

THE WINDS OCTOBER 7, 2020

Important Dates

October 5-9 Nutrition Services Appreciation Week

October 8 7:00-8:00 Virtual PTA Meeting

October 10 8:00-12:00 D4D (Distance for Deephaven)

October 12-14 Bus Driver Appreciation Week

October 15-16 NO SCHOOL – MEA

October 22 Picture Day at Deephaven and High School

October 22-23 Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 13 NO SCHOOL – GRADING/PLANNING DAY

November 26-27 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week is Nutrition Services Appreciation Week. Thank you to Rosemary Sparkman, Katie Simmer and Laurie Dutton for all their hard work in putting together nutritious lunches for our students, especially during these unprecedented times when the lunch process is different. **Car Seats/Booster Seats** are required for any child that is either under 4'9" or younger than 8 years old. Deephaven Police will be enforcing this law.

No Lost and Found - We do not have a Lost and Found this year due to COVID. We encourage you to write your child's name on all their items.

Dropping Off Student Items at Deephaven:

- Please call our main number at 952-401-6900 to let the front office know that you are dropping off an item for your child.
- There is a small table in the vestibule area where you can fill out a pink slip to leave with the item. Staff will get the item to your child.
- Please do not enter the office area.

Dropping Off a Student at Deephaven:

- Please call our main number at 952-401-6900 to let the front office know that you are dropping off your child outside of normal school hours.
- You may then walk your child into the vestibule, and we will meet you at the office door. Please remain outside of the office and we will bring your child in to take their temperature.
- If their temperature is normal, we will give you a wave to let you know it is safe to leave, and your child will move on to their classroom.

School pictures will be scheduled throughout the day on Thursday, October 22. We will have (2) photographers at Deephaven and (1) photographer at the high school for our 4^{th} and 5^{th} graders. Teachers will sign up their class for a time that best suits their schedule. We are taking precautions to make sure we are staying within our social distancing protocol for this event.

If your child participates in our e-Learning program, you are welcome to come to Deephaven on October 22 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to have their pictures taken. If you prefer not to come to the school, we will give you directions on how to submit your own photo later in the school year.

No school on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16 due to MEA

No school on Friday, October 23 due to parent/teacher conferences. We will be sending a separate email this week on how conferences will be scheduled.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Covid-19 notification will take place in the form of a letter from the school to parents with a child in the same pod as a student or staff member that has tested positive for Covid-19. The Covid-positive student or staff member will not be named. In addition, if your child was within 6 feet of the Covid-positive student or staff member for 15 minutes or more, you will be contacted by phone by the Deephaven nurse.

With both the flu and COVID-19 circulating this fall and winter, you can protect yourself, your family and your community by getting a flu shot. It is recommended that everyone 6 months of age and older get a flu shot each year (unless they cannot because of medical reasons). If you are sick, talk to your health care provider before you get your flu sho. Cover your cough or sneeze, wash your hands, stay home when sick, clean frequently touched surfaces, wear a mask, and stay 6 feet from others to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and flu.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION

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

PTA PULSE

We hope that fall is off to a good start and everyone is soaking up the warmer weather. In the spirit of fall, we look forward to gathering this coming Saturday for our annual Distance for Deephaven (D4D) Fun Run, which will be complete with fall photo op, tie dye masks and drawstring bags for the first 200 kid registrants, and a Winter Clothing Drive to support children in need in the nearby St. Paul school district. See below for a link to register by this Friday.

We also look forward to hosting our first (virtual) PTA meeting of the 2020-21 school year tomorrow, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. Hear from school leadership and PTA leadership and share your thoughts and concerns with our school community. All are welcome -- see below for the Zoom link.

Upcoming Key Dates

October 8 PTA Meeting (Virtual, 7pm)

October 10 Distance for Deephaven (D4D) Fun Run/Walk

Deephaven Elementary 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

PTA Meeting -- Join us **TOMORROW Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m.** for a virtual gathering of Deephaven parents. You will get a chance to hear from school leadership and PTA leadership, as well as have a chance to share your thoughts on what matters to you this school year. Please find the **Zoom meeting link** <u>here</u>.

Distance for Deephaven (D4D) -- Our annual family fitness event, Distance for Deephaven, is coming up on **Saturday, October 10**, complete with fun festivities. At D4D, we will also be hosting a **Winter Clothing Drive** to help children in St. Paul who are homeless or living at or below the poverty line. Any winter clothing helps, but coats, boots, and snow pants are most needed. Please take a look in your closets and see what you can pay forward. We are also looking for a few more volunteers to serve as "Route Guides" along the run. Volunteer your time or invite a local high school student or Deephaven alum to join you.

- REGISTER <u>HERE</u> by Friday, October 9
- VOLUNTEER SIGN UP <u>HERE</u>

Questions? Please contact D4D chair Tanya Streifel at liltfinally@hotmail.com

Ways to Get Involved in the PTA

SUBSCRIBE to the Deephaven PTA Membership Toolkit – Membership Toolkit is your 'one-stop-shop' for the Deephaven Elementary parent and student directory, event calendar and volunteer opportunities.

REGISTER at https://deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com

DOWNLOAD THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT APP from the App Store

- Volunteer Your Time and Talent Parent volunteers are
 the lifeblood of the Deephaven PTA, and we need your help to keep
 our school community green and growing!
 Visit <u>deephavenpta.membershiptoolkit.com</u> to check out the latest
 volunteer needs and open leadership roles. Contact Amanda Sutter
 with questions at <u>sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com</u>
- Join the Deephaven Elementary PTA Facebook Page A great place to connect with others in our school community, ask questions, and get support
- Participate in PTA Meetings & EventsSupport Deephaven
 Elementary through Amazon Smile Did you know that the
 Amazon Smile program allows you to "give back" a percentage of your
 Amazon purchases to the charity of your choice? Consider making your
 Amazon purchases work harder by designating Deephaven
 Elementary!
- Open PTA Leadership Positions The PTA has openings for a few lead positions, and we need you! Open positions include: Volunteer Coordinator, Read-A-Thon Lead, Kindness/CARES Week and the Talent Show. Contact PTA President Amanda Sutter at sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com or 952-826-9856 to learn more.