



Read-a-Thon February 1-28

"Reading is the Ultimate Adventure"

www.deephavenreadathon.com

Visit the website above for all the information you need for your student to participate

WINDS

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

ATTACHMENT: [MentalHealthTownHall.pdf](#)

*****This edition of Winds includes a lot of important information. Please read carefully!*****

Important Dates

January 25-29	PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION WEEK
January 28	NO SCHOOL – Transition Planning for Staff
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February 1	K-5 In-Person at Deephaven Begins
February 9	Lighthouse Publishing Submission are Due
February 1-28	Read-A-Thon (see details in "PTA Pulse")

February 12 TWO-HOUR EARLY RELEASE (school ends at 12:40 p.m./lunch will be served)

February 15 NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS' DAY

February 18 Yearbook Sale Ends - Prices Go Up February 19 (see PTA Pulse for details)

February 23 DRESS UP DAY - DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER!

March 4 Spring Conferences - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (more details coming soon)

March 5 NO SCHOOL - Spring Conferences 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (more details coming soon)

March 23 DRESS UP DAY - DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS ATTIRE!

March 29-April 4 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

April 5 NO SCHOOL - Grading and Planning Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The Start of In-person Learning - It has been great seeing our students back at Deephaven this week. We are treating the full return of our students like the start of a school year and using our approach of going slow to go fast. We take time to model and practice our routines to set students up for success. We are able to maximize our instructional time when students know the expectations. Our staff has done a terrific job through all of the transitions this year and your support for them is greatly appreciated. I have heard many stories from staff about how supportive our parent community has been this year. We appreciate your

support and partnership. Together, we have been able to provide students the best education possible, with the restrictions that have been placed upon us. I am hopeful that we can keep this model in place through June, as being in school is the best place for our students!

Student Drop Off and Pick Up – Beat the traffic and the buses by dropping your child off before 7:40 a.m. Students are allowed to go directly to their classrooms and prepare for their school day. After school, we need your help arriving at your designated time to help move our car line along quicker. Please see the arrival times below.

Arrival Times:

- **2:35** Parents with a child in kindergarten or first grade and those with siblings in 2nd – 5th grade..
- **2:38** 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.

Stopping on the bridge or on Minnetonka Blvd. is NOT ALLOWED. Cars lining up on Vine Hill, north of the school's exit need to loop around and come back to the line. The Deephaven Police will be ticketing individuals stopped on the bridge and on Minnetonka Blvd. We can avoid this problem by having everyone arrive at their scheduled time listed above.

Procedures for Dropping Off Items for Students at Deephaven:

- Please call our main number at 952-401-6900 to let the front office staff know that you are dropping off an item for your child.

- There is a small table in the vestibule area where you can fill out a pink slip to leave with the item. Staff will get the item to your child.
- Please do not enter the office area.

Dropping Off a Student at Deephaven:

- Please call our main number at 952-401-6900 to let the front office know that you are dropping off your child outside of normal school hours.
- You may then walk your child into the vestibule, and we will meet you at the office door. Please remain outside of the office and we will bring your child in to take their temperature.
- If their temperature is normal, we will give you a wave to let you know it is safe to leave, and your child will move on to their classroom.

Health Office: Contact our health office if your child is sick at 952-401-6904.

Administration and Administration Support Roles: Behavior Management

We are organized in a way that has certain people supporting students in the following ways:

Bryan McGinley – School Principal. Overall supervision of staff and school operations and involved when school suspensions take place.

Anelise Peterson – Administrative Support. Mrs. Peterson works with staff and students in a supportive role. She typically addresses more serious behaviors. She is also an excellent contact person if your child is struggling in school.

Theresa Brown – Behavior Manager. Mrs. Brown works with students to resolve conflicts. She also gives students consequences for misbehaving. She is an great resource for parents with a child struggling with their behavior.

Howe Siegel – School Counselor. Mr. Siegel works with students on social and emotional skills. He is great resource for parents with a child that is experiencing loss, grief, separation anxiety and more.

Jessica Thull – Social Worker. Ms. Thull works with students on IEP's. She is part of our special education team and supports parents with ideas on how to support their child at home.

Classroom Teacher: As always, your child's classroom teacher is the best person to contact if your child is having difficulties at school. They know your child best and can be an excellent partner when your child is experiencing challenges at school.

Our staff understands all students are unique and different. We are here to work with families and support your child. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff if you have concerns about your child and his/her education at Deephaven.

Deephaven Paras – Several paras were hired in the fall to support our Hybrid model and then our Childcare model. Students developed relationships with them and will now see the paras in new roles at our school. We have retained all paras hired last fall, with four reassigned to Minnetonka High School. Below is a list of their most prominent assignment. However, many of the paras have multiple roles at our school, depending on the time of the day. They help with the morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up process, temperature taking and more.

We are grateful for the important work they do to support our students and teachers!

