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OCTOBER 19, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 20-21	No School – MEA
Oct. 26	Student Leadership meeting (info below)
Nov. 1	2-hour late start
Nov. 7-11	School Psychology Awareness Week
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day Assemble 9 a.m.
Nov. 11	No School – Grading/Planning Day
Nov. 17	Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony 9:15 a.m.
Nov. 18	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 19	Imagination Fair
Nov. 24/25	No School - Thanksgiving

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

REMINDER – NO SCHOOL TOMORROW OR FRIDAY DUE TO MEA.

Student Leadership is starting soon! Meetings are open to any student in Grades 5 who has an interest in developing leadership skills. Meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:40-3:45 in the Media Center. Parents are responsible for transportation home and students are required to bring a note to school granting permission to attend. **First Meeting – Wednesday, October 26th.** Students should bring a parent note to the first meeting indicating parent permission.

Conferences were well attended by parents. We had upwards of over 98% of our parents attend last week's conferences. Thank you for being a valued partner in the education of your child. Working as a team, we are able to educate your child more effectively and achieve higher educational outcomes. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you. Our staff is always open to hearing from you and willing to meet with you as needed.

Halloween – Your child's teacher will provide more details on how they will be celebrating Halloween.

Important Halloween Costume Message - Deephaven allows children to wear costumes during school, but wearing of masks, painted faces, disguises or grooming that limits or prevents identification of an individual is strictly prohibited. Also, weapons of ANY kind are NOT allowed in school, including look-alike weapons. We want Halloween to be enjoyable and safe for everyone!

Winter Gear – With the colder weather upon us, it is time to make sure your child is coming to school with their winter gear. Students are outside for 30 minutes a day unless the temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Change in plans? Please contact your child's teacher **prior to 2:00 p.m.** if you have a change in your child's end-of-the-day plans.

Volunteer Code of Ethics is a way for us to ensure parents are supporting the work being done by teachers and staff. It also provides assurance to other parents that our volunteers are here to support learning and will keep information about our students confidential. Volunteers play a critical role at Deephaven and our Code of Ethics helps ensure that we are clear about the expectations in place. You may access the form at the bottom of this newsletter.

Deephaven is Hiring! We have lunch/recess para openings. These positions are from 10:15-1:15 daily. Contact Josh Jansen if you have an interest in this position and would like to learn more about it. Josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org

No School on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 22 (MEA).

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. Students will use social behavior mapping to talk about expected and unexpected behavior in the hallway and how that makes others feel.

PTA PULSE

Short week—Enjoy your MEA break! Questions, comments or ideas? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com.

Weekly Art Department Volunteering - Flexible opportunities available to support the art department. Reid Anderson needs assistance to help with photographing student art, displaying art in the hallways, prepping materials for art lessons and more. Time and date are flexible. Volunteers should [sign up](#) and email Mr. Anderson to coordinate time and date (Reid.Anderson@minnetonkaschools.org).

Veterans Day – Thursday, November 10 We are recruiting veterans and active servicemen and women to participate in the All-School Veterans Day Assembly and to make classroom visits. If you or a family member would like to volunteer, please email Marta Chou at martachou@hotmail.com.

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Volunteer Code of Ethics

We welcome and support all volunteers. With your help we are able to do more for each child.

- **Confidentiality-** Please respect each student's confidentiality within our school building and in the community. This includes academic activities and behavioral observations.
- **Responsibility-** Remember to follow school policies and norms. Volunteering is to support student learning. Volunteering is not selecting playmates for your child, judging teachers, or bringing along siblings.
- **Respect-** Please respect each teacher's judgment and decisions. Acknowledge the teacher's professional background and training.
- **Dependable-** Remember to keep your appointments and contact the teacher through e-mail or voicemail if you cannot keep the appointment.
- **Classroom Volunteer-** Please stick to the assigned activity and work with all students.
- **Time-** Remember to respect the teacher's time by not engaging in an informal conference. Make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

The Volunteer Code of Ethics is focused on creating an appropriate and safe learning environment for each Deephaven student. Your support of the Volunteer Code of Ethics will ensure that each child is afforded the respect and dignity he or she deserves in the learning environment.

I agree to support the Volunteer Code of Ethics.

Volunteer's signature

***Return to your child's classroom teacher before volunteering at Deephaven.**