

In the Loop

WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Students:

From Happy May! We have completed the 2019 NYS ELA and Math tests for grades 3-5 and have our eyes on the 2019 NYS 4th grade Science Exam, which occurs in two pieces, a performance test occurring this year on Wednesday, May 28th and a written portion on Monday, June 3rd. If you are the parent of a 4th grader and you have questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher or me by phoning the main office.

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A few quick reminders about life at Windom:

Kindergarten Orientation

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 years old before December 1, 2019, they should be enrolled for Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. Enrollment occurs at the District Office, with all questions answered by Amanda Alba at 209-6325.

Kindergarten Orientation takes place May 14th at 9:45am (Families with last name A-L) and May 16th at 1:30pm (Families with last name K-Z). Both events take place right here at Windom in our Cafeteria.

We hope to see you there!

Budget Vote

The annual budget vote is Tuesday, May 21st at the high school with the polls opening at 7 a.m. and staying open until 9 p.m. I hope the Windom community has the highest voter turnout! Your participation is key to ensuring OP schools remain great!

Thank you for your continued support,

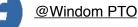
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Phil Johnson Principal

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What's Inside May

SPRING BOOK FAIR

everything you need to know about this event



OPEN CHAIR POSITIONS

lend your talents and meet new people



BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

ride or walk to school on May 8th



Questions or Comments? contact <u>Jennifer Spoto</u>, Newsletter Editor

From	Happy Spring!!		
the P	As the weather warms we all look toward the end of another fabulous year at Windom. As the end of the year approaches, so does our annual OPFAE Awards dinner. We would like to congratulate Kevin Dash on being the recipient of the 2019 Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence Volunteer of the Year award. Kevin has been serving as the PTO Treasurer this year and the chairperson for our Fall and Spring Book Fairs and Box Tops Contest. He's been an active volunteer at many of our PTO events this year as well.		
R	The PTO would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to chair an event for the 2019-20 school year. We are always looking for help. If you would like to volunteer for an event, please contact me.		
E	Speaking of events, here is a list of upcoming spring events. Please keep in mind that we are only able to host these remaining events with your help.		
S	Spring Plant Sale – May 9^h & 10th This year during our Spring Plant Sale each child will have the opportunity to purchase 3 plants. Plants will remain at the affordable cost of \$1 each and payment must be in cash. If you would like to sign up to help the kids shop, please visit myschoolanywhere.com.		
I D	Spring Book Fair May 15th & May 16th / Ice Cream Social & Art Show – May 16th Our book fair will be held May 15 th and May 16 th during school hours for the kids to shop with their classroom. Our evening family book fair will be May 16 th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the library. The Ice Cream Social and Art Show will be held May 16 th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Please visit the Windom virtual backpack for more information. Please signup to volunteer at myschoolanywhere.com.		
E	We hope you enjoy these last few remaining PTO events and we look forward to seeing you there.		
	Thank you,		
N T	Jonelle Smith Windom PTO Co-President		



Please check the **Windom Elementary Virtual Backpack** to get the most up-to-date information on upcoming events, fundraisers, extracurricular activities, and school-specific information.



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 5/2/19

Attendees: J. Smith, J. Robison, C. Shields, K. Dash, P. Johnson, L. Haggerty, W. Lewandowski, B. Smith, J. Dolce, J. Spoto. Orchard Park Police Officer Kristen Mazur; Mr. Matthew McGarrity & Mr. Jeff Petrus.

OPCSD 2019-20 Budget Presentation

Presented by Superintendent Mr. Matthew McGarrity and Asst. Superintendent for Business Mr. Jeff Petrus. First, Mr. McGarrity thanked the PTO for their time

commitment to volunteer as well as their efforts in raising donations that benefit our students. He and Mr. Petrus then discussed district priorities for next year, cost-saving initiatives, and the recommended budget. See <u>opschools.org</u> for the powerpoint presentation. Please vote on Tuesday, May 21st from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Orchard Park High School gymnasium (enter thru Freeman Rd. side).

