



THE WINDS
March 22, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 20-24	Tackle Cancer - Spring Drive
Mar. 29	Wacky Wednesday: Favorite Color Day
Mar. 31	No School - Planning/Grading Day
Apr. 3-7	No School - Spring Break
Apr. 12	Student Leadership, 2:45 p.m.
Apr. 13	Lighthouse Publishing submissions due
Apr. 17-21	Kindness Week!
Apr. 20	Annual Deephaven Student Art Exhibition, 5-7 p.m.
Apr. 25	Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony, 9:15 a.m.
May 6	Donuts with Dads & Dudes - 8-10 a.m. Excelsior Masonic Lodge
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

NO WINDS NEXT WEEK

No School Friday, Mar 31 - Grading/Planning Day

Spring Break is the week of April 3-7

Please join me in congratulating Lizzy Maus for being named as the Deephaven Elementary honoree for the Award for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching! Lizzy will be honored at the district's upcoming 2023 Celebration of Excellence event.

The Celebration of Excellence event is on Thursday, May 11 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Arts Center at Minnetonka High School. A reception with refreshments begins at 6:00 p.m. and the program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Lizzy represents the outstanding teachers at Deephaven Elementary School. Once again, congratulations to Lizzy for being Deephaven's award winner for 2023!

Spring Cleaning? Deephaven is partnering with the Excelsior Rotary Club to bring used books to four non-profits that will put the books into the hands of families in need that have young children. Look through your storage room for books that you once read to your kids and save them for our **Book Drive from April 17-May 1**. Save the date! Volunteers will also be needed on May 2 to organize and box up books that have been donated. Please email Bryan McGinley at bryan.mcginley@minnetonkaschools.org if you would like to volunteer on May 2.

Parent Input Forms DUE March 31 - You may complete a Parent Input form and return it to your child's teacher. Forms are available in the office. The deadline to turn in your form is Friday, March 31. We will do our

best to take your input into consideration as we build class lists for next year. We do not guarantee that we can accommodate all requests due to the difficult task of creating balanced classrooms.

Tackle Cancer Drive: March 20 to March 24

Help to Tackle Cancer with a donation to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research foundation. Bring in your coins, dollars, or a check made out to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research foundation. Special recognition will be given to the homeroom that raises the most money for Tackle Cancer! Learn more about the Randy Shaver Cancer Research Foundation by clicking on [this link](#).

Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition - You are invited to attend The Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition on **Thursday, April 20th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM**.

Each year we celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of Deephaven Elementary artists by displaying their art in the school hallways. Every Deephaven art student will have one work of art on display. Come and enjoy the art, make a craft to take home, and leave compliments for your favorite artworks.

MCA Testing for Grades 3-5 MCA takes place in April for students in **grades 3-5**. Listed below are the testing windows for each grade level. Please keep in mind that proper sleep and good nutrition are extra helpful during testing weeks. Please avoid scheduling appointments for your child(ren) when MCA testing is taking place this spring. Your child's teacher will provide you with further testing details.

MCA Testing Schedule:

- Math: April 18-20 (Grades 3-5)
- Reading: April 25-28 (Grades 3-5)
- Science: May 2-4 (Grade 5 only)

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus Classroom Meetings we will talk about our school rules about bullying. Bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.

PTA PULSE

Thank you to all who came to the Family Night World Culture Fair. What a success! It was so fun to learn about, listen to and taste things from some of the many cultures that Deephaven represents. A big thank you to our leads Betsy Chin and Jen Hinz for coordinating the magic. Want to get involved with school events like this in the future? Contact PTA President, Polly Madsen, at 617-571-3877 or madsen.polly@gmail.com.

Lighthouse Publishing - Submissions due Apr 13

Time to sharpen those writing pencils! Our 3rd Lighthouse Publishing event will happen after spring break. This is the last session of the year and is open to first graders as well as 2nd-5th.

What is Lighthouse Publishing?

Students in Grades 1-5 can write anything they want! - poems, short stories, novels, comic strips. The stories are then bound into an official book which is presented to the author during an official Lighthouse Publishing ceremony. Parents and guests are invited to the ceremony to see the Authors presented with their newly published book. The Ceremony will take place on April 25th at 9:15am in the front gym.

Please email submissions in the to: deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com. (Parents may need to help, by typing their child's story into the template)