

# Winds Newsletter

February 1, 2012

- 2/1 Plantmobile – Mrs. Kreatz and Mrs. Owens  
2/2 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Kindergarten Registration Night – Turn in registration paperwork -  
**No Program**  
2/3 1:45 pm, Lighthouse Publishers Celebration, East Gym  
Kindness Contract is due today  
Plantmobile – Sra. Berry, Sra. Brockamp and Mrs. Coleman  
2/6 7:00 pm, Ian Jukes – MME cafeteria - See “From the Principal’s Desk”  
2/7 Ian Jukes visits Deephaven  
2/8 2:45 – 3:45 pm, Student Leadership  
7:00 pm, Ian Jukes – MME media center - See “From the Principal’s Desk”  
2/10 Kindness Day – Parents will greet students at doors as they come in to school.  
2/11 6:30 pm, Dream Makers 2012 – The Depot, Minneapolis  
2/14 Valentine’s Day  
11:40 – 2:30 pm, Grade 5 to Roller Garden  
Lighthouse Publishers submissions are due

## From the Principal's Desk

**Kindergarten Registration Forms are Due Tomorrow** – Forms may be dropped off during the school day or between **5:00-6:30 p.m. in the office**. Your opportunity to have your child in the program of your choice is guaranteed if you turn your form in by February 2. Forms turned in after February 2, may limit your opportunity for your first choice in kindergarten programming.

**Special Guest Speaker Ian Jukes, *Literacy in NOT Enough: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fluencies for the Digital Age*** - Monday, February 6, 7:00 PM at MMW Cafeteria or Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 PM at MME Media Center.

Author, educator and internationally acclaimed speaker Ian Jukes will be in Minnetonka working with teachers the first week of February about how learning needs to change. "We need to rethink our assumptions about what constitutes learning, and even what it means to be intelligent," he asserts. **Minnetonka parents are invited** to join Ian Jukes in an engaging discussion about our children, their futures and the future of our schools.

**Deephaven has a special emphasis on kindness** during the month of February. The City of Deephaven has established Deephaven Kindness Day as February 10, due to the work of a former fifth grade class that requested this of our City Council. Join in the effort to make an extra special effort to help your friends and neighbors this month. All Deephaven students have been asked to turn in a Kindness Contract. Check with your child to make sure he/she has turned one in to school.

**Kids' Pizza Dinner** was a great success again this year. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your work on this event. FYI – We found the winners of the iPad and Landscape Arboretum season pass.

**Lighthouse Publishers Celebration** is this Friday at 1:45 p.m. in the West Gym. Remember to encourage your second through fifth grade child to write a story for Lighthouse Publishing this year.

**Student Leadership for Fourth and Fifth Grade Students has several upcoming meetings. Here are the dates for the second semester. Meetings run from 2:45-3:45 p.m. in Mr. Boberg's classroom.**

February 8<sup>th</sup>  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 7<sup>th</sup> -  
March 21<sup>st</sup> -  
April 25<sup>th</sup> -  
May 9<sup>th</sup> -

Special Event: May 25 – Bike ride to “Kids against Hunger.” More details will be provided to students in Student Leadership.

## **PTA Pulse**

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"**I Love to Read Month**" kicks off on Monday, February 6, with a Deephaven Report broadcast. Please take time to read the attached letter and calendar (copies also go home with each student) explaining this wonderful enrichment program which includes incentives for reading at home, donating books, and visiting the public library. This year award-winning author, Marsha Wilson Chall, will visit Deephaven on Monday, February 27th. She has written books such as *Up North at the Cabin* and *Prairie Train*.

**The 2012 Student Talent Show is coming up!** Look for the sign-up sheet on Thursday, February 9th in the front hallway before school. Acts are limited and reserved on a first come, first served basis. Talents of all kind are welcome and encouraged from students in grade 1-5. We can't wait to see your group or solo act in music, martial arts, dance, drama, comedy, magic, juggling, etc. So that we can accommodate everyone who wants to participate, **each child may participate in ONE act only**. If response is as great as last year, we will continue the tradition of fifth graders performing in "finale" acts only.

Volunteer parents are needed to help coordinate large group finale acts (fifth grade girls and fifth grade boys,) at rehearsal March 5, and on the night of the show. Questions? Contact Barbara Belknap at [barbarabelknap@comcast.net](mailto:barbarabelknap@comcast.net) or Cathy VonEschen at [cvoneschen@yahoo.com](mailto:cvoneschen@yahoo.com)

Deeplaven's Got Talent  
7:00 p.m., Friday, March 16  
Minnetonka Arts Center on 7

**Congratulations to Mrs. Daniels' 4th grade class on winning the Math Madness competition!** The students averaged a 37 point increase in their math facts! Great job to all the students who worked hard at improving math facts proficiency. Mrs. Daniels' class wins a class party. Please have students return their flashcards to their teachers at your earliest convenience.

## **Olweus Bully Prevention**

This week in our Olweus classroom meetings we are talking about communication. Children are learning that everyone disagrees sometimes. We can choose to speak and act in ways that are respectful of other people's points of view. By being respectful, we can help resolve problems rather than making them worse.

## **Did You Know?**

**Dream Makers** is at the Depot on February 11th. More information and ticket ordering can be found at: <http://minnetonka.k12.mn.us/MINNETONKAFOUNDATION/DINNER>

### **Minnetonka Community Education Classes and Activities -**

New Community Ed art, science and recreation classes start every week! [Click here](#) to learn more about classes starting soon.

### **OUR COMMUNITY READS 2012**

Tonka CARES invites you to join the Minnetonka community as we welcome authors Chris and Toren Volkmann

Tuesday, February 28, 7-8:30 p.m., MHS Arts Center.

### **A Mother and Son Share their Story about Teen Drinking**

The Volkmanns like many of us, enjoyed wine with dinner, drinks with friends, and beer with BBQs. Their son Toren started early – "drinking for fun" in high school, escalated to binge drinking in college, then spun out-of-control. Gain real-world insights into the sometimes complicated and sly role of alcohol in our lives and the impact it may have on our children.

### **FLYER**

Buy the book in the [Tonka CARES web store](#).

Learn about the [community discussion groups](#) at Caribou "north".

For more information please visit [www.tonkacares.org](http://www.tonkacares.org) or call Shirley Snyder at 401-5056.