



THE WINDS
May 17, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

May 18	PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Deephaven Media Center (all welcome)
May 23	Dad's Night Out, 6 p.m. at Maynards
May 24	Grade 5 Track & Field Day at MHS
May 24	Deephaven/Minnewashta Band Festival Concert at MHS Arts Center, 6:45 p.m.
May 30	Grade 5 Choir Concert, 8:30 a.m. in Front Gym
May 31	Volunteer Appreciation Gathering, 3-4 p.m. in Media Center
June 7	Grade 5 Graduation, 12:30 p.m. at Ridgewood Church
June 8	Last day of School

*Find the full [Minnetonka calendar on the website](#).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE! School will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. on Thursday, June 8th, our last day of school. Lunch will be served to all students before dismissal.

Volunteer Appreciation Gathering 2023 Our Deephaven community is deeply grateful for all of the time, energy and care our volunteers so graciously have shared with us this year! If you have volunteered this year, please fill out this [one question RSVP survey](#) for our volunteer gathering on WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Deephaven Media Center. This RSVP will help us to plan for refreshments. Your students are welcome to join you. Please respond by Monday, May 22.

Deephaven PTA Parent Party – Last Friday's Parent Party was a huge success! Thank you to the PTA committee chairs and committee volunteers that spent countless hours planning this important fundraising event for our school. Thank you to all of the parents that attended the event and donated money to our school. The event was a lot of fun and it was a great opportunity for community building to take place among parents. Money raised from the event will support enrichment opportunities for Deephaven students.

Stratford Woods Community Event - Deephaven will be hosting a pizza party at the Stratford clubhouse on May 24 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Families are invited to attend and enjoy pizza and water with Deephaven teachers, our counselor, and our social worker. Mr. McGinley and Mr. Jansen will also be in attendance. Learn about the free events offered by Hennepin County Library this summer, information about the Principal's Summer Challenge, services available through ICA, and community education summer offerings. Staff will have books available for student to choose from for summer reading. We look forward to seeing you there!

Deephaven's PTA plays an important role at our school. The PTA puts on community building events and support our school with dollars to fund enrichment opportunities for students. The Deephaven PTA has a long

history of being an incredibly successful PTA and this year was no different. Thank you to every parent that donated time and/or dollars to Deephaven. A special thank you to our PTA Board, committee chairs, room parents, leaders of events and volunteer support for PTA work and events. There are so many people to thank, but I wanted to highlight a few people that have been a big part of this school year:

PTA Executive Board:

Polly Madsen, President
Angie Snavely, Treasurer
Nicole Udseth, Secretary
Tracy Whitney, Marketing/Communications
Kelli Deeg, Sponsorship
Rebecca Anderson, Teacher/Class Liaison
Sandy Dostal, Volunteer Coordinator
Betsy Chin, DEI

Fundraising Events:

Book Fair - Kelli Deeg
Box Tops and Amazon Smile - Stephanie Kwong
Fall Pizza Party - Sarah Min
Minnetonka Foundation/Dream Makers - Rachel Gorman
Parent Party Event Chair - Kate Krejci
Parent Party Auction Platform Lead - Tracy Whitney
Pre-Ordered School Supplies - Rachel Gorman
Read-A-Thon - Jessica Mork & Sarah Min
Tonka Pride - Rebecca Anderson

School Operations Support:

Health Screenings - Courtney Balcer
Laminating - Greg Veen
Media - Heather Kurtzman
Principal's Challenge - Annie Brodbeck

Enrichment:

5th Grade Graduation - 5th grade parents
Art Adventure - Caryn Jackucki
Birthday Books - Mel Anheluk
Cultural Arts/Field Trips - Heather Kurtzman
Imagination Fair - Jane Sladky Valley & Jessica Griffiths
Kindness/CARES - Rebecca Anderson & Kate Whiting
Lighthouse Publishing - Sandy Dostal
Teacher Grants - Sarah Punch
Veteran's Day Assembly - Marta Chou & Michelle Warneke

Community Building:

Connections Committee - Sarah Punch
New Families - Erinn von Rein
Dad's Group - Andy Punch
Display Case - Gretchen Pass
Green Team - Caryn Winkler

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation - Emily Flo
Yearbook - Sarah Bryant

Parent Party Committee:

Kate Krejci
Kelli Deeg
Tracy Whitney
Jamie Hansen
Kim Hendricks
Courtney Dirks
Heather Lepper
Laura Kottke
Stefanie Powell
Kelly Allman
Sara Barrett
Nicole Udseth
Rachel Gorman
Polly Madsen
Stephanie Kwong
Jessica Mork
Jessica Schelitzche
Mark Cheeley
Tanya Streifel

Fifth Grade Graduation takes place on Wednesday, June 7, at 12:30 p.m. More details will be shared with fifth grade parents by the fifth-grade teachers.

