



January 2020

PTO President News and Updates:

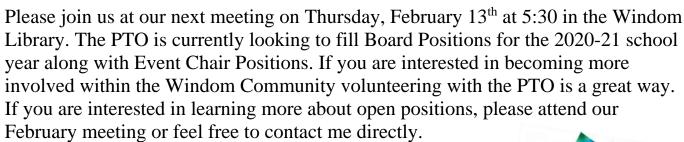
The Windom PTO would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual holiday events. Windom's students, teachers, aides, families and staff always go above and beyond for our children and community.

Thank you to Dawn Boryszak for coordinating our Holiday Food Drive this year. We would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who so generously donated food and/or monetary donations. As always, Windom families showed compassion and generosity to those in need. Much appreciation & thanks to all the volunteers who helped sort and pack the donations.

Thank you to Jaclyn Robison and Laura Haggerty for their time & effort in chairing the Holiday Bazaar. This is a big event and the children always look forward to it.

We look forward to our upcoming events including:

- Niagara Chocolate Fundraiser
- Box Tops Contest
- Barnes and Nobel in store Community Event
- Family Movie Event



We wish everyone a very healthy & happy New Year!

Jonelle Smith Windom PTO President jsmithwindompto@outlook.com





January 2020

Dear Families:

In the fall of 2018, with the support of Windom's Shared Decision-Making Committee, Windom launched the *Schoolwide Read Aloud Series*. Three times a year, Fall, Winter, and Spring, every child will have the opportunity to hear the same text read aloud, regardless of age. The goal of these texts is to provide every child at Windom a shared experience – for all children and adults to experience the same text together and to have the opportunity to discuss the book as a class.

The second title in this year's series is <u>The Invisible Boy</u> by Trudy Ludwig. The book seeks to inspire readers not to make assumptions about the quieter child and the power of friendship. The book jacket helps us understand why this book is relevant and important for the students of Windom:

"Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game or birthday party...until that is, a new kid comes to class...This gentle story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish."

During the next Olweus Classroom Meeting, the class and Olweus Buddies will read and discuss the latest book, the second installment of the 2019-20 school year and the fifth book selected overall. The goal is for all students to hear the text – the conversations that follow will be unique to each classroom community and age level.

This shared experience of text allows children to see themselves reflected in print. More likely, it is an opportunity to see someone unlike themselves, but like someone in their lives – from their class or school, neighborhood or community. Literature is a powerful gateway to developing empathy and compassion for people, places, and things that are dissimilar to ourselves but that are very likely experienced by members of our Windom community. Dr. Rudine Simms Bishop says, "When children cannot find themselves reflected in the book they read, or when the images they see are distorted, negative, or laughable, they learn a powerful lesson about how they are valued in the society of which they are a part."

We look forward to continuing this project in the coming months and will continue to inform families of book titles. We hope that this "Schoolwide Read Aloud Series" provides an answer to the question, "What did you do in school today?" Perhaps a question can now be, "Did you read the book <u>The Invisible Boy</u> today? What did you think?" We hope you have rich conversations and thank you and your family for helping our students take those first steps.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Phil Johnson Principal

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE

HEALTH OFFICE

REMINDER:

As the weather turns colder please make sure your children are dressed appropriately. It's time to get out the winter jackets, hats & gloves. Practice zipping and buttoning jackets with your little ones. Remind children to keep their heads & ears covered. Boots and snow pants are a must when the snow flies. If weather permits classes will have outside recess during the winter months. And ...a little Vaseline goes a long way to soothe chapped lips.



"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!

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!

Sarah Johnson, R.N. Windom Elementary School Nurse (716) 209-6322



ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor

HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D. Commissioner

SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N. Executive Deputy Commissioner

Important News for Schools and Child-Care Facilities

What:

Pursuant to New York State Public Health Law (PHL) § 613, schools and child-care settings are required to post influenza educational material, in plain view, within their facilities. Information must be posted starting now. Influenza season begins in early fall and can last through May.

Outreach to parents and guardians of children ages 6 months to 18 years must be directed to those whose children attend:

- Licensed and registered day-care programs
- Nursery schools
- Prekindergarten
- Kindergarten
- School-age child-care programs
- Public schools
- Nonpublic schools

Purpose: To ensure that families of these children receive information on influenza and the benefits of influenza immunizations in connection with efforts to raise the immunity of children against influenza.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) would like you to know that information regarding influenza and the benefits of influenza immunizations is free, accessible and available in different languages from several organizations:

- NYSDOH:
 - www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal/child care and schools/
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/print.htm
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/flu-seasonal.page

Along with this announcement you will find The Flu: A Guide for Parents. This guide is an example of information that is geared towards parents and guardians. It explains why seasonal influenza is serious, provides signs of influenza and tells parents and guardians how to protect their children from influenza by getting them vaccinated. Your facility is welcome to copy and post this guide, or use information you find from the other organizations above.

