



THE WINDS
OCTOBER 16, 2019

Important Dates

October 17-18	NO SCHOOL – MEA
October 23	NATIONAL UNITY DAY – wear orange to school!
October 23	9:30-10:00 Peaceful Bus (in classrooms)
October 23	2:40-3:45 Student Leadership – First Meeting (see “Did You Know”)
October 25	7:30-7:55 School Store (front hallway)
October 28	Vikings Bullying Prevention Program
October 31	Halloween
November 1	TWO-HOUR LATE START 10:00 A.M.
November 1	Lighthouse Publishing Deadline #1 (see “Did You Know”)
November 8	NO SCHOOL – Grading and Planning Day
November 11	8:30-9:30 Veterans’ Day Assembly
November 11-15	School Psychology Awareness Week
November 14	9:00-10:00 Preschool Story Hour (incoming 2020 kindergarten students)
November 14	7:00-8:15 PTA Meeting (media center)
November 15	7:30-7:55 School Store (front hallway)
November 16	Imagination Fair
November 19	Picture Retake Day (details coming soon)
November 21	9:00-12:00 Grade 4 Field Trip to Orchestra Hall
November 25	12:00-2:00 Kindergarten Field Trip to Old Log Theater
November 27	Wacky Wednesday – PJ DAY!
November 28-29	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

No school Tomorrow or Friday – Students will be on MEA break on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18.

Conference attendance reached 98% last week. Thank you so much for valuing the partnership with your child’s teacher and school. Working together allows us to be more effective as we support your child’s academic and social/emotional development.

Deephaven's Book Fair was another successful PTA-led event. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers that spent hours setting up, running and taking down the Book Fair. Thank you to all of the parents that stopped by the Book Fair and purchased books and more for your child. It is a great way to show your interest in your child's reading development, and a fun way to find the next great book to read.

Peaceful Bus is a program we run at Deephaven three times a year. Our first event takes place on Wednesday, October 23. The program consists of bringing students together in their bus group, Explorer's group or student pick up/drop off group for 30 minutes to develop relationships among the students and with the adults in charge at that time of day. We invite all of the bus drivers to Deephaven and most are able to attend the event. Students learn more about their bus driver and discuss ways to work together as a group while riding the bus. All Deephaven staff are involved and attend one of the group meetings. It is a great partnership we have developed with our bus company and the drivers. Please take time to introduce yourself to your child's bus driver, at some point during the school year, if you are at the bus stop.

Amazon Smile is a simple way to raise money for your child's school. Select **Deephaven Elementary PTA** as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of your payment to our PTA on a quarterly basis. So far, Deephaven has received \$1,665.28 through the Amazon Smile program. Friends and relatives can also select our PTA as their charity. smile.amazon.com

Veterans' Day Assembly & Classroom Visits - The all school Veterans' Day Assembly is scheduled for Monday, November 11, from 8:30-9:15 am. We are recruiting veterans, as well as active servicemen and servicewomen, to participate in the assembly. They will also visit individual classrooms after the assembly and share their stories and answer student questions in a smaller group. To sign up for the assembly and/or the classroom visits (or, if you have questions), please email Marta Chou at martachou@hotmail.com. Please include the name of your student's teacher so we can coordinate your classroom visit(s) with them.

We are veering from the Wacky Wednesday schedule next week to celebrate National Unity Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange to help promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Important Halloween Message - Did you know that there are many children who are afraid during Halloween? We allow children to wear costumes during school, but wearing of masks, painted faces, disguises or grooming that limits or prevents identification of an individual is strictly prohibited. Also, weapons of ANY kind are NOT allowed in school, including look-alike weapons. Adults, if you are planning on wearing a costume to school, please be very sensitive and follow the guidelines stated above. We want Halloween to be enjoyable and safe for everyone!

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION (October 14)

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings, we will be reviewing, role playing and discussing what we can do to help in a bullying situation.

DID YOU KNOW?

Student Leadership is starting soon! Meetings are open to any student in Grades 4 and 5 who has an interest in developing leadership skills. Meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:40-3:45 in the Media Center. Parents are responsible for transportation home, and students are required to bring a note to school granting permission to attend. **First Meeting – Wednesday, October 23.** Students should bring a parent note to the first meeting indicating parent permission.