D.A.R.E Presentation

Orchard Park Police and D.A.R.E. Officer Kristen Mazur spoke about the importance and benefits of the D.A.R.E. program in Orchard Park elementary schools. She also provided an overview of the curriculum and program that is administered to all fifth grade students in Orchard Park. She thanked the PTO for their donations to help fund the program.

March PTO Meeting Minutes approved by K. Dash, J. Robison.

PTO Correspondence

Mrs. Moore's first grade class made thank you cards for their field trip to see Henry & Mudge at the theatre.

<u>Reports</u>

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 5/2/19 for April 2019

	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$20,794.08	\$3,457.03	\$24,251.11
Income			
Dividends		\$0.57	
Misc. Fundraiser - Tops	\$43.86		
Dividends Transfer	\$0.59		
TOTAL INCOME	\$44.45	\$0.57	\$45.02
Expense			
Transfer of Dividends to Checking		\$0.59	
Misc. Fundraiser (Haiti bracelets)	\$536.50		
T-Shirts (schoolwide)	\$110.25		
Assembly (schoolwide)	\$100.00		
Transportation Expenses	\$753.59		
Field Trip - 5th grade	\$744.00		
Field Trip - 2nd grade	\$848.00		
Field Trip - 3rd grade	\$534.00		
Field Trip	\$945.00		
Author Visit	\$75.00		
Spring Fundraiser - Niagara Candy	\$6,345.69		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,992.03	\$0.59	\$10,992.62
Ending Balance	\$9,846.50	\$3,457.01	\$13,303.51
Net Income (Loss)			-\$10,947.60

Principal: Mr. Johnson – Grades 3-5 Math testing just wrapped up. Grade 4 will have performance and written science tests, which will take place at the end of May and in early June, respectively. This science assessment will eventually move to the 5th grade level. The relocation drill is coming up on Thu. May 9th @ 9:30 a.m. Staff and students will walk to the Windom Community Church on W. Abbott Grove and then be bused back. This drill allows the school to practice safety procedures in case of a real evacuation. K orientation is taking place on 5/14 & 5/16. Due to the amount of rain we've received recently, the playground installation has been delayed. The expectation is that the equipment will go in around mid-May now. Nickel City Reptiles will be doing two performances for all students on the morning of May 6th.

Teacher: Christy Shields reporting on behalf of Mrs. Lew – Mrs. Lew's gym is open for the Spring Plant Sale setup and shopping on 5/9-10.

Upcoming/Current Events

Spring Plant Sale (5/9-10) – Set up is on 5/8. The sale begins on 5/9 at 11 am and continues all day on 5/10. Signup to volunteer now in myschoolanywhere.com.

Spring Book Fair (5/15-16) – Student shopping is on 5/15-16 with an evening component on 5/16, which coincides with our Ice Cream Social and Art Show. We need volunteers! Please sign up at myschoolanywhere.com. Please also consider donating to Windom Bucks and teacher wishlists. Info can be found in <u>Windom's May virtual backpack</u>.

Ice Cream Social (5/16) – The chairs are ordering supplies including ice cream and popsicles. Many volunteers are needed for this. Please sign up at myschoolanywhere.com.

Faculty Appreciation Luncheon (6/14) – The Chair for this event is coordinating help for the morning setup.

Other Items

2019-20 Event Calendar – Events were reviewed and updated/modified accordingly. A final version will be posted on Windom's website by next month. Dates are also listed on Windom's online calendar at opschools.org/windom.

2019-20 Chairperson Openings – There are a few open positions left, including Spring Plant Sale (May), Ice Cream Social (May), Faculty Welcome Back Breakfast (August), and a MySchoolAnywhere Membership Directory Chair. Please visit the <u>Windom Events tab</u> on the Windom PTO webpage for detailed descriptions. Contact an officer if interested.

2019-20 Officer positions – Current year President (Jonelle Smith), Treasurer (Kevin Dash), and Secretary (Jennifer Spoto) are in the middle of their term and will be staying on for next year. Jaclyn Robison was elected to the open Vice President position for 2019-20.

