



**THE WINDS**  
**APRIL 17, 2024**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Apr. 16-18	MCA Testing - Math (Grades 3,4,5)
Apr. 19	3rd-5th Grade Talent Show, 7-8:30 p.m. (NEW TIME!)
Apr. 22-26	Kindness Week
Apr. 22-26	Administrative Office Professionals Appreciation Week
Apr 23-25	MCA Testing - Reading (Grades 3,4,5)
Apr. 24	Wacky Wednesday: Silly Sock & Hair Day
Apr. 24	Student Leadership, 2:40-3:45
Apr. 25	Student Art Exhibition, 5-7pm
Apr. 26	Deephaven Parent Party, 6:30 p.m.
May 24	Lighthouse Publishing Event, 8:15-8:45 (NEW DATE!)

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Explorers Appreciation Week** – This week we celebrate the work done by our amazing Explorers staff. The staff provides childcare before and after school for Deephaven students. They create a fun, engaging, and safe environment for students. We appreciate the hard work they put into their jobs to make sure our students enjoy their time before and after school.

**MCA Testing** Please avoid scheduling appointments for your child(ren) when MCA testing is taking place this spring:

- Math: April 16-18 (Grades 3,4,5)
- Reading: April 23-25 (Grades 3,4,5)
- Science: April 30-May 1 (Grade 5 only) NEW DATES!

**No Stopping on the Bridge** – Stopping on the bridge as you head south on Vine Hill Road is not allowed and blocks the view of oncoming traffic. The police monitor the bridge and will ticket cars that stop on it. If you arrive and traffic is backed up, please continue driving forward on Vine Hill and find your way back to the end of the line. The line will most likely be shorter when you return, and you will be able to stack along the side of Vine Hill Road in front of the school.

**Kindness Week** is next week at Deephaven. Students will be engaged in completing kindness challenges, creating kindness chains to acknowledge acts of kindness, writing kind messages with chalk on our playground, and watching a movie on Friday with a message of kindness. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this important week at our school.

**Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition** - You are invited to attend The Deephaven Elementary Annual Student Art Exhibition on **Thursday, April 25th 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.

**E-Bikes are not permitted on school grounds** - Minnesota Statute 169.222 states that children must be 15 years old to ride an e-bike.

### **Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Devices**

As a reminder, Deephaven is a cell-phone free educational environment. We strive to create an optimum learning environment with limited distractions and a focus on engagement and connection. Our guidelines are as follows:

1. PED (Personal Electronic Devices) includes cell phones, earbuds/earphones, laptops, watches with input capability, audio recorder, etc.
2. PEDs are to be completely out of sight from 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
3. If a student has a PED, it must be stored in a student locker or backpack.
4. Families can contact students at any time by calling the main office at 952-401-6900.
5. Contact Mr. McGinley if your family has a unique situation like a medical emergency and would like to discuss an exception.

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### **DHE READS**

This month's book, Emmanuel's Dream (Thompson 2015), reinforces the values of perseverance, resilience and grit. All students RSK-5th grade will have the opportunity to read/ listen to this book and discuss these values.

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### **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings students will be talking about peer pressure. Topics will include what peer pressure is, how it can lead to bullying, and how to respond appropriately to peer pressure.

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### **PTA PULSE**

#### **PTA Volunteer Interest Form**

We're looking to fill some lead positions for the 24-25 school year. Joining the PTA is a great way to get connected to the school community and give back to our kids. We're looking for:

- Communications Board Chair
- Green Team Lead
- Bike to School co-lead
- Display Case lead
- Scholarship Liaison
- Connections Committee Lead
- New Families lead
- Tonka Pride lead

Please [fill out the survey](#) to let us know what you're interested in or reach out to [president@deephavenpta.com](mailto:president@deephavenpta.com)

#### **Final PTA Meeting of the Year - April 25 6:30pm in the Media Center**

Stop by the Media Center after the Art Exhibition for the final PTA meeting of the year. We'll review our finances, recap the read-a-thon and World Culture Week, and vote on positions for next year.

**Deephaven's Got Talent - April 19 7 pm Excelsior Elementary Auditorium**

Join us to watch the Deephaven Talent Show. Enjoy solos, duets, small groups, gymnastics, karate, poetry readings- all kinds of acts will be presented by our third to fifth graders!

**Deephaven Student Art Exhibition - Apr 25 5-7 pm** Join us for this fun evening of creativity and kindness! The event will take place in the school hallways, where there will be a vibrant display of creativity. Each talented Deephaven art student will showcase one masterpiece. Families can stroll the halls, admire the art, create a delightful craft to take home, and leave heartfelt compliments for your favorite pieces of art. We need volunteers: Check available volunteer positions [here](#).

**PTA Parent Party - April 26, 6:30-11:00 Oak Ridge Country Club - PROM!**

Our annual Parent Party Fundraiser is coming up on Friday, April 26th at Oak Ridge Country Club. This fun community building event is a great opportunity to get to know other parents as well as raise money for our school. All money raised through the live and silent auction will support our spring teacher grant's. Purchase tickets [here](#). Tickets go up in price on April 20th!

**Bike to School Day - May 8th**

Deephaven Elementary will join thousands of students around the country for this year's National Walk & Bike to School Day on May 8th. This community building event promotes healthy habits for students and the environment. See the attached flyer for a map of the event - prizes will be handed out near the bus door by our fabulous PE teachers! There are many ways your student can participate regardless of your location and current method of transportation. Here are some alternate ideas - plan ahead so you can join the fun:

- Walk or bike to your bus stop
- Drive to the parking lot along the trail by Haralson Park/Deephaven City Hall and walk or bike to school
- Designate a meeting place and time and bike to school with your friends – a friend's house, Thorpe Park, Cottagewood Store, etc.
- Choose your own adventure - get outside with your family before or after school to walk or bike together.

Email [carynwinkler@gmail.com](mailto:carynwinkler@gmail.com) if you can't pick up a prize at school and she'll be sure to get one to you! Also, **Caryn is looking for a person to help co-lead the event.** Please reach out to her if you are interested.

**Lighthouse Publishing submission date—extended to Friday May 10th.**

More time to write! Lighthouse Publishing is a way for our elementary authors to write their own story, poem, comic strip, etc. Their work is then bound into a book for them to keep and celebrated in a small ceremony on May 24. Grades 1-5 are invited to submit their work using the [attached template](#) and sent to: [deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com](mailto:deephaven.lighthousepublishing@gmail.com)

# Bike or Walk to Deephaven Elementary