If you have questions about this section of the PHL, please contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization at immunize@health.ny.gov_or 518/473-4437.

October 2018

Keep your kids safe. Get their flu vaccine every year.

The Flu: A Guide for Parents

Is the flu more serious for kids?	Infants and young children are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the flu vaccine.
Flu vaccine may save your child's life.	Most people with the flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. An annual vaccine is the best way to protect your child from the flu. The vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.
What is the flu?	The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.
Who needs the flu vaccine?	Flu vaccine can be given to children 6 months and older. Children younger than 9 years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.
How else can I protect my child?	 Get the flu vaccine yourself. Encourage your child's close contacts to get the flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than 5, or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Because children under 6 months can't be vaccinated, they rely on those around them to get an annual flu vaccine. Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. It's best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. This will prevent the spread of germs. Tell your children to: Stay away from people who are sick; Clean their hands often; Keep their hands away from their face; and Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others.
What are signs of the flu?	The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.

How does the flu spread?	People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze, and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.
How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?	Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).
What should I use to clean hands?	Wash your children's hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use a hand sanitizer. It should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.
What can I do if my child gets sick?	 Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids. Talk with your child's health care provider before giving your child over-the-counter medicine. Never give your child or teen aspirin, or medicine that has aspirin in it. It can cause serious problems. Call your child's health care provider if your child develops flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a chronic medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease. If you are worried about your child's illness, call your health care provider.
Can my child go to school or day care with the flu?	No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.
When can my child go back to school or day care after having the flu?	Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours. Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, and a hand sanitizer, if allowed by the school.

For more information about the flu, visit health.ny.gov/flu

Or, www.cdc.gov/flu Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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Dear Parents and /or Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an important change in the immunization requirements for students entering sixth grade. Effective September 1, 2007 a New York State Public Health Law amendment requires students born on or after January 1, 1994 and those entering the 6th grade on or after September 2007 must receive a Tdap booster immunization. Tdap is the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine.

Written documentation of this booster immunization must be provided by your physician's office. Please note that in accordance with New York State Public Health Law/ Education Law your child may be excluded from attending school if immunization requirements are not met.

Please...

- Call your child's doctor with any questions and to schedule an appointment for the Tdap booster
- Forward written documentation to school health office no later than June 15th
- -If you are unable to complete immunization requirements by June 15th submit date of scheduled appointment student will receive this booster

It should be noted that school health personnel are not available during the summer months to receive this information. Your prompt attention and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact your school nurse for questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Philip Johnson Principal

From the Desk of Our Windom OT...

CHORES FOR PROMOTING DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS

STRENGTH & PROPRIOCEPTION

- -Taking out the garbage
- Washing the floor
- -Loading the washer and dryer with clothes
- -Raking, shoveling, and pulling weeds
- -Changing sheets, pillowcases, and blankets
- -Making beds
- -Vacuuming

BILATERAL COORDINATION

- -Sweeping the floor
- -Folding laundry

- -Washing dishes
- -Cooking

VISUAL & COGNITIVE SKILLS

- Following a recipe
- -Making/packing snacks or lunches
- Putting away groceries
- -Unloading the dishwasher

- -Setting the table
- -Putting away laundry, matching socks
- -Tidying up and sorting toys into bins
- Picking out clothes

FINE MOTOR SKILLS & HAND STRENGTH

- -Washing things using sponges or rags (squeezing)
- -Watering plants with a spray bottle
- Hanging laundry with clothespins

MIDLINE CROSSING

- -Dusting or wiping down tables/counters
- Washing windows
- Sweeping and mopping
- -Washing the car
- -Sweeping or mopping

Library News 2020

You are lucky! Why?

This is my 20th year at the best little school in OP.

And. And every, and I mean **EVERY**, leader we've had, including the current one, has been a huge supporter of the Windom Library! This is not the case in a lot of elementary school libraries. No, I am not naming names, thank you.

The philosophy of Mr. Johnson and his predecessors is to get books in kid's hands! New books, classics, series, magazines, graphic novels, kids' favorites, teacher favorites, your favorites. Whatever they will read.

