



THE WINDS
February 15, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1-28	Read-A-Thon
Feb. 15	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m.
Feb. 17	2-hour Early Release, 12:40 p.m.
Feb. 20	No School - Presidents Day
Feb. 21	Mom's Night Out - 7 p.m. at Bull & Wren
Feb. 22	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Book Character
Feb. 28	Last Day to Order Yearbooks
Feb. 11	Minnetonka Foundation Dream Makers Event
Mar. 2	Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
Mar. 3	No School - Conferences
Mar. 3	Imagination Fair Registration Deadline
Mar. 11	Imagination Fair
Mar. 13-16	World Culture Week
Mar. 16	PTA Meeting - 6:30 p.m., Media Center - ALL ARE WELCOME
May 12	Deephaven Parent Party - 6:30 p.m. at Cast & Cru

*Find the full [Minnetonka calendar on the website](#).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month continues through the end of February. Please see the PTA Pulse for more details.

Spring Conferences – Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 2, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (in person) and on Friday, March 3, 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.

The deadline to sign up for conferences/make changes is Wednesday, March 1 at 3 p.m.

Yearbook Orders end on February 28. Order a yearbook today so your child will have one on the day they are distributed.

Cars backing up onto the bridge – Per the Deephaven Police, cars are not allowed to stage on the bridge when waiting in the pick-up or drop-off line at Deephaven. Cars that wait on the bridge reduce visibility for cars leaving Deephaven and increase the chances of an accident. Please drive around the block until the line is shorter.

2-hour Early Release on Friday, February 17. **Dismissal will take place at 12:40 p.m.** for staff development. Lunch will be served to all students before dismissal. Please plan accordingly, as we will not have staff available to supervise children picked up late.

No School on Monday, February 20 – Presidents Day

No School on Friday, March 3 - Conferences

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings, we will be focusing on one area where bullying can occur: the bus. We will talk about different ways that we can create a safe environment on our bus ride to and from school. We will also discuss communication. Practice listening to others and paying attention to their feelings. Notice if laughing is friendly laughter or the kind that hurts feelings.

PTA PULSE

We're half way through February and our Read-a-Thon! Questions, comments or ideas? - reach out to PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com.

Art Adventure 2023 - Spring 23 - Parent Volunteers Needed

Be a part of this amazing partnership with MIA. Students in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade will be presented with approximately 6 art works from the **Amazing Animals in Art** set between March and the beginning of May. **Parent volunteers come to the classroom to discuss the pieces using posters and other tools.** Details and sign up here: [Deephaven Elementary PTA - ART Adventure 2023 \(membershiptoolkit.com\)](https://membershiptoolkit.com)

Deephaven Mom's Night Out - Feb 21 6:00-9:00pm Moms, Grandmas, and Caretakers of any kind please join us for a Deephaven Moms' Night Out at Bull & Wren in Excelsior. This is a buy your own beverage/food event with no formal agenda - just a laid-back way to connect with other Deephaven Families!

Imagination Fair - Mar 11 The Imagination Fair isn't a science fair. It is a celebration of unique and creative ideas and projects. Students can work in groups or alone. [Registration via Google Form](#) due Friday 3/3. Questions? Contact Jane Sladky-Valley at jsladkyvalley@gmail.com.

READ-A-THON WEEK #3!

"Bolder, Prouder, Stronger Readers"

We're halfway through February's Read-A-Thon and we're at 40% of our goal to read 635,000 minutes! There's snow greater than reading in the wintertime — no matter what your favorite books or audiobooks may be, all of it counts during the Read-A-Thon!

It's not too late to register and start reading!

Register your child today: <https://pledgestar.com/deephaven/>

Week #3 Results

- There are **583 students** participating! If **17 more students** register, we will earn popcorn and a movie day for all!
- Students have read a total of **235,585 minutes!**
- We're at 60% of our goal to raise \$60,000!
- *Congrats to our weekly drawing winner, **Sofia P.**, from Sra. Gloe's 3rd grade class!*

- *Congrats to our Valentine's Day drawing winner, **Simon T.**, from Sra. Powell's 4th grade class! Simon has won a pizza party for their class!*

Students who log 540 minutes or secure \$75 in pledges before this Saturday, February 18th will be entered into the weekly drawing.

Students who secure \$100 in pledges by Friday, March 3rd will receive their own bottle of slime to help slime staff members when we hit our goal of reading 635,000 minutes.

PRIZES!!! Earn prizes by reading and logging minutes. Check out a full list of prizes at deephavenreadathon.com.

Logging minutes in Pledgestar by **Friday, March 3rd** is the only way for children to get credit for their hard work!

Questions? Please visit Questions? Please visit deephavenreadathon.com or email deephavenreadathon@gmail.com for more information!