



THE WINDS
January 11, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 12	Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony, 9:15 a.m.
Jan. 12-20	Tonka Coders and Makers Week
Jan. 16	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 25	Wacky Wednesday: Animal Day
Jan. 26	Grade 5 Band Concert, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27	No School - Grading and Planning Day
Feb. 7	Deephaven Dads night out - Excelsior Brewing

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tonka Coders and Makers Week

Students at Deephaven will be celebrating Tonka Coders and Makers Week during the 6-day cycle from January 12-20. This week gives us a chance to dive deep into the enjoyment of coding, making and STEM. All students will work with HUB maker space materials during a "Novel Engineering" lesson in media class that integrates literacy with STEM. Each grade level will also build and code their own "app" in Scratch jr. to reinforce a cross-curricular topic. All students will have a short lesson on binary numbers and their use in computer hardware and complete a binary coloring sheet to display in the front hallway, as well.

Finally, each grade level will complete a STEM challenge with a HUB material. Kindergarteners will work with Beebots; first graders will examine light and shadows with Keva planks and Magna Tiles; second graders will use Straw Building kits, MakeDo plastic screws, tools, and cardboard to build basic shelters; third graders will program an Ozobot to navigate a maze; fourth graders will each build their own functional video game controller with a Makey Makey and paper circuits, and fifth graders will compare and contrast the ease of programming Edison and Sphero robots to trace a given geometrical shape.

We will track our hours of coding and making to try and reach a goal of 700 total hours as a school. Students can count time at school and at home. Please have your student tell their teacher about any time they code, build, or make at home so it can be added to our school total! Come see a graph of our progress during the week in the hallway near the Health Office!

Incoming Kindergarten Families – Registration materials for residents is due on January 15. Families that are open enrolling must turn in their applications by January 15 as well. Please contact Alexis Beckman at 952-401-4141 or alexis.beckman@minnetonkaschools.org if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

Recess Para Opening – The best way to make it through winter is to get out and enjoy it! We have an opportunity for you to be outside everyday with kids for 2.5 hours. Please submit your application online and email Josh Jansen if you have interest in this position. josh.jansen@minnetonkaschools.org

February is “I Love to Read” month, and we are looking forward to a lot of fun activities that the PTA is putting together for the Read-A-Thon. Check out the PTA Pulse for more details.

Reminder: District Emergency Closing Procedures can be found on our website [here](#).

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus meetings students will be discussing cyber-bullying and cyber safety. This is a good time to review with your child your rules and expectations at home for Internet use.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tonka Serves: Volunteer in 2023 -It's Good for You & Your Family!

Build volunteering into your 2023 plan! Volunteering helps build self-esteem, helps reduce everyday stress, and makes children and adults feel happier. Children who volunteer also feel valued and have a greater sense of connection to their larger community.

Need ideas of ways to serve others?

- Click [here](#) to access information on opportunities available now.
- Visit www.tonkaserves.org for other ideas and a full list of non-profit partners.
- Join Tonka Serves Schoology Group (CODE 4BKFD-7QB38) for updates on local opportunities.
- Sign-up for [Doing Good Together](#) monthly newsletters/resources focused on younger children and their families.

Be recognized as a volunteer!

Individuals ages 5 and up can earn a [President's Volunteer Service Award](#) through Minnetonka Public Schools. This national award is a division of AmeriCorps.

Have questions or need help connecting with opportunities? Contact: Sarah Johnson, Community Service Specialist, sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org

PTA PULSE

What a crazy winter. We hope everyone is staying safe! Questions, comments or ideas on how to make Deephaven even more incredible? Please reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com.

Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony - Thursday, January 12 - 9:15a.m.

The ceremony for those who submitted stories will be Thursday in the front gym. What is Lighthouse Publishing? Lighthouse Publishing encourages creative writing skills in a non-graded, accessible format. Students in Grades 2-5 can write anything they want! - poems, short stories, novels, comic strips. Stories are then bound into an official book which is presented to the authors during a ceremony (usually with treats!) with parents and guests. The classroom with the most entries also wins a Pizza Party for the whole classroom.