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**THE WINDS**  
**January 18, 2023**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan. 12-20	Tonka Coders and Makers Week
Jan. 19	PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center
Jan. 20	PJ Day! For Minnetonka Foundation Dream Makers
Jan. 25	Wacky Wednesday: Animal Day
Jan. 26	Grade 5 Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27	<b>No School</b> - Grading and Planning Day
Feb. 1	Read-A-Thon begins
Feb. 7	Dads Night Out, Excelsior Brewing
Feb. 11	<a href="#">Minnetonka Foundation Dream Makers Event</a>
Mar. 11	Imagination Fair
May 12	Deephaven Parent Party at Cast & Cru

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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 Animal Day. Have your child join in the fun next Wednesday, January 25.

**No School Friday, January 27** – 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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**OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

Classroom discussions this week focused on reporting problems to adults in our school. Students discussed different real life situations with their classes and small groups. As a class, they brainstormed which situations would need to be reported to an adult, and how they can go about reporting them. Everyone's goal this week is to become more proactive in reporting problems to their teacher or an adult in the building.

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**PTA PULSE**

**PTA Meeting - TOMORROW, Thursday Jan 19 - 6:30 p.m.** Please join us tomorrow, Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm in the Deephaven Media Center for our all-school PTA Meeting. Hear from PTA leaders and Principal McGinley, connect with other parents, and see how you can 'lean in' to our school community. We hope to see you there!

**PJ Day for Dream Makers - January 20** - Friday is PJ day! Dress in PJs and bring a \$1-\$5 donation to [Dream Makers - Minnetonka Foundation](#), which supports teacher grants and multi-year endowments across the Minnetonka School District.

**Get Connected to the School** - Join Membership Toolkit! Wondering why you don't always know what's happening at the school? Want to be able to track down your kids' friends' parents to help arrange a playdate or a birthday party? Want to know what types of volunteer opportunities we're in need of at the school? Join Membership Toolkit! <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com/> This is the tool Deephaven Elementary uses to connect parents in our school community. This is how to be a part of school notices, volunteer opportunities and more. If you need help registering, reach out to [tracywhitney246@gmail.com](mailto:tracywhitney246@gmail.com).

## **READ-A-THON IS COMING! FEBRUARY 1-28**

### **"Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Readers"**

**Ready, set, read!** Deephaven Elementary will hold its annual Read-A-Thon event and fundraiser during the month of February. The Read-A-Thon reinforces good reading habits in students while raising funds for a variety of school-wide enrichment programs. Last year, 90% of our students participated in the Read-A-Thon.

#### ***How it works:***

- Students request and receive pledges from friends and family. Sponsors may pledge an amount for each minute read or a flat amount for the entire event.
- Students can win prizes by reading and logging their minutes into the Read-A-Thon website. Prizes are cumulative this year!
- Flyers with event details will be sent home soon. Let's help our kids build their reading skills while supporting our school!

**We Need Volunteers!** The Read-A-Thon is looking for volunteers with many roles requiring less than two hours of time. Sign up at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com/login-form?r=%2Fvolunteer%2F103617>.

**Bookmark Contest Results** We had 300 entries in our Bolder, Prouder, Stronger bookmark contest this month, an almost 25% increase from last year. Thanks to everyone who entered! All submissions have been posted outside the Media Center so that they can be viewed and enjoyed by all. Congrats to the winners! They will receive a gift card and their bookmarks will be handed out to students during the Read-A-Thon in February.

Winners:

K: Nash K. (Pico Morales)

1st: Olivia K. (Clepper)

2nd: Annika K. (Knowles)

3rd: Graelan A. (Skogerbo)

4th: Croix S. (Lunzer)

5th: Fiona G. (Burgos)

Questions, comments or an idea to share? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen at [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com) or 617-571-3877