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IMPORTANT DATES

June 7-9 School Supply Recycling Drive (information below in PTA Pulse section)

June 7 PTA Volunteer Thank You - Spasso (RSVP link below)

June 8 Last day of School, 2-Hour Early Release at 12:40 p.m.

*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.

Goodbye to our Fifth Graders - Deephaven wishes our fifth graders the best of luck as they head off to middle school in the fall. We will miss you! We will also miss the parents whose fifth grader is their youngest child. Thank you for all of your support over the years.

Staffing Update:

- Grade 4/5 Math Support Teacher for 23-23: Ellie Davis
- To be hired: Grade 1 Spanish immersion

Retirements:

- Rosemary Sparkman is retiring from Deephaven as our Kitchen Manager after 27 years.
- Angie Wilz is retiring from Deephaven as an AOM Para and a Special Education Para after 26 years.
- Noelle Palm is retiring from Deephaven as a Special Education Para after 16 years.
- Nancy Meyer is retiring from Deephaven as a Reading Specialist after 6 years.

Summer Office Hours: The Deephaven office closes on Friday, June 16 and reopens on Wednesday, August 16. The main voicemail will be checked periodically. New registrations take place at the District Service Center and all questions regarding Explorer's are to be directed to Minnetonka Community Education.

Principal's Challenge - Students entering grades 1-5 next fall are invited to participate in the Principal's Summer Challenge. Your child's classroom teacher sent home the Principal's Summer Challenge calendar last week.. The challenge begins the day after school ends and runs until the start of the school year. Students may complete any, or all, of the three challenges, which include reading, math, and writing. It is helpful to have celebrations and recognitions at home over the summer to encourage your child to keep going. You may use any materials to complete the challenge, including IXL and other school-based apps. The ultimate goal is to keep your child engaged in the 3 areas each day over the summer. You may contact the office for an extra calendar by emailing alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org.

Deephaven's Request of Parents Next School Year – Please have your child ride the bus.

Our goal is to significantly reduce the number of cars entering the Deephaven School parking lot at the beginning and end of the school day. Vine Hill Road and our school parking lot are overly congested during the

drop-off and pick-up times. This is creating a safety concern on Vine Hill Road. Please help us out by having your child ride the school bus to and from school. Every car makes a difference, so your support for our efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Resident Families:

- Please have your child ride the bus.
 - Families of incoming Kindergarteners will receive an email with a Google form for you to complete to request transportation.
 - Families of incoming 1st through 5th Graders will receive an email asking you to go to your Skyward Family Access to complete the transportation survey.
- Bike or walk to school when conditions allow.

Open Enrolled Families:

- Please drop off and pick up your child at an existing bus stop.
 - Families of incoming Kindergarteners will receive an email with a Google form for you to complete to request transportation.
 - Families of incoming 1st through 5th graders will receive an email asking you to go to your Skyward Family Access to complete the transportation survey.
 - After you have submitted your information, the District Transportation will contact you to complete the process and select your bus stop.

We can appreciate that this request will not work for every family. We simply hope you will consider having your child take the bus if possible. It would be of great help to the ongoing traffic challenges we face during drop-off and pick-up. Thank you!

Grade 4 Spanish Immersion Teachers for 23-24 – Susan Owens will be teaching fourth grade Spanish next year along with Kirsten Lunzer.

Asian Cultural Event on June 3rd - The Twin Cities West Metro Asian Fair will be held at the City of Plymouth Hilde Performance Center from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 3rd. The event is open to the public and admission is free. There will be several cultural booths for visitors to explore. They are hosted by representatives of various Asian groups such as people with backgrounds in Cambodia, China, India, Iran, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and Vietnamese. There will also be games and interactive activities, performances on stage, and authentic Asian foods for visitors' enjoyment throughout the day. For more information on the event, please check out the website under Events <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/821090c7/S2vchXEImkeHtU69OQLAlg?u=https://tcasianfair.org/>. Follow the link to volunteer at the fair: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/1f8cd6d5/DkeFoS4ng0i2BSrOzltPbw?u=https://tcasianfair.org/volunteer/>.

End of Year Message – Thank you for supporting our school this year! We had a terrific year, coming off of Covid, and we were able to return to the Deephaven we all know. We went into this year with intention. Our goal was to return to the way we work and learn at Deephaven. The intentional work done by our staff was focused on setting students up for success through the use of Responsive Classroom and Social Thinking language. We know that if we can create a safe and predictable learning environment, we can move forward with learning at a faster pace and use instructional time effectively. We also brought back the special programs and activities that make Deephaven a unique and special place for students to attend school. Our PTA surpassed their fundraising goals and held new events, in addition to the regular PTA events. It was a year that allowed us to truly appreciate all we have at Deephaven. As we head into summer, I hope you and your family

are able to find some quality time doing the things your family loves to do! The elementary years are at the heart of childhood and summers in Minnesota are a time when so many great memories are made for children and their families. Have a wonderful summer. - Bryan McGinley

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week we will be reviewing the E in CARES for Empathy. Students will share how they have used empathy this year to make good decisions and treat others in a kind way.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

PTA PULSE

What a year! Thank you for everything and we can't wait to see you in the fall! If you have any PTA questions over the summer, reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at madsen.polly@gmail.com or 617-571-3877 with questions.

PTA Volunteer Thank You Party - Wednesday, June 7th 6:00-8:00pm at SPASSO. If you volunteered for the PTA this year, please JOIN US! [RSVP HERE](#) to help us get an accurate guest count!

Pre-Ordered School Supplies Now Available For Order -- If you like to get a head start on your to-do list, here's your chance! Next year's school supplies are ready to order. Click [HERE](#) for details on how to submit your order today. They will be available for pickup at our school Open House in August.

School Supply Recycling Drive - The Green Team will host a school supply recycling drive on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of June. If you have supplies you would be tossing, stop by the front foyer of school and drop them off. We'll be accepting markers, crayons, pencil boxes, scissors, glue and glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, pencil boxes, and folders. Contact Rachel Gorman with questions - regorman79@gmail.com.