

Windom PTO News



March 2022

Dear Families:

Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment and the New York State Mathematics Assessment shortly. 4th graders will also take the NYS Science Assessment. In the event that your child is ill on testing days, there will be an assessment make-up day. If your child will be absent, please remember to call the automated attendance line at 209-6279 (press *) to report the absence.

As in the past, each assessment will be given over two days for a total of four days of assessment for ELA and Math. The assessments are untimed allowing all students to complete each session at their own pace.

The schedule is as follows:

English Language Arts Assessment (2 sessions)

Dates: Tuesday, March 29th – Wednesday, March 30th

Make-up Dates: Thursday, March 31st – Friday, April 8th

Mathematics Assessment (2 sessions)

Dates: Tuesday, April 26th – Wednesday, April 27th

Make-up Dates: Thursday, April 28th – Monday, May 9th

4th Grade Science Assessment (2 sessions)

Written Test: Monday, June 6th (Make-up Dates: Tuesday, June 7th – Friday, June 10th)

Performance Test: Tuesday, May 24th – Friday, June 3rd (Windom will select two days within this window)

These assessments will be given during the morning of the designated testing days. Please make every effort to make sure that your child is here on time for the assessments. We are unable to administer the assessments outside of the make-up windows.

If you have any questions about the assessments, I would be happy to discuss them with you. I encourage you to go to engageNY.org for more information. This web page has a section for parents and guardians that is very helpful. There are also sample questions for the ELA and Mathematics assessments on the website.

In closing, I want to thank you for being so supportive of our mission.

Sincerely,

Phil Johnson
Principal

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MARCH 2022



Theresa Glowacki

Dear Parents/Guardians of Windom Elementary,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce myself to you as the newly appointed Assistant Principal for MTSS at Windom Elementary. I'm truly honored to become a part of a community, which has already given me such a warm welcome. In just the few interactions I've had with staff, students and families so far, it's become clear that this school is a unique and special place!

I have been dedicated to the field of education for over 13 years. My educational experience has included being a personal aide, speech therapist, special education teacher, Student Support Team Coordinator, and administrative intern. I have a bachelor's degree in Speech and Language Disabilities and a master's degree in General Education and Special Education. I'm currently in a master's program through The University of Buffalo for building and district level administration.

I'm from the Buffalo area and grew up in West Seneca. My husband, Bob, and I have two sons and a daughter: Mason, who is in first grade, Hudson, who is in preschool, and Raina, who is just 10 months old. As a family we enjoy going on adventures, reading books, volunteering with a non-for-profit organization I helped co-found, and watching football (Go Bills!).

I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to get to know each of your children and to support the amazing work that has already been happening at Windom. My first main focus will be building strong relationships with students, faculty and families.

I look forward to working together to provide an outstanding learning experience for every child. I also look forward to meeting you all in the upcoming months. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. My email address is tglowacki@opschools.org and my phone number is (716) 209-6279 extension 6283.

I can't wait to get to know you and your families!
Theresa



Windom Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 18, 2022 – Superintendent's Conference Day – No School

April 11 – 15, 2022 – Spring Break - No School

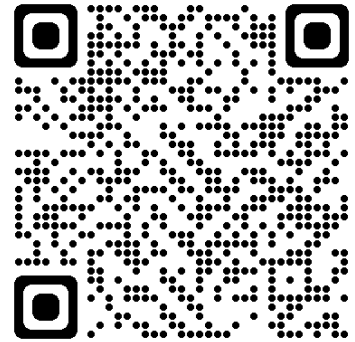
May 2 – 13 – Fun Run Kick-Off and Event

May 5 – 6 – Plant Sale

If you would like to volunteer at Windom for your child's class, as part of the PTO, or for both, please complete the district required volunteer training found at:

<https://www.opschools.org/Page/201>

or using this QR code.



Please have any information
for the March
Windom Newsletters to
lindsayj_wright@hotmail.com
by the .
Word, PDF, or jpeg formats
are preferred.
Thank you!