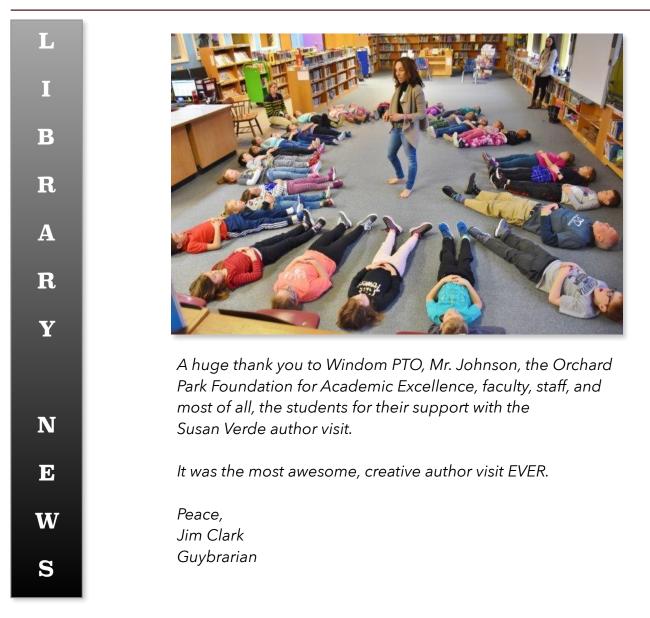
Other items for discussion: 1) Halloween Dance 2019 – possibly only offer pre-sale tickets, which would allow us to plan food and other materials more accurately. 2) Movie Event in March – no charge to attend. 3) Windom Magnets will be distributed to new families and those receiving welcome back folders in September. The same information will be on the magnet (which is school contact information.)

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Spoto, PTO Secretary Mark your calendar! Please join us at our last PTO meeting on JUNE 6 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Windom Elementary will be conducting a Relocation Drill on May 9th from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The purpose of this drill is to practice our safety procedures in the event we need to evacuate the building and relocate to a safe, off-site location. During this time, access to the building will be restricted. **There should be no student pick up or drop off during this drill.** The relocation site is the Windom Community Church, located on West Abbott Grove, a fiveminute walk from our building. All students and staff will walk to Windom Community Church before boarding District buses to return to the school. **Students should be dressed appropriately for the weather that day** as we may be outside for about 10–15 minutes.





Volunteers needed for Spring PTO Events!

Spring Plant Sale - May 8th-10th Spring Book Fair & Ice Cream Social - May 14th-16th

Signup at myschoolanywhere.com!

WINDOM SPRING BOOK FAIR



Join us in sharing a love of reading with our students at the Spring Book Fair. It's a great way to connect your kids with books they want to read.

DATES: Student Shopping Wednesday May 15th and Thursday May 16th during school.

EVENING EVENT: Thursday May 16th - visit us during the Ice Cream Social/Art Show (6:30-8:30pm)

STUDENT SCHEDULE: Students will visit the book fair with their classrooms. If your child is purchasing books during class time; **please make sure they bring money in a sealed envelope with their name and room #.**

PAYMENT: Books can be purchased by cash, check (made out to Windom PTO) and charge card (*do not add sales tax*).

BOOK FAIR SELECTION: Students will have many options of book genres, reading levels, and different price points to select from. Volunteers are always ready to assist students or suggest books for students based on their reading level and interests. There will be many \$1 and \$2 selections as well as a wide inventory of books popular at the Windom Library! The Windom PTO will receive 20% of the profits to put toward field trips and school activities. Stock up for Summer reading!!

<u>CLASSROOM WISH LIST</u>: There are classroom wish list suggestions on the wish list poster in the library. These will be books selected by the teachers for their classrooms. If you would like to purchase a book for your child's classroom, take the teacher's Wish List slip to the register and the volunteers will get the book for you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We need volunteers for the following days/times: **Tuesday 5/14 – 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm for Book Fair Set-Up

**Wednesday 5/15 - 9:15 am - 11:50 am & 12:15 pm - 3:00 pm for Help During Book Fair

**Thursday 5/16 - 9:15 am - 11:50 am & 12:15 pm - 3:00 pm for Help During Book Fair

**Thursday 5/16 - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Help During Family Event & Tear Down

Please consider signing up for one or more of our volunteer shifts using <u>myschoolanywhere.com</u>. If you would like to assist with the book fair and cannot sign up online or if you have any questions, please contact Kevin Dash at <u>kdashwindompto@yahoo.com</u> or 716-913-8720.

