



THE WINDS DECEMBER 1, 2021

Important Dates

December 1 Student Leadership Meeting

December 6-10 Book Fair

December 9 Kindergarten Information Night (In-person, 6:30 p.m.)

December 15 Dream Makers Dress Up & PJ Day
December 15 Student Leadership Meeting

December 16 Kindergarten Information Night (Virtual, 6:30 p.m.)

December 22 5th Grade Winter Party

Dec 23-Jan 2 WINTER BREAK (last day Dec. 22 – first day back Jan. 3)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome Back! I hope you and your family had a nice Thanksgiving together!

Student Pick Up Reminder -

Arrival Times:

2:30 Parents with a child in kindergarten or first grade and those with siblings in 2nd – 5th grade.

2:35 Parents with a child in grade 2 or 3.

2:40 Parents with a child in grades 4 or 5.

Arriving before your designated time slows our line down since we are dismissing grade levels at different times.

COVID-19 has created a lot of change for all of us, including our kids. I have included a link to a good article on helping children cope with changes resulting from COVID-19. The article is from the National Association of School Psychologists.

Helping Children Cope with Changes Resulting from COVID-19

DID YOU KNOW?

Dream Makers Dress Up & PJ Day is Wednesday, December 15th. Students are asked to bring a donation of \$1-\$5 for the Minnetonka Foundation on Dress Up/PJ Day or send Venmo to @Paula-Madel. The money collected will be used to purchase an item to be auctioned off at the 2022 Dream Makers

event. The funds raised at the event go toward supporting our Minnetonka students. A donation is not required for students to participate in Dress Up/PJ Day.

LIGHTHOUSE PUBLISHING - Our 2nd Lighthouse Publishing writing session for the 2021-2022 school year is approaching. Don't forget to buy your books from our awesome Book Fair... then it's time to write your own book! And, you have lots of time to write, when you are on your Winter Break!

Submissions can be stories, comics, poems, journal entries, etc. Please be sure to type your entry, using this template.

The writing submission dates are as follows:

- Writing submissions due Friday, January 7th
- Publishing Ceremony Wednesday, January 19th

BONUS!! The class with the most Lighthouse Publishing authors will receive a class pizza party lunch!

Please submit your writing entries in the template attached. When complete, please submit your stories (in a Word or PDF format, not a google-doc please), to the following email: deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Deephaven Lighthouse Publishing program!
Happy Writing!
Sandy Dostal
Lighthouse Publishing Chairperson



OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will be practicing how to assert themselves in a confident way. Ask your child how this should be done.

PTA PULSE

It's hard to believe December is here! Thanks for keeping us in mind as we head into the hustle and bustle of the holidays! We'd love to have you join Deephaven's PTA. Reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter, at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com to get involved. For more volunteer opportunities, see the Deephaven Elementary Volunteer Opportunity (DEVO) e-blast and membership toolkit for a full list of current volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Key Dates

Dec 6-10 Scholastic Book Fair - Media Center

Dec 8 Deephaven Dads Night Out - 6 to 9 pm Chanhassen Brewing Company

Dec 10, 11 Tonka Pride Sale - District Service Center

Dec 17 Glove Drive ends

Scholastic Book Fair "Books Bring Us Together" - Dec 6 - 10

The book fair is next week! Did you know that the Book Fair is actually a fundraiser for the PTA? For every purchase you make, a portion of the proceeds comes back to the PTA and is used to help fund books for classroom libraries and our media center as well as teacher grants.

To make purchases, you can send your child to school with cash or fund an eWallet through Scholastic. Creating an eWallet is easy - just visit our Book Fair homepage: <u>DEEPHAVEN BOOK FAIR</u>. Please also consider funding your teacher's eWallet to build your classroom library. If you are interested in shopping the book fair in person, families are welcome to visit the fair Tuesday & Wednesday after school from 3:00-6:00.

We had over 200 bookmark entries this year! They were so fantastic that we've decided to display them outside of the Media Center during the Scholastic Book Fair! Come check them out! Congrats also to the seven winners of the bookmark contest! Want to see the winning bookmarks? They'll be on display in the Media Center. And the first 70 people to make purchases at the Book Fair will receive a "sneak-peek" winning bookmark to take home with them!

Winners by grade:

RSK - Thomas Burns (Nagel)

K - Brooklyn Bykowski (Kohrs)

1st - Axel Luna-Garcia (Schommer)

2nd - Brenda Robles (Renz and Bailey)

3rd - James Abraham (Dahlbacka)

4th - Mason Blair (Dickinsen)

5th - Maggie Long (Loynachan)

Deephaven Dads Night Out - **Dec 8** - Join us for another Deephaven Dads' Night Out on Wednesday, Dec 8th from 6pm - 9pm at Chanhassen Brewing Company. Connect with fellow Dads of Deephaven. For any questions, please contact Andy Punch at andrew@andrewpunch.com.

The Tonka Pride Winter Sale is coming up soon! - Visit the sale **Dec 10 from 1-7pm and Dec 11 from 8am-1pm** at the District Service Center. Tonka gear makes great holiday gifts, and a portion of all sales

comes back to our school. The sale is a great opportunity to outfit your family in Tonka gear and support our school!

2021 Share the gLOVE Drive! - Ends Dec 17

Support the PTA Green Team's efforts to help others stay warm this winter by donating new or gently used mittens and gloves. Place items in the lobby bin next to the bookcase now until December 17th.

Kindness CARES Program - **January** - **May.** Volunteers are needed to help teach lessons on Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self Control. We are currently recruiting volunteers to facilitate these lessons in their child's classrooms, January - May 2022. These 5 lessons are designed to take 20-30 minutes each and support the school's social learning and Olweus anti-bullying programs. Lessons are planned and emailed out to you in advance, and all supplies are provided, so minimal advance preparation is needed. Sign up on Membership Toolkit, and please reach out to Rebecca Anderson (rconn229@gmail.com) with any questions.