PTO Meetings:

9/16/2021

10/7/2021

11/4/2021

1/6/2022

2/3/2022

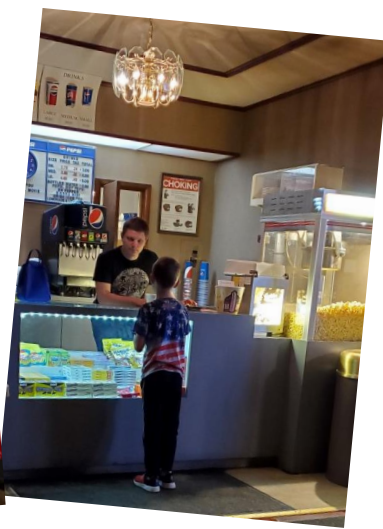
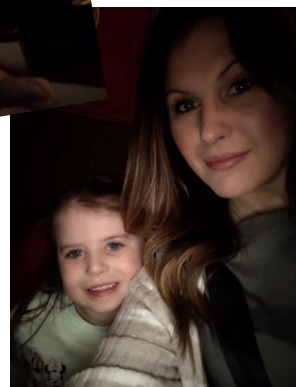
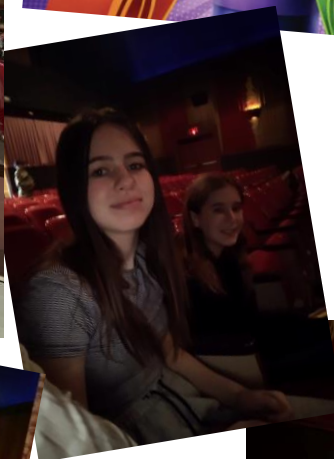
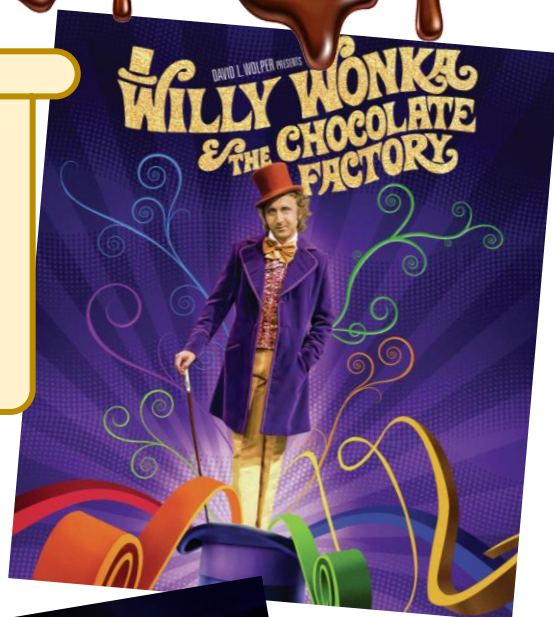
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5/5/2022

6/2/2022

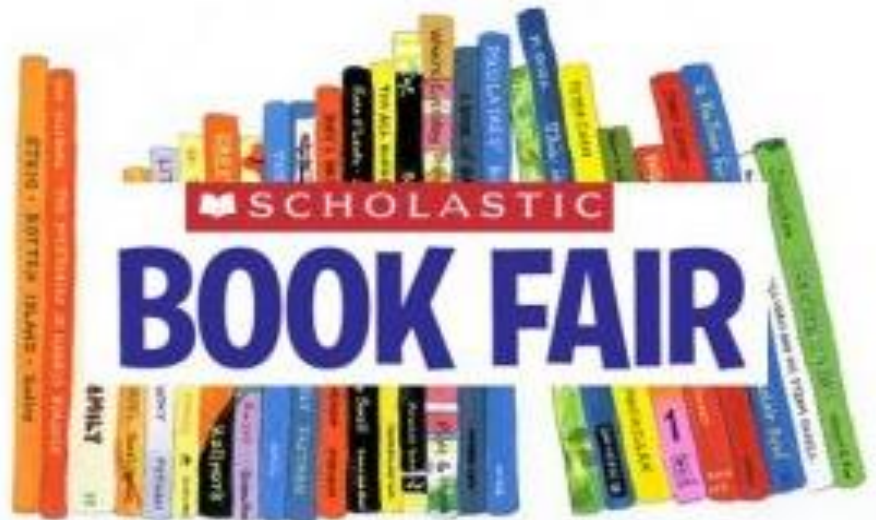
Thank you for joining us
for the WE PTO
family movie event!



WE PTO SPRING FUNDRAISING



Spring fundraiser
information
is available online.



SQUARE 1 ART

IT STARTS HERE

Cancelled

Thank you for your understanding.

* Be ready to welcome Square 1 Art back
October 2022*

Watch for more information on how to order.

JOIN the
WE PTO

Welcome Windom Families!

Our PTO subscribes to **Membership Toolkit** for our family and faculty directories, online store, volunteer signups and email communications. It's secure, easy to use, and free to families. (All Orchard Park schools participate in this service.)

Visit windompto.membershiptoolkit.com and click the **Register/Login** button in the center of the page. As a New User, click the "Create Account" button and follow the instructions. You will be asked to verify your email – *please do so in a timely manner as the link expires after 2 hours*. Follow the prompts to setup your account.