Think about this for a second. Many Windom kids don't have easy access to the public library or Barnes and Noble, so where are they supposed to get books? Here, of course.

Do we have everything? No.

Does it break my heart when a student asks for a certain title or topic and we don't have it? YUP!!

We do our (Mrs. Artmeier and I) best to get books from other OP schools and that helps. Even so, we cannot fill all requests.

You and your children are also lucky that many teachers have their own classroom library to put books into your kid's hands. Kids access to books and how it relates to their reading success is huge and will help them the rest of their lives.

This year has been exceptional for support. With help from you and the PTO, Mr. Johnson and the OPFAE we have been able to do plenty to create a library of distinction!!! Hundreds of new books, which students have started borrowing recently, new moveable shelving and the book vending machine to name a few. We hope to make more improvements again next

year to transform the library into a learning center. Please, please thank Mr. Johnson when you see him. He's very supportive and patient with my, shall we say quirkiness.

On the flip side. Keep an eye out for order sheets to purchase signed copies of AUTHOR VISITOR's books. His name is Troy Cummings. He is the authastrator (author and illustrator) of the Notebook of DOOM series and a New Times Bestselling author!

Mr. Cummings will be visiting Windom on February 25th and 26th!!! It'll be a hoot!!

Also, check out this perennial favorite, the WNED Kids Fest!! https://www.wned.org/community/screenings-and-events/kid-fest/ February 8th and 9th

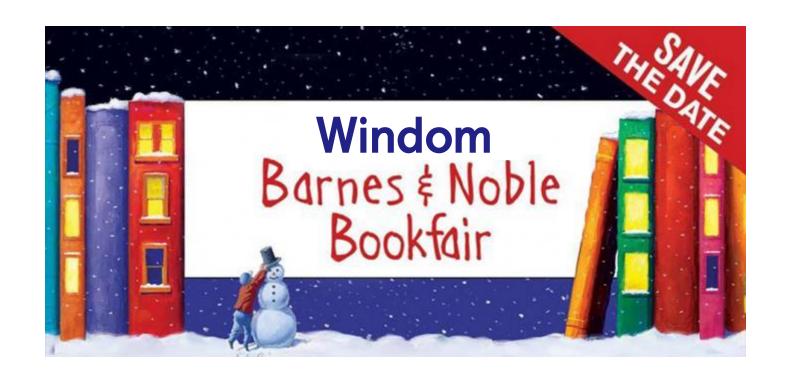
This fun-filled family weekend takes place annually each winter at the WNED | WBFO studios in downtown Buffalo. Children and parents can enjoy meet-and-greets with beloved PBS KIDS characters, as well as an assortment of activities, prizes, and more. Various organizations from around the community participate -- presenting live performances, crafts, and giveaways for those who attend.

Complimentary goody bags are given to every child, and low-cost snacks are available for purchase. There will also be a basket raffle with over 50 items!

Gottarun, cuz nobody is gonna do it for me.

Thank you and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Peace and Love, Jim Clark Guybrarian (aka - the ancient one....)



Saturday, February 8, 2020 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Come support Windom and enjoy stories read by guest readers throughout the day and activities for kids!

See you there!

Ways to Support Windom!



Please send in your membership form with a minimum \$5 donation.

Also...

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

Please...

Visit the Windom PTO website for more information as well.

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

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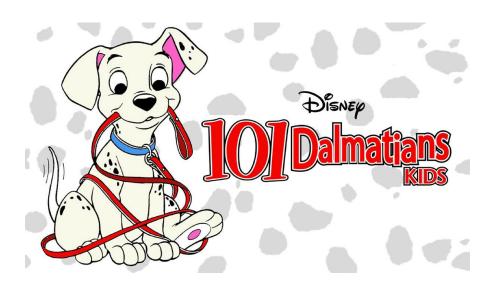
Book Vending Machine

The vending machine has been installed and students are so excited!



Windom is always looking for ways to keep it stocked with **new** books and help is appreciated!

If you need more info, contact Mr. Johnson.



Shows will be on Thursday, 2/6/2020 & Friday, 2/7/2020 At 7:00 pm

Watch for more information coming home soon!

All New Online Process This Year Please watch for more information coming home soon!



Candy Sale Fundraising Begins February 3, 2020. Catalogs coming home soon!



Box Tops Fundraiser and Contest Finale begins the week of 2/3/2020!



