

# Windom PTO News



January 2022

Dear Parents and Students:

Happy New Year! I hope you had a peaceful and joyous break and are ready to start 2022 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

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## Windom Calendar of Upcoming Events:

January 28, 2022 – Windom Skate Night

January 31, 2022 - 5th to 6th Grade Sp. Ed. Transition Parent Mtg.

February 10 – 11, 2022 – WE Musical, Willy Wonka

February 18, 2022 – Early Dismissal

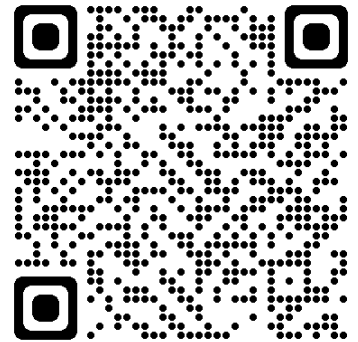
February 21 – 25, 2022 – Mid-Winter Break – No School

March 6, 2022 – WE Family Movie Event

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

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

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 February  
Windom Newsletters to  
*[lindsayj\\_wright@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsayj_wright@hotmail.com)*  
by the February 3rd.  
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

3/3/2022

4/7/2022

5/5/2022

6/2/2022

# Windom Roller-Skate Night!

January 28th 5-7pm  
Frank Young's Roller Rink- Orchard Park

\*Windom students are also welcome to stay after 7pm for the general public open skate at no cost!



FREE admission for Windom Students  
Just pay for the skates!

Roller skate rental: \$3.00 per person



• Registration is now OPEN for the winter Spanish For The Elementary Years class offered through Orchard Park Community Education! Classes are held in our school at dismissal. There are only a limited number of spots available in the class. (First come, first register...previous participation does not guarantee a spot). If you are interested in registering your child, please do so sooner than later to secure a spot in the class.

• The link to register is: <https://www.hisawyer.com/the-enrichment-company/schedules/activity-set/299971>

• New material and vocabulary are introduced in each 6-week session. The program uses a 5-year cycle of lesson plans! Class is open to new and returning students looking to learn and build a Spanish foundation vocabulary base. Click here for a short informational video about the class - <https://youtu.be/eFUWq5xdzbg>.



# WE PTO SPRING FUNDRAISING

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Spring Fundraiser Information  
Coming Soon to a WE student's  
backpack and a household near you!

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## SQUARE 1 ART

IT STARTS WITH THE ART!

Your child will be creating art that you can  
preserve in so many ways.  
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](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).

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.



#### CO-PRESIDENTS

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# 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.

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.: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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):

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\* 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](http://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.