. Her stories truly bear witness to her rural, southern background. She performs for all ages and sizes of audiences, big or small. Years of performance earned Nothando the distinguished title of a Master Storyteller, and her skill and technique shines clearly as she captivates audiences. She is the President and Director of Black Storytellers Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining the oral storytelling tradition as practiced by African people in the Diaspora.

**COVID Update** – We continue to utilize our COVID mitigation strategies at Deephaven. With the current surge in Omicron infections, please closely monitor your child's health and keep your child home from

school if he/she exhibits any of the symptoms. Your child's safety is our highest priority and we will continue to make Deephaven a safe place for children to attend school.

**NO SCHOOL Friday.** Students will not have school on Friday. Teachers will be available virtually to support students in need of extra support this Friday. Be sure to contact your child's teacher to express a need for the teacher to meet with your child on Friday.

**Childcare on Friday** is available to families in need of supervision for their child/ren. Please complete the [this Google form](#) or contact the main office if you plan on sending your child to school on Friday. Childcare will be supervised by paraprofessionals and we will continue to run the regular bus routes and serve lunch. Due to limited para staffing, only students in need of childcare should be registered.

**No School Monday** – There will be no school or childcare on Monday, January 24. Monday is a grading and planning day for teachers.

**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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#### **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

Due to high numbers of students within the district testing positive for COVID during this Omicron surge, we are temporarily pausing our practice of sending out close-contact notifications. Please assume that during this statewide rise in cases, students could possibly be exposed to COVID at school, just like they could be when out in public spaces within the community. All other mitigation measures at school such as masks, HEPA filters, social distancing, etc. remain in place.

We ask that you continue to monitor your student for symptoms. Even if they only have one minor symptom, we strongly suggest getting them tested right away and notifying the School Nurse of any positive results.

#### **Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests**

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

Click the link to order:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/2e170459/sZIBGjSS8k6FHJFw3wEfaQ?u=https://special.usps.com/testkits>

**\*Just a reminder: home rapid antigen tests do not get students out of quarantine sooner or back to school if symptomatic.**

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## OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus Classroom Meetings we will be talking about effective communication, both how to listen well to what another person is saying and getting your message across in a respectful manner.

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## PTA PULSE

Brrrr—We hope you're bundled up and staying warm this short week! We also really hope you join us tonight for the online PTA Meeting. We would love for you to be involved. Reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter, at [sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com](mailto:sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com) for more details on the PTA. For volunteer opportunities, see membership toolkit and the DEVO e-blast.

### Upcoming Key Dates

Jan 19 - PTA Meeting 6:30 *online*

Jan 20 - Book Character Art Entries due

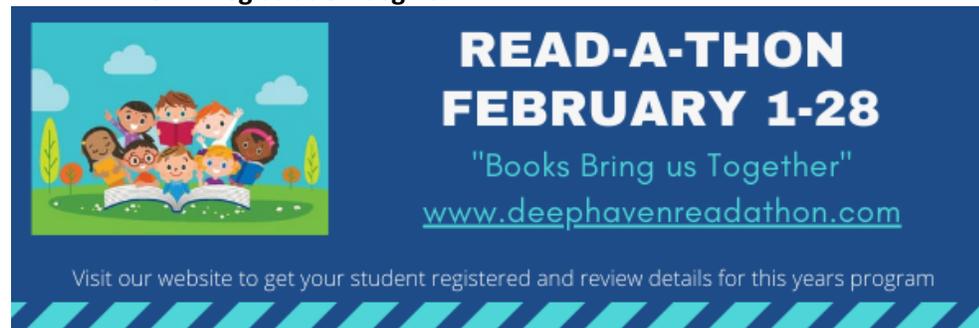
Jan 24-28 Para Appreciation Week

Feb 1-28 Read-a-Thon

Mar 19 - Imagination Fair

**PTA MEETING ONLINE January 19th** - Join us online tonight from 6:30-8:00. Learn what's happening around the school, find ways to plug in to our parent community, hear from PTA leadership, Principal Bryan McGinley and Counselor Troy Dvorak. Join [Zoom Meeting](#).

### READ-A-THON - Registration begins!

A promotional banner for the Read-A-Thon event. On the left, there is an illustration of a diverse group of children of various ethnicities and ages gathered around an open book, reading together in a grassy field under a blue sky with clouds. To the right of the illustration, the text reads: "READ-A-THON FEBRUARY 1-28" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, in a smaller font, it says "Books Bring us Together" and provides the website "www.deephavenreadathon.com". At the bottom of the banner, in a smaller white font, it says "Visit our website to get your student registered and review details for this years program". The banner has a dark blue background with a decorative border at the bottom consisting of diagonal stripes in shades of blue and white.

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Read-a-Thon [Registration Link](#)

### READ-A-THON - Draw Your Favorite Book Character contest

As school has been cancelled this Friday, January 21, we'd like to extend the Book Character Art Contest to Tuesday, January 25th. Students can turn in their entries through Tuesday, January 25th. If they need another copy of the template, they can email [deephavenreadathon@gmail.com](mailto:deephavenreadathon@gmail.com)