Questions? Please contact Jen Spoto at spotoje@gmail.com.

Membership form
on the next page!

Install the Free app!

After you get your login information, download the app by searching for *Membership Toolkit* in the iTunes App Store or Google Play.



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Windom PTO

Windom Elementary PTO Membership Form 2021-2022



PLEASE SHARE OUR COMMITMENT TO WINDOM STUDENTS!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS FINANCE PTO EVENTS AND MATERIALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

The PTO facilitates and coordinates financial support for student activities, academic programs, and resources. This school year our Windom community is facing many changes and challenges and we continue to support our teachers and students in a variety of ways, e.g. emergency bags, educational equipment, and support outdoor learning spaces such as tents for shade.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT ONLINE DIRECTORY!

Visit windompto.membershiptoolkit.com and click the **Register/Login** button in the center of the page. Follow the prompts to create your account and add/edit your profile. You can choose what is viewable to other PTO members. For more info, please see the Membership Toolkit document included in the 2020-21 Welcome Back Packet.

Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
Family new to Windom? (circle one)	YES NO
Primary Contact Phone	
Primary Email Address (please print)	
Name of Youngest Child at Windom	

☐ **Yes, I want to receive e-mail blasts from Windom PTO**

We encourage you to check yes to this box, so you receive reminders about school events and activities.

☐ No thank you, I do not want any emails.

Parent Signature

By signing, I understand that it is my responsibility to add/update my information and permissions in the online directory. I understand that if I was in the directory last year my information and permissions will remain the same until I change them. I understand that my signature authorizes the PTO to send email updates if I checked yes to the box on this form.

Please return this completed form to school with your family membership donation, in an envelope marked "Windom PTO Membership."

- Contributions over \$5.00 gratefully accepted!
- Acceptable forms of payment are cash or check.
- Checks made payable to Windom Elementary PTO.

☐ \$5.00 ☐ Other \$ _____

Membership Drive Ends 9/30/2021

For PTO Use Only:

Processed By: _____ Date: _____ Check No.: _____

Windom PTO

Events and Chairs:

Events without chairs may have to be cancelled.
Please support the Windom PTO by chairing an upcoming event.

<u><i>Event:</i></u>	<u><i>Chairs:</i></u>	<u><i>Volunteers needed:</i></u>
CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER	1. Laura Haggerty	No
SPRING PLANT SALE	1. Rob Healy 2. Kristi Bean 3. Jessica Duchscherer 4. Russ Gullo	Yes
SPRING BOOK FAIR	1. Melissa Chandler	Yes
ICE CREAM SOCIAL & ART SHOW **2 Chairs**	1. Dawn Boryszak 2.	Yes
FACULTY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON	1. Samantha Page 2. Jonelle Smith	No
FUN RUN **3 chairs**	1. Jonelle Smith 2. Kristi Bean 3. 4.	Yes

Boxes highlighted yellow need at least one additional chair position to be filled, or volunteers to achieve a successful event for our Windom community.

Please reach out to a PTO officer to chair or volunteer for an event.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters is a non-profit organization of dedicated parents, teachers and community members who value and support visual art opportunities for the youth of our community.

The goal and objectives for the boosters are:

- Provide additional learning opportunities for students.
- Fund events and field trips that expose our youth to art and artists.
- Support the efforts of our students through art displays and exhibitions.

Please help support the visual arts boosters by becoming a member. A membership covers all members of your household. Membership for the school year is \$10.00.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PLEASE CUT HERE

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

List additional members of your household (first, last name and grade if applicable):

* Please return completed form and checks payable to:
Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters.
Orchard Park Middle School
c/o Art Department
60 South Lincoln Ave.
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence is seeking Board Members

The Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence (OPFAE) is currently seeking community members with a passion for education in the Orchard Park

School District interested in playing an active role in promoting the highest educational experience for the students of the Orchard Park Central School district. OPFAE board members work closely with the leaders of the educational community to provide funding to support extraordinary educational opportunities. If you have a passion for supporting the best educational experience for Orchard Park students, this opportunity may be a great fit for you!

OPFAE is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises and invests funds to supplement traditional state and local funding for public education in Orchard Park. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the organization.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please forward a resume/CV and cover letter to:

Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence
Attn: Board Recruitment
PO Box 1163
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Visit us at opfae.org



Mission Statement

To enhance the educational experience of students in the Orchard Park Central School District by supporting extraordinary educational experiences and opportunities in the areas of the arts, sciences, math, technology, applied career skills, athletics and culture.