

September 2019

A Message from the Principal

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The start of the 2019-20 school year is here! If you are new to Windom Elementary, welcome to our wonderful community. If you are a returning family, welcome back. I know I speak for the entire staff when I say we are excited for what this year will bring.

I am pleased to announce the return of **Before & After School Clubs** at Windom for the 2019-20 school year. These clubs are in addition to Band, Orchestra, Choir, Musical, and Intramural Sports. All clubs are no cost and facilitated by Windom staff. Look for informational flyers related to each club coming home throughout the year. This year, the opportunities for students include:

Club	Advisor(s)
3 rd Grade Boys' Club	Mr. Dovey, et.al.
3 rd Grade Girls' Club	Ms. Ostrander, et.al.
Art Club	Mr. Bond
Book Club	Mrs. Schmidt
Chess Club	Mr. Waack
Going Green Club	Mrs. Burdzy
Library Club	Mr. Clark
Math Club	Mrs. Axelson & Ms. Kulczyk
Mindfulness Yoga Club	Mrs. Fleetwood
Science Club	Mrs. Batchen
Spirit Club	Mrs. Chadwell & Mrs. Stifter
Writing Club	Mrs. Miller

Our **K-2 and 3-5 Open Houses** are right around the corner! Family involvement is key to student success in school and we hope you will take the opportunity to invest in your students' education by joining us at these events.

Thursday, September 12th

K-2 Open House

6pm – 2nd Grade
6:45pm – Kindergarten
7:30pm – 1st Grade

Thursday, September 19th

3-5 Open House

6pm – 4th Grade
6:45pm – 5th Grade
7:30pm – 3rd Grade (students invited)

This year, **3rd grade students** are invited to attend the Open House with their families. This is a new structure we are trying out with 3rd grade *only* before a school-wide change. If you intend to bring your 3rd grader but also have a 4th or 5th grade student, please note that the 4th and 5th grade Open Houses remain parent-only events.

More information regarding all of these events will be sent home in the coming days. We hope the start of your school year has been the best yet!

Best,

Phil Johnson
Principal

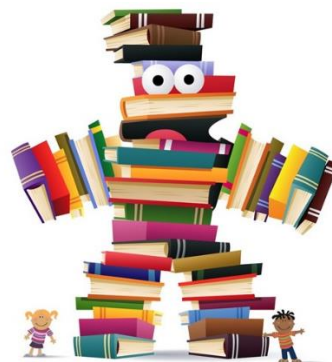
The Book Fair Coming To
Windom
September 25 & 26

Volunteers Needed:
During School Hours Both Days
&
During Extended Hours on
Thursday, September 26, 2019
3:30 – 5:00

If you're picking up your child that day,
consider dropping into the library to
browse books.

The Windom PTO gets a percentage of all
sales

Book Fair
Volunteers
Needed!



Picture Day

Please be sure to order your photos online before 9/27.

Information has been sent home with students.

mylifetouch.com



Bus Driver & Student Safety Training:

The PTO will provide refreshments for bus drivers on
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 following the safety trainings
due to the change in NYS laws.



Parents interested in
volunteering need to complete
the **volunteer acknowledgement**
form or complete the **training**.

<https://www.opschools.org/domain/2823>



Please send in your membership form with a minimum
\$5 donation through the month of September.

Also...

Join our online directory at: windompto.membershiptoolkit.com.

Please...

Visit the Windom PTO website for more information as well.

Messages from the Health Office

Orchard Park Central School District

2240 Southwestern Blvd. West Seneca, NY 14224



Matthew McGarrity
Superintendent

www.opschools.org
(716) 209-6200

Dear Parent or Guardian,

New York State Education Law (effective July 1, 2018) requires a physical exam for all students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, as well as students new to the Orchard Park Central School District, and students identified as needing services from Committee for Special Education. **This letter will be sent in advance of the upcoming school year when a new physical is required for your child to give you time to schedule/ provide the necessary updated physical.** ****If your child had a physical done 9/3/2018 or later, this would be valid for the 2019-2020 school year.****

Please....