Lighthouse Publishing is Back for the 2019-2020 School Year! Please click on the links below for information regarding Lighthouse Publishing for the new school year. Lighthouse Publishing is a school-wide program, for students in grades 2-5, to support student writing. First graders will have the opportunity to participate in the spring submission. If you have questions, please contact Liz Frankel at lighthouse.publishing@gmail.com. [LP Book Template 2018-19.docx](#) [Lighthouse Publishing Promo Fall.pdf](#)

IMAGINATION FAIR!! Hey, parents! Time for your kids to show off their inventions and creations at little cost with great reward! Save the date for the **Imagination Fair on November 16, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Free coffee, donuts and a technology station provided for parents. A new format this year for 4th & 5th graders - creating projects within a specific category. There will also be activity stations led by the University of Minnesota Multicultural Club, as well as the Agriculture Department and the Minnetonka High School Fine Arts Club.

- Grades K-3: Create anything, explore the activity stations, and enter into a drawing for prizes
- **New this year!** Grades 4 & 5: Choose one of the categories; current events, fine arts, culinary arts, engineering & technology, or science. 1st place in each category will win a prize.

Click on the links below for registration and the Imagination Fair Flyer:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10dPFfQJ4DglGODvuFhAIE33WnlkbtfeWX1fvmCa0j10/viewform?edit_requested=true [Imagination Fair Flyer vF.pdf](#)

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE – As Halloween approaches, please remember our food allergy guidelines and that Halloween poses unique challenges for students with life-threatening food allergies. **We would like to encourage you to consider non-food treats for Halloween.** Food allergens, especially dairy, peanuts and tree nuts are found in many types of chocolates and other candies. Please read all labels carefully before you send any food/candy items to school.

PTA PULSE

Thank you to everyone who came out last week to shop the Book Fair....so much fun to see the excitement around reading! A special thank you to Book Fair co-chairs, Jenny Starkey and Emily Scherschligt, Book Fair leadership team, Heather LaRock and Megan Goodrich, and the MANY volunteers that made the sale run so smoothly!

Upcoming Key Dates:

October 25	Box Tops Collection Deadline
November 10	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (Excelsior Masonic Lodge)
November 14	PTA Meeting (Media Center)
November 16	Imagination Fair

PTA Project Spotlight: Imagination Fair - Did you know that our Imagination Fair is made possible by the PTA? The November 16 Imagination Fair is a great way for students to showcase their interests and spark learning in our community.

Box Tops Deadline: October 25. A big THANK YOU for all the BOX TOPS that have been turned in so far, and a friendly reminder that we have our first deadline of the year coming up on October 25. Please check your cupboards and pantries for BOX TOPS and turn them in to your teacher. If you still have yet to download the BOX TOP App, please do so. It's super simple....just sign in and designate Deephaven Elementary as your school of choice to start scanning your receipts!

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Sunday, November 10 at the Excelsior Masonic Lodge Building. What's better than an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast? An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast that benefits the Deephaven Elementary PTA! The Excelsior Masonic Lodge has selected the Deephaven Elementary PTA to receive 66% percent of ticket sales revenue for its annual Pancake Breakfast. Adult tickets are \$9 and Child (6-12) tickets can be purchased at the below link: <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/99939>

Class Party Contribution Reminder – With fall already here and Halloween around the corner, it's also time for class parties to build our Deephaven Elementary community. A friendly reminder to consider contributing to this effort by making a voluntary \$20 suggested donation to your class party fund at <https://deephavenpta.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>.

Want to get involved in the PTA?

1. **Subscribe to the Deephaven PTA Membership Toolkit** - Your 'one-stop-shop' for the Deephaven Elementary event calendar and volunteer opportunities.
 - REGISTER at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com>
 - GET THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT APP at the App Store
2. **Volunteer Your Time & Talent** – Visit Membership Toolkit for volunteer opportunities and open leadership roles.
3. **Join Parents of Deephaven Elementary Kids Facebook Page** – a great way to connect with others in our school community, ask questions, and get support.

4. **Attend PTA Meetings & Social Events** – often, the best way to stay connected is ‘face-to-face;’ get the most out of your Deephaven Elementary experience by *showing up* at our full calendar of events this year. Access the calendar of events in Membership Toolkit.