

PTO Newsletter

January 2023

Windom  Elementary

Dear Parents and Students:

Happy New Year! I hope you had a peaceful and joyous break and are ready to start 2023 on the right foot!

This month, I am writing to tell you a bit about how important reading aloud is for children and some things you can do while reading aloud.

Children learn a huge amount from being read to. They learn literary and academic vocabulary. From stories, they learn about how characters face trouble. From nonfiction, they learn about the world. What's most important is, because they love you and love being with you, they learn to love reading. Reading aloud is one of the most important things we can do with children.

Reading aloud can be with any book for any reason – picture books, nonfiction books, magazines, comic books, graphic novels. You can share familiar stories together, introduce unfamiliar tricky books to your child or even take turns reading a book aloud and talking about it. Children love to be read aloud to and this is a time to help your child learn to fall in love with reading by being a reading partner.

Here are some things you can do while reading aloud to your child, any age:

- You can read any kind of book or magazine.
- You can be silly or serious. Kids love when adults step into the role of characters and sound like those characters. You can even act out parts!
- You can choose to read about topics you'd love to start conversations about with your child.

Here are some troubles that might arise and how you can work through them:

- If your child gets up and moves around, don't worry. Kids do that. Keep reading.
- If you are unsure of your language skills, don't worry. You don't have to be a perfect reader. Your voice, which your child loves, will be the most important gift to your child.
- If your family speaks languages other than English, know that it's great (more than great, it's important) to read to your child in any language.

We have plenty of books and magazines at school if you'd like to borrow any. The local library has even more. Please let me know if you want some help finding or choosing books to read aloud.

Happy January and please do not hesitate to call me: 209-6279

Thank you for your continued support,



Phil Johnson
Principal

Upcoming Events

February 2
PTO Meeting

February 9-11
The Lion King Musical

February 18
Ice Skating at Leisure Rinks

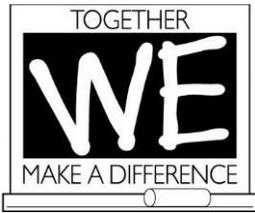
February 20-24
Mid-Winter Break


If you would like to volunteer at Windom for your child's class, as part of the PTO or both, please complete the district required volunteer training found at:
<https://www.opschools.org/Page/201>
or using the QR code



PTO Meetings:

9/15/2022
10/6/2022
11/3/2022
12/1/2022 (Virtual)
1/5/2023 (Virtual)
2/2/2023 (Virtual)
3/2/2023
4/13/2023
5/4/2023
6/8/2023



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2023 7pm

Officers:

Melissa Chandler- Co-President mel.chandler@live.com
Lindsay Wright- Co-President lindsayj_wright@hotmail.com
Joanne Juliano- Treasurer julianoconsulting@gmail.com
Kristi Bean- Secretary kristibean414@gmail.com

Welcome & Correspondence:

- PTO mail some flyers and mailers
 - One check for \$73.40 for box tops

Principal Reports:

Principal Phil Johnson

- Great turn out for Parent Teacher conference
- Musical is Lion King Kids and has been casted
 - Morning & afternoon rehearsals started
 - Musical Feb 9th-11th
 - Possible in school performance for all the students
 - Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sifter, Mrs. Hardenburg- costumes, Mr. Bond and art club set and stage

Teacher Reports:

Kelly Barnhart

- Pj's for Punt possibly February

Current & Upcoming Events

Melissa Chandler

- Ice Skating night at Leisure Rink Saturday February 18th
- Movie Event March 19th at 11am
 - Possible Lion King
 - School vote for Original or Live Action
 - Possible collaboration with local food place

Lindsay Wright

- Square One is being worked on by students
 - Goal to send in by February break
 - Catalogs back hopefully for March

Round Table

- Park Edge Sweets does sponge candy only fundraisers
- Ornament /gifts went well and were appreciated
 - Some teachers already have things planned
 - Possible survey to see who wants supplies
 - Menu option for older and younger classes
 - Extra supplies for younger grade mess ups

Attendance:

Phil Johnson – Principle	Theresa Glowachi – AP	Joanne Juliano	Amy Reinholz
Nicole Chelus – Teacher	Kristi Bean	Mel Chandler	
Kelly Barnhart – Teacher	Lindsay Wright	Russ Gullo	

Budget:

Joanne Juliano

Windom PTO Monthly Report

Treasurer's Report- December 2022

1/5/23

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$18,081.88

Income

1. OP Foundation for Academic Excellence (Author Visit) 2,500.00

2. Membership Windom Families 20.00

3. Membership OP Teachers Association 325.00

Total Income \$2,845.00

Expenses

1. CCPTO Dues (#902) 332.50

Total Expense \$332.50

Net Income(Loss) \$2,512.50

Checks written but not cleared

1.

2.

Total Checks Written but Not Cleared \$

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$20,594.38

Beginning Savings Account Balance: \$25.06

Income: \$-

Expense: \$-

Ending Savings Account Balance: \$25.06

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