



THE WINDS
FEBRUARY 21, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1-27	Read-a-Thon
Feb. 21	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:20
Feb. 26	Districtwide Orchestra Festival, 7 p.m. at MHS
Feb. 28	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character
Feb. 29	Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Mar. 1	No School - Conferences 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mar. 4	No School - Staff Professional Development Day
Mar. 8	2nd Grade Music Program, 9:50-10:15 a.m.
Mar. 13	3rd Grade Music Program, 9:50-10:15 a.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Yearbook Orders end on February 29. Order a yearbook today so your child will have one on the day they are distributed. Click [here](#) to order.

Spring Conferences – Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 29, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (in person) and on Friday, March 1, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (virtually). Our goal is to have all our parents participate. Please work directly with your child's teacher if you would like to meet in person on Friday. You received an email on Wednesday, February 7 at 5 p.m. with instructions on how to sign up for conferences. **The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is Wednesday, February 28 at 4 p.m.**

Parent Input Forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be available during conferences. You may request one from your child's teacher or pick one up in the office. As a reminder, we do not accept teacher requests.

Deephaven Reads: DHE Reads officially started in classrooms this month! DHE Reads is a new program designed by our PTA's CARES committee with the help of Kelli Whiteside, our treasured Media Specialist. DHE Reads offers classroom teachers a monthly book associated with one of our school's values. This month's book is ***The Sandwich Swap*** (Queen Rania Al Abdullah, 2010) which reinforces the value of seeking understanding with others. All students in RSK-5th grade will have the opportunity to read/ listen to this book and discuss the value of seeking understanding by asking questions, listening to others, and showing kindness throughout the month. Along with the gifted book donated by the PTA, teachers also have access to activity ideas associated with this month's value of seeking understanding with each other and our Deephaven community.

No School on Friday, March 1 - Conferences

No School on Monday, March 4 - Staff Professional Development Day

Spring Break is the week of April 1-5

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are talking about how to be safe and respectful in the lunchroom as well as to and from school. Remember, if you ever feel confused or bullied by something or someone, tell your parents or another adult you trust right away.

PTA PULSE

READ-A-THON Updates - "Rising Tide Lifts All Boats"

We're on week three of the read-a-thon! Please login to pledgestar to register, make your donations, and log your minutes! <https://pledgestar.com/deephaven/> The kids are having a blast and it is so fun to watch our minutes rise!

Week 3 Results

- There are 589 students participating in the Read-A-Thon. We'd love to get to 90% participation, we're at 86% right now. So close!
- As of Sunday evening, students have read a total of 386,000 minutes. We're on track to hit our goal to read 500,000 minutes on Thursday and celebrate with a Read and Feed!
- If you have photos of your student reading that you'd like to submit to our "Caught You Reading" display. Send them to deephavenreadathon@gmail.com

The read-a-thon is one of the PTA's most important fundraisers. Proceeds fund more than half of our PTA activities including classroom projects, community-building events, schoolwide enrichment programs, and facilities services. Check to see if your company does an employee match.

FINAL MINUTES ARE DUE 2/27 at 6:00pm. Make sure you log your minutes before then to have them count in your class and individual totals.

We still need a few more volunteers - sign up on [membership toolkit](#).

Annual Deephaven Art Exhibition - Volunteers Needed. Our annual art exhibition is coming soon on April 25th from 5:00-7:00. More information to come about the event. For now, we need volunteers to mount and hang the art around the school. Please [sign up](#) to help!