



**THE WINDS**  
**JANUARY 29, 2020**

**Important Dates**

January 27-31	Para Educator Appreciation Week
January 30	9:20-9:50 Peaceful Bus
January 31	8:30-9:00 a.m. Grade 5 Band Concert (front gym)
February 1	Dream Makers Event at Bavaria Downs in Victoria, MN
February 1	Start of "I Love to Read/Read-a-Thon" Month
February 3-7	National School Counseling Week
February 5	2:40-3:45 Student Leadership (Media Center)
February 7	7:30-7:55 School Store
February 11	8:30 Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony (front gym)
February 12	Spring Conference Sign Up Goes Live at 5:00 p.m.
February 13	11:30-2:15 Grade 1 Field Trip to Stages Theater
February 13	12:00-2:00 Grade 5 Field Trip to Roller Garden
<b>February 14</b>	<b>TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE AT 12:40 (LUNCH WILL BE SERVED)</b>
<b>February 17</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY</b>

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Para Educator Appreciation Week** – This is Para Educator Appreciation week at Deephaven. We are acknowledging the helpful role all of our paras play at Deephaven for our students and teachers. They supervise students at recess and in the lunchroom. They also help support students with behavior and academics in the classroom. Please join us in sharing your appreciation for the great work our paras do every day at Deephaven. A nice para luncheon took place today and was put on by the Deephaven Social Committee. Thank you Deephaven paras. You are the best!

**Peaceful Bus** is a school-wide event where students meet with other students on their bus, or with other students in the student pick up group or those students that attend Explorers. The

goal is to develop a community among these students and the adults that are in charge, such as their bus driver. We follow a lesson plan from Responsive Classroom to create such a community. We have seen a huge drop in bus referrals along with an overall all improvement in behavior. Please get to know your child's bus driver if you wait at the bus stop with your child. This event takes place three times a year and lasts for 30 minutes. The bus company pays drivers that are able to attend this event and we are appreciative of the support from First Student.

**I Love to Read/Read-a-Thon Month** begins on February 3. This PTA-run event is our largest fundraiser of the year, and it promotes reading among our students. Please see the PTA Pulse for more information.

**Deephaven's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee** was last Wednesday. The champion was Asher Lepper and the runner up was Mila Sloan. Congratulations to all of the participants!

**Dream Makers** is this Saturday. The Minnetonka Foundation supports all schools in our district by providing funding for teacher grants. Thank you for the support many of you have shown by purchasing your ticket to the event. It is now sold out!

**Upcoming Free Screenings of the LIKE Movie - The Impact of Social Media on Our Lives -** Don't miss seeing the powerful "LIKE" documentary about social media. Over 400 parents viewed it in November, and 600+ more are registered to see it this month. Learn more and [RSVP here](#) to reserve your seat ([bit.ly/TonkaDigHealth](http://bit.ly/TonkaDigHealth)). The screening of the movie is on Friday, January 31, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Minnewashta Elementary cafeteria.

**National School Counseling Week** is coming up the week of February 3-7.

**Lighthouse Publishing Ceremony** is on February 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the front gym. Parents of the participants are invited to attend.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Conference sign up** will go live in Skyward on Wednesday, February 12, at 5:00 p.m. We will send an email with instructions on how to log in and sign your child up for their conference(s) at that time.

**Get your YEARBOOK!** Order your Deephaven yearbook today for \$28.00! Prices will increase after February 21. Visit [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) and select **Buy Your Yearbook** from the yearbook drop-down menu. Here is the direct link:  
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## **PTA PULSE**

**Deephaven's Read-a-Thon begins this week!** We hope everyone is excited for a record year for this month's READ-A-THON beginning this Saturday, February 1. We have a **100% participation goal** -- with a prize for the whole school -- so now is the time to get your student registered and READ, READ, READ for the month ahead. See below for details on signing up!

### **Upcoming Key Dates:**

January 31          Outdoor Classroom Bids Due

February 1          READ-A-THON Begins

**PTA Project Spotlight: Read-a-Thon** - One of the most fun ways the PTA fosters academic enrichment with our Deephaven students is through February's Read-a-Thon. From February 1-24, students log their minutes, engage their families and friends in support, and have a lot of fun along the way! With prizes for participation for individuals, classes, and the school, it's no surprise that the whole community gets involved! **Register today** at <https://pledgestar.com/deephaven/>

**Outdoor Classroom bids are due this FRIDAY, January 31** - The PTA has been working to reenvision our outdoor classroom to create a newly-inspired setting for learning. To bring it to life, we are looking for landscapers and landscaping companies to help in the design and implementation. If you are a landscaper, or have a connection to one who might be willing to support, please contact Sponsorship Chair, Jamie Paz, at [jamiehpaz@gmail.com](mailto:jamiehpaz@gmail.com) for details on the bidding process and sponsorship opportunities. Bids are due this Friday -- January 31!

**Lights! Camera! Action!** The Talent Show's debut is Friday, May 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starring 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders in a solo or group act. 5<sup>th</sup> graders can participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade finale, in addition to participating in a solo or group act. More information to follow in an upcoming WINDS, including how to sign up your child to participate and how to reserve your seats for the show. Mark your calendars for May 1!

**Volunteers needed for the Talent Show.** The 5<sup>th</sup> grade finale, dress rehearsal and day-of the Talent Show volunteer positions are available. Sign up and find detailed information at <https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>. Specific volunteer positions, include: assistant 5<sup>th</sup> grade finale director(s); dress rehearsal crew; backstage crew—encouragement and support; backstage crew—décor and props; ticket table; and ushers. Please note, the rehearsal dates for March and April are not yet determined. Any questions? Contact Marta Chou at [martachou@hotmail.com](mailto:martachou@hotmail.com).

**SAVE-THE-DATE: Deephaven Elementary 2020 Parent Party is on Saturday May 30 at the Minnetonka Yacht Club!** - Mark your calendar to join fellow parents at the annual Deephaven Parent Party, a fun night to build community and raise money for our school. Right now, the **Parent Party Committee is looking for donation items for our live and silent auction.** Ideas include sporting event tickets, VRBO weekends, a day of boat rental, hockey gift cards, water sports toys....but creativity is welcomed! Your donations and ticket proceeds support the Deephaven PTA and academic enrichment, social enrichment, and community building at our school. **To donate or get involved, please reach out to Parent Party Chairs Kelli Deeg** at [kellideeg@gmail.com](mailto:kellideeg@gmail.com) or **Amy Blahosky** at [amyheintzman@hotmail.com](mailto:amyheintzman@hotmail.com).