



WINDS
OCTOBER 5, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 10-14 Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Oct. 10-14 Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week
- Oct. 11 [Mom's Night Out](#)
- Oct. 12 Bike & Walk to School Day
- Oct. 13 Grade 5 Kindness Retreat (rescheduled for this date)
- Oct. 13 Conferences 3-7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 School Pictures, 4-7 p.m. in the Media Center
- Oct. 14 Conferences 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 14 School Pictures 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. in the Media Center
- Oct. 20-21 No School - MEA

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Conference Times and Dates:

Thursday, October 13, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - In-person conferences

Friday, October 14, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – In-person and Google Meet conferences

School pictures will take place during Conferences on October 13 and 14.

Oct. 13 School Pictures, 4-7 p.m. (Media Center)

Oct. 14 School Pictures 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. (Media Center)

**Picture Retake Day is Friday, November 18.*

Order forms will be sent home this week, or you may order online at

<http://www.strawbridge.net> and enter code: FM388566.

The Deephaven Daily Report begins after MEA. Fifth grade students produce and deliver our daily news show for our school. The Deephaven Daily Report takes place every morning at 8:04 a.m. and is watched by each classroom. The broadcast begins with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by school news and the daily weather report. New this year is a weekly segment introducing a different staff member each week.

Conferences are set and we are looking forward to this important time for parents and teachers to connect. At this time, it is too difficult for our teachers to manage last minute changes from in-person to virtual. Your scheduled conference is the one that will be offered.

Change in plans? Please contact your child's teacher **prior to 2:00 p.m.** if you have a change in your child's end-of-the-day plans.

Deephaven is Hiring! We have lunch/recess para openings. These positions are from 10:15-1:15 daily. Contact Josh Jansen if you have an interest in this position and would like to learn more about it. Josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org

Birthday Parties – We ask that you please avoid asking teachers to send out invitations at school to birthday parties. Students also need to go home after school and then be transported to the party. We appreciate your help in this area so we can avoid creating the feeling of being left out on the part of other students.

No School on Friday, October 14 due to parent/teacher conferences.

No School on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 22 (MEA).

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom lessons students will talk about the different “hot spots” in our building where bullying or exclusion may take place. They will brainstorm solutions to help these places make students feel welcome and to promote inclusion. Students will use social behavior mapping to talk about expected and unexpected behavior in the hallway and how that makes others feel.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Being back at school (with relaxed social distancing) allows our kids to rekindle their friendships and spend more time in closer proximity. As a result, students will be sharing all the usual viruses (strep, influenza, etc.) and unfortunately, lice.

Things you & your child can do to help:

- **Viruses:** Continue frequent, thorough handwashing (20 sec.) with soap/water or hand sanitizer if soap/water is not available. Cover coughs and avoid touching your nose & mouth.
- **Lice:** Head lice is rarely spread at school. It is usually spread by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact and less frequently by sharing clothing or belongings. Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (slumber parties, play dates, camps, etc.). Don't share personal items (hats, combs, brushes, towels). Check your child's head at least once a month.

Doing these things can lessen the spread of viruses/lice in our community.

As Halloween approaches please keep in mind our **NO NUTS** policy. Halloween can be a difficult time for students with life threatening food allergies. We would like to encourage you to consider non-food treats for Halloween. Dairy, peanuts and tree nuts tend to be found in many types of chocolates and other candies. Please read all labels carefully before you send any food/ candy items to school. 🗑️

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that your acts of kindness likely have a greater impact than you think? A recent [scientific study](#) confirmed that people who perform acts of kindness underestimate the happiness their gesture brings their recipients! Recipients feel a heightened sense of happiness when they know someone did something kind to benefit them. They are also more likely to perform their own acts of kindness after they have been a recipient of a generous act. Try building volunteering and short service activities into your schedule. Help a neighbor with an outdoor project, make a card for someone at a senior residence, or clean up trash in a local park. When we model this behavior and engage our children, it really does have an impact! Need ideas on new ways to serve others? Visit tonkaserves.org or email **Sarah Johnson, Community Service Specialist**, sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org

PTA PULSE

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came out this past Friday for our Fall Pizza Party -- what a wonderful way to kick-off the year TOGETHER, OUTSIDE, with a record turnout of over 500 members of our school community! From the delicious pizza donated by **Jets Pizza** to the craveable bundt cakes donated by **Nothing Bundt Cakes**, to the refreshing bottled waters from **Lunds & Byerly's** (needed after all that dancing!), fun was had by all. A special thank you to Pizza Party co-chairs Sarah Min and Kelli Deeg for their strong leadership to kick off the year so well!

With the fun of the pizza party in our rear-view, **now is the time to for you to lean in to help build our school community.** We have many more volunteer needs open in the coming weeks. Please volunteer to make a difference. Detail on current volunteer needs can be found below and on [Membership Toolkit](#)

Questions, comments or ideas? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com

Urgent Volunteer Needs -- How can you lean in with an hour or more of your time?

- **Picture Day (Oct 13-14)** – Smile! We need folks to help kids navigate through the school picture process. **Please help if you can, we have no volunteers yet.** [Details & Sign up here.](#)
- **Weekly Art Department Volunteering** - Flexible opportunities available to support the art department. Teacher Reid Anderson needs assistance to help with photographing student art, displaying student art in the hallways, prepping materials for art lessons and more. Time and date are flexible. Volunteers should [sign up](#) and email Mr. Anderson to coordinate time and date (Reid.Anderson@minnetonkaschools.org).
- **Kindness Cares Volunteers Needed** - Johnson (K), Norton (2), Skogerbo (3), Peters (3), Boberg (5), and Sherry (5) still have zero volunteers to help with Kindness Cares. And there are many teachers with only one volunteer. Sign up and [help out in your kids classroom!](#)

Veterans Day – Thurs - Nov 10 Veterans Day Festivities are Back and In-Person! We are recruiting veterans and active servicemen and women to participate in the All-School Veterans Day Assembly starting at 9 a.m. We are also looking for veterans to visit classrooms before or after the assembly to share their story. If you or a family member would like to volunteer, please email Marta Chou at martachou@hotmail.com and she will provide additional information. Please indicate whether you are volunteering for the assembly and/or the classroom (please include teacher's name) and we will coordinate the rest!

A friendly reminder... Donate to your child's class party - Class party funds are low across many classes. Funds support the four main class parties throughout the year. Donating is optional but appreciated! <https://deephavenpta.revtrak.net/>