



THE WINDS

DECEMBER 9, 2020

TONKA PRIDE



Winter Sale

Saturday, December 12, 9am–5pm • Sunday, December 13, 10am–4pm

Hosted at **Pique Travel**: 306 Water St, Excelsior, MN 55331

Masks and social distancing will be required.



Important Dates

Dec 23	Last Day of School before Winter Break
December 24-January 1	WINTER BREAK
January 5	First Day back from Winter Break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Please be sure to fill out the Early Dismissal form, that was sent via Google Forms, by Monday, December 14. These are very important for us to have in case of an early release due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. You can click on this link to fill it out <https://forms.gle/j5rU6vhHhRY4muLP6>

1. **Winter recess** - There have been a number of questions regarding at what temperature we keep students inside for recess. If the temperature or the windchill is -10 or lower, we keep students indoors for recess.
2. **Kindergarten Virtual Options Night** for our incoming 2021-2022 incoming kindergarten students is tonight, December 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. Please click on this link to sign up <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WsKSHmFXy4cBcKSr4gSTDJu8VkHLSCH8W8RDP8foNo/edit>
3. **Winter Break** - Students' last day of school for winter break is Wednesday, December 23, and school will resume on Monday, January 4. We hope you all enjoy time with family and friends.
4. **No Winds** next week, December 16.
5. **Tonka Pride Winter Sale** - Stay cozy this season with new Tonka Pride gear! Shop the Tonka Pride Winter Sale on Saturday, December 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The sale will take place at Pique Travel in Excelsior, located at 306 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 55331. Masks and social distancing will be required, and sales will be by credit card only.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR STUDENT & FAMILY

Serving others can give children and adults a feeling of purpose during these challenging times. With activities paused, daytime routines changed, and physical interaction limited, students may be feeling the need for more connection.

Research shows that service to others helps boost mood and sense of self-worth.

[Washington Post- Volunteering Gives Purpose](#)

Ideas of Ways to Serve:

- Help neighbors with grocery delivery, yard clean-up/snow removal, and garbage removal.
- Spend time writing thank you notes to first responders and essential health care workers.
- Have a special talent? Think about creating short videos of yourself performing a musical number, magic trick, or even playing with your pet! Seniors in residential communities love these virtual connections.

Some Local Organization Needs:

Trouvaille Homes (Excelsior): Videos of music performances, play sessions with a pet, and help with preparing crafts (at home) for residents. Contact: Ann Webb, awebb@trouvaillehomes.com

The Glenn (Minnetonka): Create cards, artwork, and letters for residents. Contact: Alissa Dvorak, advorak@greatlakesmc.com

Toys for Tots: Volunteer to sort toys. Volunteers (12 and older) are needed at PRISM in Golden Valley Dec. 7-18. Contact: 763-432-4230 or go to salvationarmynorth.org.

Eastend Elders: Create letters by email to be printed and distributed to isolated adults in North Minneapolis. <https://www.eastsideelders.org/>

Prop Shop of Eden Prairie: Sort items in the Eden Prairie location. COVID-19 safety protocol maintained. Some age restrictions apply. Contact: Alicia Yost, alicia@propshopep.org

HandsOn Twin Cities [HandsOn Twin Cities](#)

Doing Good Together [Covid-19 Resources — Doing Good Together™](#)

FUN FACT! Did you know that individuals ages 5 and up can earn a President's Volunteer Service Award through Minnetonka Public

Schools? Learn more at [Tonka Serves](https://www.tonkaserves.org), join Tonka Serves Schoology Group (Code 4BKFS-7QB38), or contact sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

RETAKE DAY – We have pinned down **January 21** for retakes, with the hope that we will have more students at school after winter break. We will pass on details as we receive them.

ORDERING PICTURES – You may still order your child's pictures on-line through the Strawbridge website.

- Click on this link <https://www.strawbridge.net/>
- Click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks" (yearbooks will be printed by Jostens later in the year)

You must enter the code that came along with your child's proof

- Follow instructions to order your photo packages

If you would prefer to pay by check or cash, please email Stephanie Pearson at stephanie.pearson@minnetonkaschools.org, with your child's name and teacher, and she will send home a paper order form with your child.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

If you, your child, or anyone in your household has possible COVID-like symptoms, ALL household members should remain at home until further evaluation by a health care provider. If you choose not to contact a health care provider, we ask that all household members remain at home until you have spoken with the Health Office. If anyone in your household has been tested for COVID-19, **ALL** household members should remain at home until test results are known.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings, we have been talking about effective communication, both how to listen well to what another person is saying, and getting your message across in a respectful manner.

PTA PULSE

We hope everyone has been enjoying the gift of our unusually mild December weather with plenty of time outdoors (and more comfortable holiday shopping!).

In this season of giving and giving back, we wanted to share a **NEW fundraising partnership with Mabel's Labels! 20% of each purchase will go back to the Deephaven PTA**, so get your orders in now for stocking stuffers or to simply get all that winter gear labeled! See below for details.

In this season of gratitude, we also wanted to highlight our **2020-21 Deephaven PTA Title Sponsor, Sarah Polovitz** of the **Rauth Polovitz / Edina Realty** team. Sarah's commitment to our school makes the mission of the PTA possible -- fostering academic and cultural enrichment, social connection, and smooth school operations. Click **Here** to learn more about Sarah and her business.

Upcoming Dates:

December 12 - 13 Tonka Pride Winter Sale (Pique Travel, 306 Water Street, Excelsior)

NEW Fundraiser: Mabel's Labels -- Mabel's Labels are a great way to keep track of your children's items during the school year! The labels can be reused and are waterproof, and dishwasher/microwave-safe. ***Bonus? 20% of each purchase will go back to Deephaven PTA!***

How to order:

- VISIT Mabel's Labels Website at campaigns.mabelslabels.com

- SELECT **Deephaven Elementary** on the website to ensure your purchase benefits our school
- RECEIVE your order shipped directly to your home.

Parents and teachers across the country have been thrilled with Mabel's Labels and we know you will be, too. Your contribution will immediately support a variety of fundraising efforts, including classroom curriculum and supplies, teacher grants, and more. This ongoing fundraiser will be available all year.

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If you are interested in getting more involved in the PTA, please reach out to Amanda Sutter (sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com or 952-826-9856).