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**THE WINDS**  
**May 31, 2023**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

May 31 Volunteer Appreciation Gathering, 3-4 p.m. in Media Center  
June 4 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - Excelsior Masonic Lodge  
June 7 Grade 5 Graduation, 12:30 p.m. at Ridgewood Church  
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](#).

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**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.

**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. Watch the Graduation live at this [link](#).

**Yearbooks: Important information for parents.**

1. Yearbooks are sent home and to remain at home (unless a signing event is set by the teacher, and you choose to have your child participate)
2. Deephaven will not replace any damaged yearbooks or yearbooks that another student damages or writes inappropriate things in it. No exceptions.
3. It is up to the owner of the yearbook to determine who he/she trusts to sign their yearbook and to always maintain control of it.

If a parent is concerned about the possibility of a yearbook becoming damaged or defaced, the yearbook should remain at home.

**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 will hand out the Principal's Summer Challenge calendar to your child this 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](mailto: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!

#### **NEW: Hear Stories from Minnetonka Schools in the District's *Ahoy, Minnetonka!* Podcast**

Minnetonka Schools has launched a new project – a podcast named [Ahoy, Minnetonka!](#) Join Superintendent David Law for these chats with teachers, staff members, students, alumni, parents, volunteers, board members and administrators – the people who make Minnetonka such a special place to live, lead and learn.

[Subscribe now](#) and listen to the first episode. The second episode will premiere after the long weekend, on Tuesday, May 30! The podcast is available on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [YouTube](#) or wherever you listen.

**Asian Cultural Event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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/S2vchXEImkeHtU69OQLA?u=https://tcasianfair.org/>. Follow the link to volunteer at the fair:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/1f8cd6d5/DkeFoS4ng0i2BSrOzltPbw?u=https://tcasianfair.org/volunteer/>.

**Staffing for the 23-24 School Year** – Staffing is subject to change over the summer.

#### **Deephaven Classroom Teachers for 2023-2024**

**RSK** - Katie Nagel/Jenny Gaard

**Kindergarten – English**

Kari Kohrs

Emily Langan

**Kindergarten – Spanish**

Lizzy Maus

Georgina Kowalczyk

Emily Casey

**First Grade - English**

Karen Clepper

Jennissa Schommer

**First Grade - Spanish**

Janetta Gong

Claudia Morales

Julie Rothman

To Be Hired

**Second Grade - English**

Nicole Bailey/Elizabeth Renz

Rachel Norton

Kate Whiting

**Second Grade - Spanish**

Malorie Brockamp

Jessie Knowles

Jane Sladky Valley

**Third Grade - English**

Jennifer Peters

Chelsey Skogerbo

**Third Grade - Spanish**

Stephanie Gloe

Kendra Tam

Betsey Powell

**Fourth Grade English**

Brennan Dickinsen

Janelle Laurent

**Fourth Grade Spanish**

Kirsten Lunzer

To Be Hired

## **Fifth Grade - English**

Karl Boberg  
Joe Sherry

## **Fifth Grade - Spanish**

Elizabeth Burgos  
Courtney Loynachan

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### **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.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

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

### **Volunteer this summer!**

Add volunteering to your list of summer activities. Many opportunities are available around the area. Your child can also earn awards for their service.

- NEED IDEAS OF WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS THIS SUMMER? [CLICK HERE](#)
- WANT TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES THIS SUMMER? [CLICK HERE](#)
- BE RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEERING!

[President's Volunteer Service Award](#) recognizes students (Ages 5 and up)

Learn more at [Tonka Serves.org](http://TonkaServes.org)

Contact [sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org) for help connecting with opportunities.

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### **PTA PULSE**

We're in the final stretch, and this year of giving back to our school community could not have happened without our amazing volunteers, all 262 of you. To say THANK YOU, we would love to see you at today's afternoon event in the Media Center from 3pm - 4pm AND at a Thank You 'Happy Hour 'next Wednesday, June 7th from 6pm - 7pm at SPASSO.

Ready for more? Fill out [the interest survey](#) to share your areas of interest with us for next year. We have opportunities big & small.

Questions? Reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at [madsen.polly@gmail.com](mailto:madsen.polly@gmail.com) or 617-571-3877 with questions.

**Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** Sunday, June 4 9:00-1:00 Join us at the Excelsior Masonic Lodge for pancakes, french toast, sausage, eggs (and coffee, of course!).

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/22527d76/X3TBIM56FUupLmndc2-ADg?u=http://www.excelsior113.org/store/2023-pta-spring-brunch> Choose DeePhaven to have proceeds benefit our PTA.

**PTA Volunteer Thank You Gathering** - 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.