



**THE WINDS**  
**MARCH 20, 2024**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Mar 18-22	WorldCulture Week
Mar. 20	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45 p.m.
Mar. 20	World Culture Week Family Night Culture Fair, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Mar. 26-28	MCA Testing - Grade 5 Science
Mar. 27	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Color Day
Mar. 29	<b>No School</b> - District Offices Closed
Apr. 1-5	<b>No School</b> - Spring Break
Apr. 8	<b>No School</b> - Grading/Planning Day
Apr. 13	Imagination Fair
Apr. 19	3rd-5th Grade Talent Show
Apr. 25	Student Art Exhibition, 5-7pm
Apr. 26	Parent Party

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**NO WINDS NEXT WEEK**

**Congratulations to Rachel Norton**, second grade teacher, for being selected as Deephaven's recipient of the Minnetonka Award for Child-centered Excellence in Teaching. Rachel is representative of the great teachers we have at Deephaven. She will be honored at the Celebration of Excellence on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at MHS Arts Center.

**Read-a-Thon** Thank you to the Read-a-Thon co-chairs Stephanie Splett and Tracy Whitney for an excellent Read-a-Thon event this year! Our students had a blast! Thank you also goes to the many volunteers who helped with different awards and activities the students won. We are so grateful for the support Deephaven Elementary receives from our community.

**Food Drive for ICA Food Shelf** Thank you to everyone who donated to our Student Leadership's annual food Drive for ICA Food Shelf. Deephaven collected 1,436 items and \$232!!!

**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 Thursday, March 28.** 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. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests.

**Lost and Found** If you have any missing items, please stop by and check our lost and found. All items will be bagged up and donated on Friday, March 22. There are hats, gloves, winter jackets and more!

**No School/District offices closed** - Friday, March 29

**Spring Break** is the week of April 1-5

**No School** Monday, April 8 - Grading/Planning day

**MCA Testing** Please avoid scheduling appointments for your child(ren) when MCA testing is taking place this spring:

- Math: April 16-18 (Grades 3,4,5)
- Reading: April 23-25 (Grades 3,4,5)
- Science: April 30-May 1 (Grade 5 only) **NEW DATES!**

### **Tackle Cancer Drive: March 18 to March 22**

Help to Tackle Cancer with a donation to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research foundation. Bring in your coins, dollars, or a check made out to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research foundation. Special recognition will be given to the homeroom that raises the most money for Tackle Cancer! Learn more about the Randy Shaver Cancer Research Foundation by clicking on [this link](#).

**Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition** - You are invited to attend The Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition on **Thursday, April 25th from 5-7 p.m.** Each year we celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of Deephaven Elementary artists by displaying their art in the school hallways. Every Deephaven art student will have one work of art on display. Come and enjoy the art, make a craft to take home, and leave compliments for your favorite artworks.

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### **DHE READS**

This month's book, *You Are a Story* (Racza, 2023), reinforces the values of knowing one's identity, acceptances and empowerment of self. All students in RSK-5th grade will have the opportunity to read/ listen to this book and discuss these values.

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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 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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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Fifth Grade Finale**

**Minnetonka Middle School West Finale: Friday, April 19, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Minnetonka Middle School East Finale: Friday, May 3, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Come and check out your new middle school and have a blast dancing, taking pictures in the photo booth, playing games and bouncing on the inflatables - all while meeting future sixth-grade classmates. *This is a drop-off event. Fifth graders only. Parents, please come pick up your child from the cafeteria promptly at 8 pm. Pre-register for \$10 or pay at the door for \$12.*

Register and find more information [here](#).

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### **PTA PULSE**

**World Culture Week Family Night Culture Fair is tonight!** Join us 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the gym to celebrate Deephaven's cultures through food, games, and activities.

**Imagination Fair - April 13, 1-3 p.m.**

It's time for your kids to share their creativity. Legos, art, cardboard creations, sewing, STEM, coding, etc. This is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone. [Sign-up!](#)

#### **Lighthouse Publishing - April 12 Submissions due!**

Lighthouse Publishing is a way for our elementary authors to write their own story, poem, comic strip, etc. Their work is then bound into a book for them to keep and celebrated in a small ceremony on April 17. Grades 2-5 are invited to submit their work using the [attached template](#) and send to: [deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com](mailto:deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com)

#### **Deephaven's Got Talent - April 19, 7 p.m. Excelsior Elementary Auditorium**

Join us for the Deephaven Talent Show! Solos, duets, small groups, gymnastics, karate, poetry readings- all kinds of acts are welcome! Performances are open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We're also looking for a few 5th graders to help host the show. **Submissions are due to classroom teachers by March 25.** Fill out the [attached form](#).

#### **PTA Volunteer Interest Form**

We need you on our team! Whether you're ready to take the lead, or help on a committee the PTA has over 40 volunteer positions we need filled every year. No matter your time commitment or your skill set, we'd love for you to be involved. Please [fill out the survey](#) to let us know what you're interested in.

#### **Student Art Exhibition - April 25, 5-7 p.m.**

Join Us at the Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition!

Date: Thursday, April 25th

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Event Details:

- Location: Deephaven Elementary School Hallways
- What to Expect: A vibrant display of creativity! Each talented Deephaven art student will showcase one masterpiece.
- Activities: Admire the art, create a delightful craft to take home, and leave heartfelt compliments for your favorite artworks.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** An event of this magnitude requires significant preparation. If you have time, we'd greatly appreciate your support in getting ready for the exhibition. Check out the available volunteer positions [here](#).