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January 13, 2021

**Important Dates**

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| January 18    | NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day  |
| January 21    | Retake Day (see details in “Did You Know”)                                |
| January 22    | Dream Makers Dress Up/PJ Day (see From the Principal's Desk for details!) |
| January 25    | NO SCHOOL – Grading and Planning  |
| January 26    | Mismatch Day – Wear your Goofiest Outfit!                                 |
| January 28    | NO SCHOOL – Transition Planning for Staff                                 |
| January 29    | NO SCHOOL – Transition Planning for Staff                                 |
| February 1-28 | Read-A-Thon (see details in “PTA Pulse”)                                  |

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**February is "I Love to Read"** month, and we are looking forward to a lot of fun activities that the PTA is putting together for the Read-A-Thon. Check out the PTA Pulse for more details.

### **Grade level plans for school between now and February 1: K-2**

E-Learning with the Childcare model ends this Friday, January 15.

Hybrid model at Deephaven Elementary from January 19-27.

In-person learning at Deephaven Elementary starts on February 1.

### **Grade 3**

E-Learning with Childcare model at Deephaven Elementary continues through January 27.

In-person learning at Deephaven Elementary starts on February 1.

### **Grades 4-5**

E-Learning with Childcare model ends this Friday, January 15.

Hybrid model at Minnetonka High School from January 19-22 (INCLUDING WEDNESDAY)

E-Learning with Childcare model at Deephaven Elementary on January 26 and 27.

In-person learning at Deephaven Elementary starts on February 1.

**No School on January 28 and 29** – Transition days for teachers.

**January 28 and 29 Childcare** – Childcare for students currently in our Childcare option will take place on the transition days of January 28 and 29. These are non-school days. The regular Childcare para will be supervising students and activities will be provided throughout the day for the students.

**Class Lists** for in-person learning will be sent out at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22. Class lists will be in final form, and in most cases, students will continue to have the same classroom teacher. Please do not request a change in class placement, as it impacts students in the two classrooms involved, along with class sizes.

**Additional Class Placement Information** - Pods of no more than 15-17 students were created in August to adhere to the social distancing guidelines of 6 feet. Classes will return to their normal class size and social distancing between students will be reduced to 3 feet.

**School Map** – We will have all K-5 classrooms back at Deephaven on February 1, and a new map of our school will be sent out on Friday, February 22, along with class lists.

**Busing Plan** once we are back to in-person learning beginning February 1:

1. There will be no bus passes available for students other than their assigned bus.
2. The district and First Student will continue with seat assignments for contact tracing purposes. Students will continue to be added to the busing list if parents make the request to the transportation department, and if seating is available. Therefore, the seat assignments will take a while to create and will not be set for the first couple of weeks.
3. Bus numbers and routes are being worked on and will be communicated to parents once they are done.

**Black History Month** – Check out next week's Winds for information on how Deephaven will be celebrating Black History Month.

**Dream Makers Dress Up and PJ Day** is Friday, January 22. Students are asked to bring a donation of \$1.00 - \$5.00 for the Minnetonka Foundation on Dress Up/PJ Day. Donations will be collected by the teachers. E-learners who choose to donate can either drop them off at Deephaven (there will be a drop box by the door) or send them via Venmo to @Paula\_Madel. The money collected will go directly towards the Fund-A Dream campaign, which is used to fund teacher grants throughout the district. If your child will be wearing a Halloween-type costume, please remember our policy of no toy weapons of any kind, and no masks (besides their Covid masks) that would prevent us from recognizing your child. **A donation is not required for students to participate in Dress Up/PJ Day. Please see the attachment for more details!** [PJ Days Flyer 2021.pdf](#)

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**RETAKE DAY** – We have scheduled our photo retake day for January 21. We will have one photographer at Deephaven and one photographer at the high school. We will have an after-hours photographer for our e-Learning students. More information will be coming next week as we finalize the details. I will be sending a separate signup Google form so that we can inform the teachers of what students will be participating in retakes.

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## **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.

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## **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION**

This week, in our Olweus meetings, students will be discussing cyber bullying and cyber safety. This is a good time to review your rules and expectations with your child for internet use at home.

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## **PTA PULSE**

It's coming.... READ-A-THON 2021! A fun (and cozy) item to add to your winter to-do list is our annual **Read-A-Thon**, which begins in February. Stack your home library with your books to get ready to READ, READ, READ! See below for initial details on this fun and engaging activity. If you are interested in getting involved in the PTA, please reach out to PTA President, Amanda Sutter at [sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com](mailto:sutter.amandalynn@gmail.com) or 952-826-9856.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

February 1 -28    Read-A-Thon! (Details to follow)

**READ-A-THON -- Save the Date:** The Read-a-Thon will start on February 1, and students will read from February 1 until February 28. Now is the time to talk to your student about their reading goals. Try to challenge your child to read beyond their required school minutes and get them excited to try a new book! More details on registration will be coming out in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

**NEW Fundraiser: Mabel's Labels --** Mabel's Labels is 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](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)
- SELECT **Deephaven Elementary** on the website to ensure your purchase benefits our school
- RECEIVE your order shipped directly to your home.

**Playworks recess at home:** Looking for additional opportunities to get your kids moving and active at home? The Playworks team has been hosting Play at Home live recess on YouTube every Tuesday and Thursday morning! Kids can join and play along in real time for a quick movement break and to get refocused for the day. Link to the Playworks Youtube playlist here: [Playworks Play at Home Recess](#)