



THE WINDS
DECEMBER 6, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 6	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45 in Mr. Sherry's room
Dec. 7	2024-25 Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. in the Front Gym
Dec. 8-15	Coders/Makers Week
Dec. 12	Grade 5 Deephaven/Groveland Orchestra Concert at Groveland, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45 in the Media Center
Dec. 14	Grade 5 Choir Concert, 9:15 a.m. in the Front Gym
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	No School - Winter Break
Jan. 2	No School - Staff Professional Learning Day
Jan. 10	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank You Volunteers – It has been so nice having parent volunteers back at school this year. We are grateful for the support from our Deephaven parents.

Deephaven Staff Member, Gwendolyn Stangel, suffered a Subarachnoid Hemorrhage in her brain last week. Gwendolyn is the mother of twin middle school students that also attended Deephaven. With permission from her husband, Foster, I can share that she underwent three surgeries to address the ruptured vein and related complications. She is currently in the ICU and has made some significant progress, including being able to breathe on her own and the ability to move the left side of her body. Gwendolyn, or Mrs. Stangel to the students, is a beloved staff member. She is a paraprofessional and has her teaching license. She is often called to serve as a teacher when we are short on reserve teachers. Therefore, she is around our entire building and most, if not all, students know her. We recommend focusing on the doctors and nurses helping her if you discuss this situation with your child. This approach will help ease your child's concerns and let them know that Gwendolyn is being cared for by specially trained professionals.

Visit Her CaringBridge Site: You can help support Gwendolyn's recovery by visiting her CaringBridge site. Knowing our school community is behind her will go a long way in supporting her at this time. Here is a link to her CaringBridge Site: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/gwendolynstangel>

Student Leadership is having their annual Toys for Tots drive. It will begin Monday, December 11 and end Thursday, December 13. If you are able to donate, please send a NEW unwrapped toy to your child's class by Thursday, December 13. Student Leadership will collect the toys from each classroom daily. All of Deephaven's donations will be dropped off December 14. Thank you for your support again this year!

Deephaven Kindergarten Information Night is on Thursday, December 7, at 6 p.m. in the Deephaven front gym. Incoming K parents will learn about our kindergarten options. This event is for the parents only. [RSVP to Kindergarten Information Night](#)

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING YOUR INCOMING KINDERGARTNER OR SIBLINGS TO THE EVENT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Kindergarten registration information can be found [here](#).

Last Winds Before Break - No Winds next week, December 13.

No School December 21 - January 1 - Winter Break

No School January 2 - Staff Professional Learning Day

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we will be discussing different ways to assist those who may experience bullying and sharing safe, practical ways to show courage.

PTA PULSE

Book Fair Week - The Scholastic Book Fair is here! There's still time to visit with your family tonight, Dec 6th from 3pm-6pm. All students will visit the fair with their teachers during school hours. You can send your child to school with cash or fund an eWallet through Scholastic for them to make purchases at the fair. If you like to help your child's teacher build their classroom library please consider donating to their eWallet. Visit our [Book Fair homepage](#) for information and to set up an eWallet.

Read-a-thon co-chair needed - Love inspiring young kids to read? We need someone to help co-lead our February read-a-thon. Reach out to Sandy Dostal for more information sandy.dostal@gmail.com.

Tonka Pride Sale - Dec 8-9 Come and shop the Tonka Pride Sale at the District Service Center on Friday, Dec 8 from 3-7 and Saturday, Dec 9 from 8-1. This is the only place to buy a wide selection of Tonka gear that directly benefits MCEC, the elementary and middle schools. We have small sizes! Including Kids XS and 2T-5T