Lunchroom Beverages – Students may only bring water, juice, milk, or other typical drinks that do not include caffeine or excess sugar. Some students are bringing in can drinks that market themselves as water, yet they can have up to 200 mg. of caffeine in them. This is something we are seeing in the upper grades, so please check with your child to see if they are bringing these kinds of beverages to school.

Book Drive Impact – One of the organizations that received the books donated by Deephaven families is the Eastside Learning Center. They were so excited to receive so many boxes of books. They shared with us that the books were "flying out the door". People who use the library were very excited to get gently used free books, and these families have very few books in their homes. Thank you to our Deephaven school community for generously donating so many books to our recent Book Drive.

School Safety and Security Update – Minnetonka Schools takes student safety seriously. In fact, it is my number one priority as a principal. We actively work to learn best practices, implement procedures and safety measures, and continually evaluate and improve upon our school security efforts. During the 2022-2023 school year, principals and district administrators have attended several training sessions related to school safety. Specifically, we have discussed the following topics:

1. Secure Facilities Protections
2. Best Practice in Threat Response
3. Threat Assessment
4. Response to Active Threats Training
5. Staff Training

6. Documentation

Note: we do not share all the measures employed to secure our sites due to security best practices. In addition to our added security at the front entrance this school year, this is a reminder that parents are required to drop off and pick up students at the front entrance. Parents are not allowed to enter the bus corral area located on the playground blacktop area. Only staff and students riding the bus may be in this area 15 minutes before and after school. Leveraging our best resources about physical security practices and active threat response from the FBI, DHS, SchoolSafety.gov, and others, the District continues to improve its overall security posture, with added risk reduction practices this year, and more to follow into the future.

The Ahoy, Minnetonka! Podcast Debuts on Tuesday, May 16 on [Spotify](#), on [Apple Podcasts](#) or wherever you get your podcasts. On the inaugural episode, School Board Chair Lisa Wagner, Executive Director of Communications Dr. JacQui Getty and 2022 MHS alumnus Matthew Wadman join Minnetonka Schools Superintendent David Law to discuss what makes Minnetonka so special—from each of their perspectives. We're also videotaping each episode and will post those on our District YouTube channel after the episodes air. Here's more on "Ahoy, Minnetonka!"

<https://www.minnetonkaschools.org/district/departments/news/podcast>

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week we will be reviewing the R in CARES for Responsibility. Students will reflect on how they being responsible makes our school a better place.

DID YOU KNOW?

Attention 5th Graders - Please visit this [link to order](#) your 6th Grade school supplies online.

PTA PULSE

Join in with the PTA this coming year! Fill out [the interest survey](#) to let us know what you'd like to be involved in. We've got opportunities for all!

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

PTA Meeting - May 18th - 6:30-8:30 Join us TOMORROW NIGHT in the Media Center for our last PTA meeting of the year. Come learn about what we have accomplished this past year in support of our PTA Mission and learn about opportunities for you to engage in ways big or small this coming year. ALL are welcome!

Dad's Night Out - May 23 6:00-9:00 Dads, Grandpas, and caretakers of all kinds, please join us at Maynard's Wharf for the last Dad's Night Out of the school year. This is a buy your own food and beverage event. You won't want to miss it.

Deephaven Parent Party Success! Our PTA can not express enough gratitude for all who participated in the Deephaven Parent Party 2023. We fundraised, planned a party, donated auction items, bid on the action items, volunteered, and celebrated together. Hats off to YOU our amazing community for all of your participation. We exceeded our fundraising goal, oversold our tickets, and we helped build community. Thank you to everyone who bid on auction items and/or came out for the event this past Friday. A special shout out to Parent Party

Chairs, **Kate Krejci** (Event), **Kelli Deeg** (Auction) and **Tracy Whitney** for their enthusiastic and flawless leadership. We are lucky to have you!