- Schedule an appointment with your child's doctor for an updated physical
- Have the physical form filled out by your child's doctor (available on district website or may use form provided by your child's doctor)
- Return physical form to your child's school Health Office (phone: 209-6322/ fax: 209-6490)

Your prompt attention and cooperation are greatly appreciated!

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Windom Principal

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“IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?”

Health Office Suggestions:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 24 hours (**keep your child** home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of Acetaminophen/ Ibuprofen)
- Vomiting/ Diarrhea in the last 24 hours (**keep** home for 24 hours after vomiting/ diarrhea)
- Persistent cough
- Loss of sleep that might be due to illness and or coughing
- Runny nose/ cold symptoms (severe congestion)
- Looks sick, complains a lot about feeling sick, is very tired, can't/ won't eat breakfast or get dressed
- Flu symptoms- Fever, chills, body aches, headache, dry cough, nausea and/ or vomiting
- Diagnosis of conjunctivitis or pink eye (should be on antibiotic drops 24 hours prior to return to school)
- Diagnosis of strep throat (should be on antibiotics 24 hours prior to return to school **and has returned to his/her normal activity level**)
- Undiagnosed rash

Unsure? Please call your family Doctor or the Windom Health Office at 209-6322 and as always..... **Please help prevent the spread of illness by practicing and reinforcing proper hand washing technique!**

Library NEWS NEWS NEWS

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ZOKES Scooby!

Sometimes, ok a lot of the time, I forget things (fortunately, not my wife's birthday or our wedding anniversary). Well, that's what happened when I wondered what I could share with you.

And then, and then, one of the few brain cells I have remaining flickered and I started to recall changes that took place in the Windom Elementary Library over the summer and/or are about to happen this Fall. "Like what??" you ask.

Weeeelllllll, first Mrs. Powell, library aide extraordinaire, has been reassigned to assist with a student. Mrs. Artmeier has been sentenced to assist me in the library. She must've really wronged someone (sarcasm Charlie Brown). That being said, I feel blessed to have her.

Speaking of Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Artmeier and thanks to Mr. Johnson, we spent a crazy amount of time this summer reorganizing the FICTION section of the Library. Are you ready for his?? We "genrefied" it. Huh? Basically, we arranged it by type of book or, in other words, by its genre. Mystery, fantasy, humor, romance (only kidding about romance) and a few others. So, in theory, this should make it easier and more enjoyable for your child to find a book they like!!! Stop in to see it!!

Next on the hit parade is what we hope is another way to put books in the hands of your children, our students. It is the book vending machine. Based on a set of

not yet written criteria students will receive tokens to come to the book vending machine in the library to choose a book to keep forever or pay it forward. The machine is in the building!!! The books are on order. We will have a big reveal once everything is in place!!!

Lastly, for now, is the retooling of the library will continue with another addition. Two years ago, Mr. Johnson and the OP Foundation for Academic Excellence bought flexible seating for the library!! The kids love it. Last year Mr. Johnson was able to find funding to purchase new, more flexible tables for the library. Now we can transform the library space within minutes to accommodate any kind of event. It is awesome. THIS YEAR!!! Mr. Johnson has given me the go ahead to order new bookshelves!! These will also be flexible in nature and functional. Our goal is to create a dynamic learning space for all sorts of activities (speakers, meetings, yoga, etc.). The new shelving combined with other enhancements will certainly help us attain this objective.

WHEW!!! What's next? You ask?? Ah, you'll have to wait for the next tantalizing, cliff hanging episode of "As the Library World Turns".

Thank you and have a **READ**tastic school year.

Peace,

Jim Clark

Senior Guybarian


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**10% During
September!**



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OLD BOX TOPS

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school.
Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

*All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.

NEW BOX TOPS

We have some new things going on with our box Tops for education promotion. You may have noticed some products you are purchasing no longer have the clip above box top on them. Now all you must do is scan your receipt, and our PTO gets money to spend on our Windom students.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online or download the app.