Deephaven Para Assignments

Recess

- Jenny Gaard
- Denise Gerten
- Joelle DeCarli
- Kate Peterson
- Nicole Dires

Kindergarten Paras

Teacher

Para

Maus	Ada Sorely
Rojas	Gaby Alvarado
Morales	Irene Gonzales
Langan	Katie Strand
Kohrs	Kim Aanestad
RSK – Nagel	Katie Anderson

Paras Reassigned to Minnetonka High School

Alex Lenzon

Tafat Ostfield

DeeAnn Walentine Hale

Lunch Supervision

Jenny Allen

Gwendolyn Stangel

Joan Schumann

Maristela Freire

Mirna Gonzales-Burelo

Classroom/Student Support Paras

Jenny Allen

Gwendolyn Stangel

Leticia Gotta

Heidi Bisbee

Jennifer Wilhelm

I love to Read Month continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Mental Health Town Hall Tonight – Tonight, our district will host a Mental Health Town Hall for an all school community viewing of Angst,

followed up with Mental Health Town Halls. SEE THE ATTACHMENT BELOW THE DATE AT THE TOP OF WINDS.

Angst is a 56-minute film and virtual reality experience that explores anxiety, its causes, effects and what we can do about it.

The [filmmakers'](#) goal is to have a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Angst features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer, or have suffered, from anxiety and what they've learned about it. The film includes discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, as well as [help, resources and tools](#).

If you have not registered for the film, please do so. Below is the link for the film and links to the Elementary and Secondary Town Halls. ALSO, SEE THE ATTACHMENT BELOW THE DATE AT THE TOP OF WINDS.

Film viewing 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mental Health Panels 7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

ELEMENTARY

We are so excited to have you join us tomorrow evening! Here are the links you will need to participate in the event.

- Register to watch the *Angst* screening here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qJR9GNZFR96hR05ZK2w81A
- Join the Google Meet at this link: <https://meet.google.com/yuc-ffqv-nkz>
 - Since the Breakout Panels begin at 7:45, please plan to join at 7:30

SECONDARY

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DID YOU KNOW?

ORDERING SCHOOL PICTURES - If you would like to order a photo package, you must use code **FM343951**. Please do not use any other codes you may have on hand. Please visit <https://www.strawbridge.net/> to place your order. Click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks" (you will not order yearbooks from this company...Jostens will be printing our yearbooks later in the year). Enter the code above and follow the prompts.

Please email stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org with any questions!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

If you, your child, or anyone in your household has possible COVID-like symptoms, ALL household members should remain at home until further evaluation by a health care provider. If you choose not to contact a health care provider, we ask that all household members remain at home until you have spoken with the Health Office. If anyone in your household

has been tested for COVID-19, **ALL** household members should remain at home until test results are known.

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. They will also create short skits demonstrating what hallways would say if they could talk about student behavior.

PTA PULSE

We hope everyone is having a great week back at school for in-person learning! Whoo-Hoo! A great way to enjoy this chilly month is to dive into this month's Read-a-Thon, happening for the entire month of February. THANK YOU to those who have already registered for Read-A-Thon and have begun logging minutes and enlisting friends & family to sponsor along the way.

Upcoming Dates:

February 1 -28 Read-A-Thon!

Yearbooks: This school year is one for the books! Make sure to commemorate a year like no other and order your yearbook today! Yearbooks are \$28 through February 18. The price goes up February 19!

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1128491/Deephaven-Elementary-School/2021-Yearbook/2020082604303197373/CATALOG_SHOP/

READ-A-THON STARTS THIS WEEK! FEBRUARY 1-28

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We're on a mission! The Read-a-Thon begins this week!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to register for the Read-a-Thon, which runs through the entire month of February! Borrow a board book, get chin-deep into a chapter book, or grab a graphic novel — no matter what you like to read, all of it counts during the Read-a-Thon! The Read-a-Thon reinforces good reading habits in students, while raising funds for a variety of school-wide enrichment programs.

How It Works:

Help your child register today!

- Go to <http://pledgestar.com/deephaven>
- Enter your name and email address, then click Register
- Follow the instructions on the screen

Students, send out requests and receive pledges from family and friends through Pledgestar. Sponsors may pledge an amount for each minute read or a flat amount for the entire event.

What Reading Counts?

- All reading minutes count from February 1 - February 28
- All reading minutes done OUTSIDE of school hours
- All minutes read by the student or to the student by a parent, sibling, or friend

Logging minutes in Pledgestar before March 1 is the only way for children to get credit for their hard work.

PRIZES!!! Earn prizes by reading and logging minutes. Check out a full list of prizes at www.deephavenreadathon.com

Each student who logs 120 minutes or collects \$10 before this Friday, February 5th will be entered into the weekly drawing!

Questions? Please visit www.deephavenreadathon.com for more information!