HELP WANTED!

Chairperson openings are listed below for the 2019-20 school year. If you would like more information about a position, please <u>click for a description</u> or <u>contact</u> an Officer.

Windom Elementary PTO – Volunteer Chair Positions (2019-2020)



	ACTIVITY/EVENT:	CHAIRPERSON:			
1.	MEMBERSHIP - collection of membership dues	PTO Treasurer – Kevin Dash			
2.	MYSCHOOLANYWHERE.COM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY				
3.	NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Lindsay Wright			
4.	FACULTY WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST				
5.	FUN RUN **Three chairs**	Jonelle Smith, Brooke Smith			
6.	FALL BOOK FAIR	Kevin Dash			
7.	FALL PICTURE DAY	Christy Shields			
8.	BUS DRIVER BREAKFAST FOR SAFETY TRAINING (IN SEPT OR OCT)	Dawn Boryszak			
9.	HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE **Two chairs**	Brooke Smith, Jonelle Smith			
10.	FOOD DRIVES (Fall & Summer)	Dawn Boryszak			
11.	HOLIDAY BAZAAR **Two chairs**	Jaclyn Robison, Laura Haggerty			
12.	FAMILY SKATE NIGHT	PTO Treasurer – Kevin Dash			
13.	NIAGARA CANDY FUNDRAISER	Laura Haggerty			
14.	FAMILY MOVIE EVENT	Christy Shields			
15.	SPRING PLANT SALE				
16.	SPRING BOOK FAIR	Kevin Dash			
17.	ICE CREAM SOCIAL				
18.	FACULTY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON	Sam Page			
19.	BOX TOPS COORDINATOR **Two chairs**	Kevin Dash,			
20.	CENTRAL COUNCIL PTO REPRESENTATIVE	PTO Officers			
21.	SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS	Janelle Milliken			
22.	SHARED DECISION MAKING (SDM) REP	Amy Lupiani			
23.	WELCOME BACK PACKETS	PTO Secretary			
24.	PTO BULLETIN BOARD	Janelle Milliken			

PTO President	Jonelle Smith
PTO Vice President	Jaclyn Robison
PTO Treasurer	Kevin Dash
PTO Secretary	Jennifer Spoto



Windom Elementary is participating in Bike to School Day on May 8th, 2019

Join children and adults around the nation to celebrate the benefits of bicycling and walking.

ABOUT OUR EVENT:

Dear Teachers, Parents, Families and Friends of Students,

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 has been designated as National Bike to School Day. Windom Elementary is encouraging as many students as possible to ride their bikes to school on this day. Join in with other students across the town and help make this event safe and fun. This is a great way to be active and help get the recommended 60 minutes of exercise a day.

*Participation is voluntary and at your own risk

*Parent/Guardian/Large Group Chaperone must ride with the Children (If large group Child needs a signed note giving permission)

*Parents need to bike to school with their child and pick them up at dismissal (by vehicle or bike) at 3:15pm.

This is a rain or shine event.

Bikes can be safely stored in the courtyard or locked to our bike rack in the front of school.

All participants will receive a completion certificate.

If you would like more information please contact: Mr. David Wert: Computer Tech Teacher 716-209-6279 ex 7115 dwert@opschools.org

walkbiketoschool.org

SafeRoutes

Bike to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, is a part of the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month.

