



**THE WINDS**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

September 5	Kindergarten First Day of School
September 12	Grades 1-2 Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 pm (in classrooms)
September 12	PTA Meeting 7:00-8:15 pm (media center)
September 12	Technology Orientation (during PTA meeting) – All Grades Welcome
September 19	Grades 3-5 Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 pm (in classrooms)
September 20	Grade 5 Kindness Retreat 8:30 am-2:15 pm (Grace Lutheran-Deephaven)
September 21	D4D (Distance for Deephaven Color Run/Walk) 8:00-10:30 am (Deephaven)
September 27	TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE 12:40 PM (lunch will be served)

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year.** We are excited to have your child and your family as part of the Deephaven school community. As I begin my 21st year as the principal of Deephaven, I truly feel that it is a privilege to serve in this role. I am especially appreciative of our hard-working teachers and staff members, as well as our very involved and supportive community. Our school is a model for how a strong community makes for a strong school. Your support is critical to the success we have with our students. Many of you selected Deephaven Elementary and then looked for housing. Finding a great school is the first step in setting your child up for a successful life. To ensure our school continues to be excellent, each parent needs to play their role. This includes reading to your child for 20-30 minutes a night until he/she can read. Then, it is important to create a time and space for your child to read independently for 20-30 minutes daily. Your role also includes helping your child manage homework and helping him/her turn it in on time. Finally, we need you to volunteer at school or help out with a task you can do at home. We depend on our parents to take an active role in their child's education. Your role as an involved and supportive parent will allow our staff to help your child reach his/her potential. Thank you for helping us to make your child's educational experience one of the best in the state! **This year, we welcome 625 students in grades K/RSK-5.** Students will experience 90 minutes of language arts instruction and 70-80 minutes of math instruction every day. Our students will also receive instruction in science, social studies, health, music, physical education, art and media. We have a purposeful way of working with students through our use of Responsive Classroom, Common Language, Social Thinking, our Kindness Initiative and the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. We are able to capture more instructional time with students each school day

by creating a safe and caring learning environment with high expectations for behavior. We look forward to another terrific school year, and I invite you to join us in this important work by volunteering at school. Reflect on your own gifts, talents, and interests and then talk with a staff member and/or our PTA about how you can share them with our school. Please see the PTA handout in the Classroom Packet you received.

**Security** – We have a secure check-in process in place. You will need to have your driver's license with you when checking into the school. We are continually evaluating our safety procedures, as well as practicing those that are in place. Your child's safety is our first priority.

**Winds is the Weekly Principal Newsletter** – The Winds newsletter is sent by email via School Messenger every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

**Lines of Communication** – Below is the order of adults to contact when you have a concern. Please follow our lines of communication to help us handle your concern effectively.

1. Contact the adult involved in your concern. Go directly to the source of your concern. This may include a specialist teacher, para or staff member.
2. Contact your child's classroom teacher.
3. Contact Mr. McGinley
4. Contact Dr. Peterson
5. Contact the School Board

Skipping a step in the process unnecessarily involves others and can slow down the process of resolving your concern.

**No Shots, No School – This is a state law.**

**Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures at Deephaven.** Click on the link to watch a short video about our drop-off and pick-up procedures. We ask that you consider having your child ride the bus to cut down on traffic congestion. Link to video: <https://vimeo.com/28525625>. Please also note that we have a new curb system in our parking lot. **Please pull as far forward as you can so that we can keep the two lines of traffic flowing. If you have a larger vehicle, you may pull up and over the curb, as it is considered a "rolling curb".**

**Please make sure that your email address is accurate in our system. If you have a change, please email it to Stephanie Pearson at [stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org). We send many communications throughout the year via email.**

**Principal's Summer Reading, Writing, and Math Challenge calendars are due in the office by Friday of this week!** Details for recognizing participating students will be shared through Winds later this month. Congratulations to all of the students that worked hard this summer to complete the Principal's Challenge!

**Lunch Key Pad Number** – Help our lunch line go smoothly by making sure your child knows his/her key pad number for lunch. Take time to quiz your child at home or while driving in the car. It will make lunch a much more pleasant experience for everyone. Thank you!

