



# Windom Elementary PTO Welcome Packet

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September 2021

Dear Windom Parents,  
Welcome to a new school year at Windom! We are proud to be part of the Windom community and involved in the Windom Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We encourage you to become active members of our PTO and invite your suggestions and ideas at our monthly PTO meetings or via email.

Join us for our Welcome Back PTO Meeting on **Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Windom library.

**PTO Membership**: The PTO is a collaboration of parents, teachers, and staff who support the learning of our students. Windom has 100% teacher participation in PTO membership and our goal each year is to also have 100% participation from Windom families. **Your family's PTO membership donation supports PTO efforts.** Your contribution does not obligate you in any other way. The money goes directly back to your children through PTO-sponsored purchases to enhance your child's learning experience. Your membership also provides you with access to our online directory at [windompto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://windompto.membershiptoolkit.com).

Included in this packet is the **PTO Parent Membership Form**, please return by **September 30, 2021.**

**Windom's PTO webpage** contains other important information - Go to [opschools.org/windom](http://opschools.org/windom), and then click on *Windom PTO* under the *Parent/Student Resources* tab. There you will find the following PTO related information:

- PTO Membership form.
- Home-to-School Note: Must be sent in if your child is absent, arriving late, being picked up early, or picked up at dismissal.
- Officer contact information, PTO updates, and PTO meeting dates.
- How to become an approved volunteer during in-school hours.

**Windom PTO Facebook Group:** Search for *Windom PTO* and request to join the group for updates, meeting reminders, and other great information.

**Twitter:** Follow @*WindomElem* for the latest updates.

**Email Blasts:** Only if you have opted-in to receive emails.

**PTO Meetings:** One of the best ways to stay involved is to attend our monthly Windom PTO meetings. They are typically held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00, and this year will occur virtually.

**Become a Volunteer:** Given the current regulations for on-campus activities and events, volunteering is not anticipated; however, completing the online volunteer orientation application would allow you to volunteer in your child's classroom or during an in-school PTO-sponsored event if such activities resume. Please visit [opschools.org/domain/2823](https://opschools.org/domain/2823) to complete the form.

*Kindly,  
Your 2021 – 2022 Windom PTO Officers*

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PTO Officer Contact List & Meeting Dates (2021-2022)

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**PTO MEETING DATES**

**Meetings are typically on the first Thursday of the month.**

**Meetings will take place at 7:00 p.m.**

**Meetings will be either in person or virtual.**

9/16/2021

10/7/2021

11/4/2021

*No December PTO Meeting*

1/6/2022

2/3/2022

3/3/2022

4/7/2022

5/5/2022

6/2/2022

*Please check the Windom PTO website and Facebook Page  
for updates and meeting links.*

# 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](http://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.

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

☐ **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.: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://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](mailto:spotoje@gmail.com).

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### 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.



# Windom Elementary PTO

## List of Fundraisers 2021-2022

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### **CHANGES for 2021 – 2022**

Our opportunities to fundraise continue to evolve as we monitor safety protocols, but there are still so many ways we can continue to support our Windom teachers and students. This year the money raised will be providing classroom and educational resources to the students of Windom Elementary School.

*Here are just a few fundraising opportunities for our Windom Students.*

### **PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (runs through September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Our PTO Membership Drive is a way the PTO raises critical funds for our operating budget. The PTO is a collaboration of parents, teachers, and staff who support the learning of our students. Windom has 100% faculty and staff support and we encourage each family to support the PTO's efforts by filling out and returning the Windom PTO Membership Form found in your Welcome Packet. Your donation goes directly back to the children through PTO-sponsored events.



*The minimum donation is \$5, but additional donation amounts are appreciated.*

### **FALL & SPRING BOOK FAIRS**

Working with a local vendor to supply a variety of books at great prices, the PTO tries to sponsor book fairs twice a year. Students can shop with their classroom during school hours. There is also an opportunity for students to shop with their families after school.

### **SQUARE 1 ART (EVERY 2 YEARS)**

The Square 1 Art Fundraiser is a way for parents to preserve their child's art for years to come. Children create artwork in school based on a certain theme. Square 1 Art then transposes the art on various items offered through their catalog. These include mugs, canvas bags, magnets, and key chains to name a few. Parents, siblings, teachers, and staff are also encouraged to create art. Before orders are placed, each child will go home with a sheet of stickers with their artwork on it and a detailed order form.



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### **BOX TOPS**

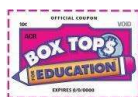
Collect box tops! **Clip or scan them**, even ask your friends & family to clip and save or scan their receipts to raise money for our Windom students. Box Tops are located on many grocery items such as cereal, snacks, popcorn, yogurt, and paper products such as Scott toilet paper, Ziploc bags, and Kleenex. Windom receives 10¢ for each one. In addition to the regular Box Tops, keep your eyes open for special bonus Box Tops on several products. You can even earn Box Top credit by downloading and using the free ***Box Tops Bonus App***.

### **OLD BOX TOPS**

You can still clip and send Box Tops into school with your child beginning today. Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

### **NEW BOX TOPS**

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. Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for our 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.



SEE THIS...  
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...  
SCAN  
YOUR RECEIPT



### **AMAZON SMILE**



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support Central Council PTO, and effectively Windom PTO, every time you shop, at no additional cost. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to **Orchard Park PTO** when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

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### **NIAGARA CHOCOLATE SPRING FUNDRAISER**

Our annual Spring Fundraiser with Niagara Candy continues to be a popular one. Their product offerings are primarily chocolate and other confections, which arrived just in time for Easter.

### **RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS**

The PTO sponsors restaurant fundraisers throughout the school year. These types of fundraisers were a great way for our organization to earn funds, all while families enjoy a dinner out! Restaurant fundraisers are scheduled during the year. Watch for some exciting support local while supporting your students with delicious food themed fundraisers coming your way!

### **FUN RUN - BOOSTERTHON (EVERY 2 YEARS)**



This is our largest fundraiser, which allows us to earn about \$15,000 based on pledges made from sponsors. Monies collected will generally go to bigger ticket items in need, such as new playground equipment, a new speaker system, etc. This character-building event takes place over 2 weeks during the school day with daily fundraising challenges that allow the kids to earn individual and classroom prizes. It kicks off with a Pep-Rally and ends with a Fun Run. There is plenty of communication leading up to the event and during the event.



# Home To School Note

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_



☐ Was absent on \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Will be picked up at dismissal by \_\_\_\_\_

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o'clock by \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Will be discharged today at this address: \_\_\_\_\_

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