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**THE WINDS**  
**MARCH 23, 2022**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Mar. 28-Apr. 1 Spring Break  
April 4 No School – Planning/Grading Day  
April 6 Student Leadership  
April 8 Lighthouse Publishing submissions due  
April 18 E-LEARNING DAY  
April 20 Student Leadership  
April 21 Spring Pictures  
April 27 Wacky Wednesday: Silly Sock & Hair Day  
April 25-29 Kindness Week  
April 29 Talent Show at Excelsior Elementary

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**MCA Testing** takes place in April for students in **grades 3-5**. Listed below are the testing windows for each grade level. Please keep in mind that proper sleep and good nutrition are extra helpful during testing weeks. Your child's teacher will provide you with further testing details.

**MCA Testing Schedule**

Math: April 11-14 (Grades 3-5)  
Reading: April 19-21 (Grades 3-5)  
Science: April 26 (Grade 5 only)

**Update your child's iPad** - MCAs are approaching, and we learned that Test Nav will not run on the former operating system. The tech department recently communicated to families/students about updating their iPads to the latest OS version. Please take time to update your child's iPad to the latest operating system.

**Parent Input Forms** You may complete a Parent Input form and return it to your child's teacher. Forms are available in the office. The deadline to turn in your form is **Friday, March 25**. We will do our best to take your input into consideration as we build class lists for next year. We do not guarantee that we can accommodate all requests due to the difficult task of creating balanced classrooms.

**Spring Break is the week of March 28 – April 1**

**No School Monday, April 4 – Grading/Planning Day**

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will continue talking about friendship. K-2 students will be making a paper chain with ideas of how to be friendly to everyone one in class. 3-5 students will do a self-reflection about friends that they have made so far this year and how they can make new friends.

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### **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

Unfortunately, we are seeing more illness lately at Deephaven Elementary. Whether you enter your child's absence into Skyward, email in to [DHE.HealthOffice@MinnetonkaSchools.org](mailto:DHE.HealthOffice@MinnetonkaSchools.org) or call in to the attendance line at 952-401-6904, please be sure to specify what type of symptoms your child is having. Here's a list of some symptoms we would especially want to know about: fever (and how high their temperature got), cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, congestion or runny nose. This type of information will help us much more than reporting "ill," "not feeling well" or "has a cold" and will likely decrease the number of phone calls, messages or emails from us. Please also continue to notify the Health Office if your child tests positive for COVID, influenza, strep throat or any other communicable disease. Thanks so much for your help!

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Spring Pictures** – Save the date! Spring Pictures will be offered on April 21 8am-12pm. Watch for order forms to be brought home about 2 weeks ahead of time. More information coming soon!

### **You're Invited - Parent/Child Magical Garden Dance!**

*Saturday, April 9 from 6:30-8:30pm at Ridgedale Center*

Families with elementary children are invited to join the Minnetonka Public Schools Foundation for a Magical Garden Dance on Saturday, April 9 from 6:30-8:30. This fun event hosted at Ridgedale Center will include a live DJ, refreshments, a photo booth, swag bag, crafts, games and more! Tickets are \$35 for a parent/child pair and \$15 each for additional children. Buy tickets soon, as they will not be sold at the door! All proceeds benefit the foundation.

Learn more and register now on the Minnetonka Public Schools Foundation website: <https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/partners/minnetonka-foundation/events/magical-garden-dance>

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### **PTA PULSE**

Spring is going to be busy and fun at Deephaven Elementary. If you're interested in volunteering with the PTA reach out to Amanda Sutter ([sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com](mailto:sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com)) to get involved.

### Upcoming Key Dates

Apr 8 Lighthouse publishing due  
Apr 12-13 Talent Show Preview Day  
Apr 25-29 Kindness Week  
Apr 28 Student Art Exhibition  
Apr 29 Talent Show - Excelsior Elementary  
May 21 Deephaven Parent Party

**DEI Survey - We need your input!** Please take 15 minutes to tell us how well you think Deephaven Elementary is doing with making students, families, teachers, and staff feel safe, welcome, included and valued in our school community. This [survey](#) will be open through March 31. Survey results will help inform diversity, equity & inclusion work at our school. Questions? Contact our DEI committee leads Betsy Chin ([betsyjchin@gmail.com](mailto:betsyjchin@gmail.com)) or Hilary Cheeley ([hilary.cheeley@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.cheeley@gmail.com)).

**Talent Show – April 29** We're looking for musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, talents *of all kinds*! All **3rd-5th grade students** are invited to participate in solo or group acts (90 seconds max). Act previews are required and will be held **Tue, April 12 from 5-8pm** and **Wed, April 13 from 4-7pm** at Deephaven Elementary. Please [sign up for an Act Preview spot](#). Contact Betsy Chin ([betsyjchin@gmail.com](mailto:betsyjchin@gmail.com)) if you have questions or would like to help.

**5th Grade Talent Show Finale Lead Needed** - It's been a long-standing Deephaven tradition for our 5th graders to perform a show-stopping group number for the Talent Show Finale. We are seeking a 5th grade parent volunteer to help continue this tradition. Please contact Betsy Chin ([betsyjchin@gmail.com](mailto:betsyjchin@gmail.com)) if you can help!

**Student Art Exhibition - April 28th 5:00-7:00.** Student art will be displayed throughout the school and there will be make-and-take art stations for kids to enjoy. Stop by for as little or as long you'd like!

**Amazon Smile** - Amazon has already donated over \$2,500 to our school PTA. Help us double their contribution by signing up for Amazon smile! 0.5% of your Amazon purchase dollars will automatically go to the Deephaven PTA. It's easy to sign up on your computer:

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. In top right corner, click on drop arrow under "Accounts and Lists"
3. Click on Amazon Smile
4. Sign up and select Deephaven Elementary PTA (Wayzata MN) as your charity
5. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) every time you shop on amazon for the school to receive the 0.5% donation.

### Deephaven Parent Party - Committee Members Needed

To make our event as fun as possible, and to raise big \$ for our school, we are looking for more committee members. If you love fundraising or event planning, please join us! [SIGN UP to volunteer](#). Please reach out to Deephaven Parent Party Co-Chairs Polly Madsen at [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com) or Stephanie Powell at [marystephanie@gmail.com](mailto:marystephanie@gmail.com).

### Lighthouse Publishing - Submissions due Friday April 8th.

Write a short story, comic strip, poem, journal... you decide! **1st Graders are invited to this session.**

Entries must be submitted using the [Lighthouse Publishing Template](#), and emailed to: [deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com](mailto:deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com).

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