**Custody Updates are needed EACH Fall.** Please provide the office with a copy of current custody papers the first week of school.

**Volunteers Need Background Checks** – Any volunteer who is responsible for working with students on campus or off campus (i.e. chaperones for field trips) needs to have a completed background check. Please click on this link to process your background check

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/shortcuts/volunteer-background-check>

**Deephaven Teachers –**

**Kindergarten:** Friederick, Langan, Maus, Morales, Nagel/Kohrs (RSK), Rojas

**First Grade:** Clepper, Schommer, Gong, Loera, Rothman

**Second Grade:** Bailey/Renz, Norton, Brockamp, Forsman, Sladky-Valley

**Third Grade:** Moss, Peters, Eller, Glaser, Sepulveda

**Fourth Grade:** Dickinsen, Laurent, Johnson, Lunzer, Powell

**Fifth Grade:** Boberg, Borgendale, Burgos, Loynachan

**PTA President** – Kelsey Lang and Amanda Sutter are serving as the Deephaven PTA Co-Presidents this school year. They have already been working hard to make sure our PTA is ready for the school year. Please be sure to lend your support to them as they work to serve our school.

**Thank you, parent volunteers!** Thank you for all you did to support us in getting the school ready for our students!

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**OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION (content starts next week!)**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Parent Technology Orientation Night** – If you didn't get a chance to attend the recent Parent Technology Orientation event, Kelli Whiteside will be presenting again after the Grades 1-2 Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 12. Come to become more familiar with technology resources like Skyward, Schoology, and My SSO. Can't make it? That's okay! Presentation information can be found here: [goo.gl/1FkBgX](https://goo.gl/1FkBgX)

**CHECK OUT THE DEEPHAVEN ELEMENTARY FACEBOOK PAGE!!**

We will be hosting picture day during conferences on October 11 and October 12 with Strawbridge Studios. More details to follow!

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## **PTA PULSE – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

### **Upcoming Key Dates:**

September 12      PTA Meeting  
September 21      Distance for Deephaven Fundraiser  
October 10 & 11    Book Fair

Did you know that the Deephaven PTA is one of the strongest parent-teacher associations in the country thanks to the collaborative efforts of an amazing community of teachers, parents, and students? Every year, the Deephaven PTA works to understand and address our Deephaven Elementary community needs and to enrich the experience of our students through fundraising and community building efforts, such as hosting the Distance for Deephaven Color Run, the Book Fair, the Read-A-Thon, the Deephaven Parent Party and more.

### ***Want to get involved?***

- 1) Subscribe ( Deephaven PTA membership toolkit (NEW!)** – replacing MySchoolAnywhere directory, Membership Toolkit is a your 'one-stop-shop' for the Deephaven Elementary event calendar and volunteer opportunities.
- 2) REGISTER TODAY** at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com>
- 3) Join Parents of Deephaven Elementary Kids Facebook Page** – a great place to connect with others in our school Deephaven community, ask questions, and get support
- 4) Attend PTA Meetings & Social Events** -- often the best way to stay connected is 'face-to-face'; get the most out of your Deephaven Elementary experience by *showing up* at our full calendar of events this year

### **Distance for Deephaven (D4D) Color Run - Saturday, September 21, 8:00-10:00 a.m.**

This year marks the **10th anniversary** of our fall community event, Distance for Deephaven! Please join us as we celebrate 10 years of this family-friendly, 3K that ends with kids getting drenched in color on the Deephaven track! Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., race begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends with a color blast at 10:00 a.m. We've lowered the price of registration this year and hope to have even greater participation for our 10th year! Registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Get your tickets today! <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/72203>

**Chipotle Fundraiser - Thursday, September 18!** Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support the Deephaven Elementary PTA! Come in to the Chipotle at 4717 County Road 101 in Minnetonka on Wednesday, September 18, between 5:00-9:00 p.m. 33% of net proceeds will be donated to our school's PTA! Make sure you bring the flyer that will be coming home with your

child or tell the cashier that you are supporting this fundraiser. Online orders cannot be included in the fundraiser.