Collect your box tops and get ready to send them in to help your child's classroom WIN the final Box Tops contest!

Please watch for ways to bundle and send in your Box Tops, but you can begin by using the sheets in the newsletter for 10, 25, or 50 Box Tops!

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.

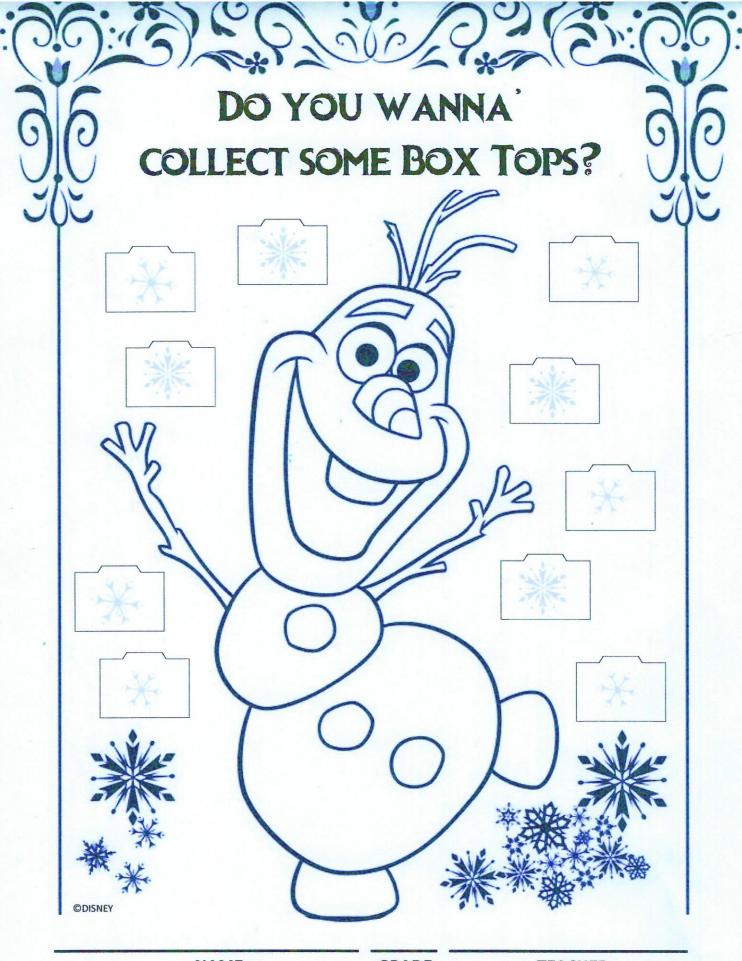
NEW BOX TOPS

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.







NAME

GRADE

TEACHER

BOX TORS	BRRRR! IT'S A	Name	Bring Box Tops to school by:
Box	Tops Bliz		Be sure to write your name and your teacher's name on your collection sheets, baggies and envelopes!
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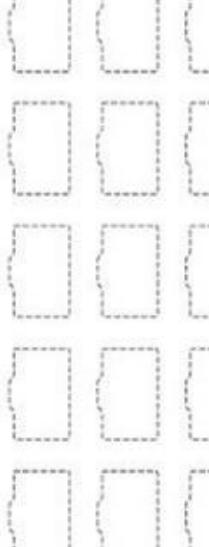


CLIP IT.

- Clip Box Tops and check expiration date
- Tape or glue Box Tops on sheet until filled



Send completed sheet to your school Coordinator



PTO Meeting Minutes 1/9/2020



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 1/9/20

Attendees: J. Smith, K. Dash, P. Filsinger, B. Smith, L. Haggerty, D. Boryszak, J. Dolce, D. Perry, C. Shields, J. Robison, R. Healy, J. Spoto.

January meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

November PTO Meeting Minutes approved by L. Haggerty, K. Dash.