Other School News and Information:

- ❖ Kindergarteners were welcomed to Windom
- ❖ Open Houses for k-2 took place on 9/12
- ❖ Open House for 3-5 took place on 9/19
- ❖ Grade 3 was trying something new, allowing students to attend the Open House
- ❖ Surveys will be sent out to families for feedback
- ❖ Student screenings have begun
- ❖ Safety drills are coming up in the next few weeks
- ❖ Character Education assemblies will be coming up
- ❖ The courtyard was completed by Luke Robison (OP High Schooler) and the Buildings & Grounds crew over the summer. Occupies the outdoor green space located in the center of the building and includes a fountain as the focal point.



Orchard Park High School Homecoming 2019 Saturday, September 28:

Homecoming Parade 10:00 am:

- Departure from Middle School front parking lot onto 20A, east on 20A, north on Freeman to the Athletic Field parking lot.
- Featuring the Quaker Marching Band, Homecoming King and Queen, Homecoming Court, class officers, clubs, athletic teams, elementary school floats, and more.
 - Free candy for spectators!

Homecoming Carnival: 10:30 am -1:00 pm

- Free for everyone, all ages welcome
 - In the Athletic Field parking lot.
- Free Carnival games: Water gun race, Football Toss, and more - prizes for all.
 - Free popcorn and cotton candy, face painting, tattoos, and more!
 - Play in the Bounce house, go on rides, and have fun.
- Park in the Freeman or Baker Road parking lots at the High School and walk down to the fun!



Mrs. Lew will be the coordinator for the Windom families to participate in the Homecoming Parade. Please be on the lookout for attendance slips coming home for families who wish to participate. The PTO is proud to support this event.

PTO News:

Windom Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes 9/11/2019

Attendees: P. Johnson, L. Haggerty, J. Smith, C. Shields, K. Dash, W. Lewandowski, B. Smith, R. Maguire, K. Gray, K. Price, D. Wall, L. Wright, R. Healy, J. Spoto

- June PTO Meeting Minutes approved by J. Smith, L. Haggerty.

Correspondences:

We received many thank you notes for events that occurred at the end of the 2018 - 2019 school year. The following thank you cards/notes were received:

- Mr. I's class for their field trip to *Dragons Love Tacos*
- Mrs. Druzvik's class for PTO events they enjoyed over their years at WE
- Mrs. Lobur's, and Mrs. Schermerhorn's/Mrs. Jensen's classes for the Kona Ice Truck and their bowling field trip
- Mrs. Filsinger's class for various PTO-sponsored activities and events
- Mrs. Perry's class for the Nickel City Reptiles assembly
- Ms. Budney's class thanking the PTO for helping them "learn and grow"
- Kindergarten for Mr. Morton's visits
- The PE teachers thanked the PTO for the end of year faculty lunch
- Ms. Artmeier thanked the PTO for the faculty lunch

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 9/11/19 for July/August 2019

Monthly Treasurer's Report for May 2019			
	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$10,218.22	\$3,457.01	\$13,675.23
Income			
Ink Cartridges	\$23.01		
Misc. Fundraisers	\$169.20		
Interest/Dividends	\$1.16		
Author Visit	\$1,000.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,193.37	\$1.03	\$1,194.40
Expense			
Misc. Fundraisers - Haiti	\$105.00		
Welcome Back Folders - magnets	\$248.59		
Boys Club	\$119.23		
Faculty Welcome Back Breakfast	\$241.52		
Fifth Grade Field Trip	\$284.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$998.34	\$1.16	\$999.50
Ending Balance	\$10,413.25	\$3,456.88	\$13,870.13
Net Income (Loss)	\$195.03	(\$0.13)	\$194.90

Welcome Back Breakfast:

- ✓ There was a perfect amount of food
- ✓ The teachers were very appreciative

PTO Meetings/ Time Change:

- Due to conflicts in officer schedules, meetings will be 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Pep Club T-Shirt:

- The PTO will gladly support the Pep Club and purchase the t-shirts.

Class T-Shirts:

- Teachers asked if the PTO would once again sponsor the class shirts; and we will.
- The same logo and ordering process will be used.

Book Vending Machine:

- The unveil date is TBD and is expected to be a surprise for the students.
- Donations are requested for books to stock the vending machine, but only NEW books will be accepted.
- Monetary donations can also be made.

Courtyard Project:

- Mr. Johnson would like to see art or a sculpture within the space and is looking for PTO support in this effort.
- Ideas are welcome.