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Pay by using PayPal or credit card at www.opfae.org, click on Events at the top

I'm sorry I cannot attend, but please accept my donation: \$_____

Questions please contact Jane at bellmj1@verizon.net

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Community News - Head Lice

Head lice can be a frequent occurrence, particularly in elementary schools. Head lice is a rapidly growing problem that has no reflection on one's own cleanliness, social or economic situation. Head lice are defined as parasitic insects that can be found on the head and are characterized by itching of the scalp as a result of live lice in the hair or ova (nits) attached to the hair shaft. The adult is a flat wing-less creature with six legs

and a stubby antenna. Lice do not hop, jump or fly. The eggs they lay are called nits. The nits attach to the hair shaft and are very difficult to remove as they manufacture their own glue-like substance to hold themselves to the hair shaft. The most common symptom is the persistent itching. Children scratch behind their ears and at the base of their neck. Head lice are not contagious, are not known to spread illness, nor are they life threatening or due to poor hygiene. Rather, head lice are spread through the sharing of hats, combs, brushes or by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Head lice feet are specially adapted for holding onto human hair. Head lice would have difficulty attaching to smooth or slippery surfaces like plastic, metal, polished synthetic leathers & other similar materials.

If a case is reported in a classroom, all parents in that class will be informed.

What can you do?

- We ask you to check your child's head, nape of the neck and behind the ears for live lice or nits (lice eggs) on a weekly basis. Do the same for siblings and anyone else in the home. See your physician to confirm any suspicions you may have about what you find.
- Immediately report any confirmed diagnosis found at home to your school nurse.
- Consult with your pharmacist or physician to choose the right product for treatment. Carefully read the directions for application and re-treatment.
- Remind your children not to share personal items such as combs, brushes, hats with one another.
- Check the OPCSD homepage (<u>www.opschools.org</u>), type the word lice in site search for more information.



Health Office Suggestions

- Fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 24 hours (keep 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

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www.opschools.org (716) 209-6200

Matthew McGarrity Superintendent

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.

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

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Matthew McGarrity Superintendent www.opschools.org (716) 209-6200

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

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Reminder to all parents and guardians of students at Windom re: "Food Allergy Classrooms":

In order to keep our students with food allergies safe, we ask that you refrain from sending in any homemade treats or items bought from a bakery into classrooms for special occasions. We also ask that you refrain from bringing in any type of food into any common areas of the school other than the cafeteria. We cannot guarantee the safety of these homemade or bakery food items as cross-contamination may pose a risk. If your child is in a "Food Allergy Classroom", you were informed over the summer with a letter from the principal and Health Office. Food allergies can be life-threatening and we are all responsible to keep students safe in schools.

If you would like to send in a treat to the classroom for your child on a **special occasion only**, please make sure that the snack is store bought and pre-packaged from a safe snack list with the proper labeling/ ingredient list.

A safe snack list is available for your reference from Mrs. Johnson (School Nurse) and at <u>http://</u><u>snacksafely.com/safe-snack-guide/</u>. Please keep in mind that this is a safe snack list primarily for peanuts/tree nut, dairy, egg and sesame allergies. If your child is in a classroom with any other type of food allergies, please contact your child's teacher or the School Nurse for reference. Always check the label for possible cross-contamination.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Johnson in the Health Office and she can provide you with safe snack ideas.

Thank you for your cooperation in this effort to keep all of our students here at Windom safe, happy, and healthy!

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Dye & Dash Bash 5-9pm

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!! Race Starts at 6:00pm Friday, May 17, 2019 http://www.eclipsemultisport.com/

\$30 Registration - through May 17th Register by April 26th to guarantee T-shirt & color pack

Event T-shirt only \$10 (available at Race Store until April 26th) https://www.raceentry.com/races/dye-and-dash-5k/2019/shopping

Packet Pickup & race day registration: Thursday 5/16 2:30-4:30pm Race Day 5/17 3:45-5:30pm



Food Trucks (Open to Public)

5:00-9:00pm

Lloyd's Tacos Fat Bob's Just Pizza Green Acres



Thank you to our Post Party Sponsors!



Post-race Color Party with DJ Mike! 8:00pm Group color throw

*The DYE & DASH 5K & post-race Color Party celebration is a community event & therefore is not a school supervised event. Please ensure your child's safety & supervision as you would with any community event.