No PTO Correspondence

Reports

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 1/8/20 for November 2019 and December 2019

Monthly Treasurer's Report for November 2019 Checking Account Savings Account Total						
De sinning Balance	\$7,335.12	\$25.06				
Beginning Balance	\$7,335.12	\$25.00	\$7,360.18			
Income						
Halloween Dance	\$3,865.00					
Membership	\$410.00					
Spirit Wear	\$2,469.50					
Fall Book Fair	\$844.40					
Field Trip - 1st grade	\$508.00					
Field Trip - 4th grade	\$13.00					
Food Drive	\$85.00					
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,194.90	\$0.00	\$8,194.90			
Expense						
Holiday Bazaar	\$5,557.70					
Homecoming Parade	\$55.75					
Busing Expenses	\$360.04					
Software Fees (MTK)	\$268.20					
T-shirts (school-wide)	\$2,535.00					
Bank Fees	\$60.00					
Field Trip - 5th grade	\$896.00					
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$9,732.69		\$9,732.69			
Ending Balance	\$5,797.33	\$25.06	\$5,822.39			
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,537.79)	\$0.00	(\$1,537.79)			

Monthly Treasurer's Report for December 2019						
-	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total			
Beginning Balance	\$10,280.03	\$25.06	\$10,305.09			
Income						
SpritWear	\$86.00					
Field Trip - 1st grade	\$129.00					
Holiday Bazaar	\$5,020.40					
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,235.40	\$0.00	\$5,235.40			
Expense						
Field Trip - 1st grade	\$300.00					
Holiday Bazaar	\$5,181.38					
Bank Fees	\$21.00					
Busing Expenses	\$619.73					
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,122.11		\$6,122.11			
Ending Balance	\$9,393.32	\$25.06	\$9,418.38			
Net Income (Loss)	(\$886.71)	\$0.00	(\$886.71)			

Principal: Mr. Dolce reporting – December Parent/Teacher conferences generated a 95% attendance rate – pleased to see a high parent/teacher involvement rate. Conducted universal screening. LEAD – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on 1/9 - local officers were acknowledged school-wide for their service. Book Vending Machine installed – thanks to all who donated books. Kids are already being recognized for displaying positive character traits. They receive a vending machine token, which earns them a free book to keep. December Character Ed Assembly included a Grinch appearance and lots of participation from the students. The Winter Read Aloud selection is "The Invisible Boy" by Trudy Ludwig. A parent inquired about the Mission Statement outcome based on the results of the survey administered last year. Word clouds are being used to help develop a result. *101 Dalmatians* is the 2020 Windom Musical and takes place on Feb. 6th-7th at 7 p.m.

Teacher: Mrs. Perry reporting – First grade thanked the PTO for their field trip to the Lancaster Opera House.

PTO Updates

Holiday Food Drive – Thank you to all who contributed to the Food Drive, which benefited 11 Windom families. There was enough food to go around and enough volunteers to help box up.

Holiday Bazaar – Some personalized items were offered for the first time. Some students had challenges shopping from a list that contained only names. PTO might consider building on that list by adding fields for relationship to student and age of recipient. Parents need to adhere to the **10** items per student limit, as event chairs shop to accommodate those numbers and we will run out otherwise. Might consider setting up a coordinated schedule where older kids shop with younger kids to assist with buying. There were enough volunteers available to help with this event.

Spirit Wear Fundraiser – PTO generated \$525 from this fundraiser. Funds will be donated to purchase more books for the vending machine. There was both OP and Windom branded merchandise purchased, so we will continue to offer both options in the future.

Upcoming/Current Events

Niagara Candy Sale (2/3-2/24) – Catalogs will be going home shortly; orders will be placed online. However, payment must be submitted to school with checks made payable to Windom PTO.

Skate Night (1/17) – Takes place from 5-7 p.m. at Frank Young's in O.P. Free admission; skate rentals are \$2. They're honoring a \$2 rental price for Windom even though their rental price went up 25%.

Box Tops Contest (2/3-2/7) – Send in your Box Tops in a Ziploc bag (50 unit-increments) for our annual classroom contest. This will be the last year of the contest since Box Tops are moving to 100% digital by next year.

Family Movie Event (3/8) – Movie selection TBD. Will be at the Hamburg Palace Theatre. No charge to attend. Concessions will be available for purchase. More details to come.

B&N Event (2/8) – Windom teachers are volunteering to read to students during various time slots from 11-5 p.m. Any purchases made in-store will benefit Windom PTO. More details will be forthcoming.

Other Items

Spirit Club – The PTO agreed to pay for this club's t-shirts, however final costs were much higher than anticipated. There is a cap of \$500 in the budget for all club expenses, therefore it was agreed to split the budget in thirds, allocating about \$166 each among the three clubs we support.

Due to a conflict between the February PTO meeting and the Windom Musical, the Feb meeting has been moved to February 13th at the same time (5:30 p.m.) in the library.

We're accepting nominations for the 2020-21 PTO Board. All officer positions will be vacant effective June 2020. If interested, please contact a current officer as soon as possible,

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Spoto, PTO Secretary