



Windom



Elementary

November 2019

PTO President News and Updates:

Dear Windom Families,

On Behalf of the PTO, I would like to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers that made our annual Halloween Family Fun Night a success! This is a well-attended event and it would not be possible without all our wonderful parent and teacher volunteers. I would like to give a special thank you to my co-chair, Brooke Smith, for all her time and dedication to the dance! I hope everyone had as much fun as my family did!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Windom's annual Holiday Food Drive begins Tuesday, November 12th. All donations must be dropped off to Windom by Friday, November 15th. This year our Food Drive will help 11 families within our Windom community. Volunteers are also needed on Friday, November 15th at 3:30 pm. to box up all the donations.

The PTO is holding a Windom Spirit Wear Fundraiser. All proceeds will be donated to help fill Windom's Book Vending Machine. Please see the attached flyer for more information. All orders are due Friday, November 15th.

As the nights grow darker and the homework gets harder, the PTO continues working! The PTO is always accepting new members. It is not too late to join. To date, our membership drive has raised \$1,740.00 in donations. Thank you to all our generous members for your donations. If you would like to become more involved or simply want to know what's going on 'behind the scenes' attend our next PTO meeting Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Windom Elementary library. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to volunteer your time or have questions, please feel free to email me at jsmithwindompto@outlook.com

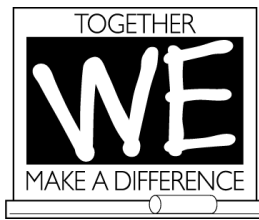
Wishing all Windom Families, a very happy and healthy Holiday Season!

Jonelle Smith

Windom PTO President



Windom WE Elementary



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Dear Parents and Students:

As we enter our fourth year of implementation of Readers Workshop, we find more and more of our students having favorite authors, illustrators, books, participating in book clubs, checking more books out of the library, and leading literate lives. There is a palpable enthusiasm from students about books - an enthusiasm that we want to grow.

While students can lead literate lives at school, we want to provide as many opportunities for students to lead those same lives at home. We have “take home” books that students check out of classroom libraries and the Windom Library Media Center has seen increased circulation in the past few years, but at the end of the day, these are borrowed books - which serve a purpose, but can only go so far. We want to help children build their own libraries at home. Opportunities like our Fall & Spring Book Fair and our Author Visits give students the chance to purchase books of their own, but we’d like to help students EARN books of their own. Enter the BOOK VENDING MACHINE!



Thanks to help from the incredible Windom PTO and a grant from the Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence, Windom is the proud owner of a book vending machine. The machine came with tokens that students can use to “purchase” a book for their very own – each book is stamped with “A gift for your home library from Windom Elementary”. Working with the Windom Character Education Committee, students will be “caught” implementing our Character Education words – Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Tolerance, Perseverance, and Citizenship. If caught, the student will earn a token for the vending machine. Our goal is to ensure every child at Windom earns a token and gets to use the book vending machine this year.



One way you can help this great project is to donate NEW books to the vending machine. If your classroom uses Scholastic Book Orders, adding a book or two to your order and letting your classroom teacher know these are for the vending machine will help

ensure it stays stocked with new books all year long.

Thank you for your continued support of Windom Elementary!
Happy November and please do not hesitate to call me: 209-6279

Thank you for your continued support,

Philip M Johnson

Phil Johnson
Principal

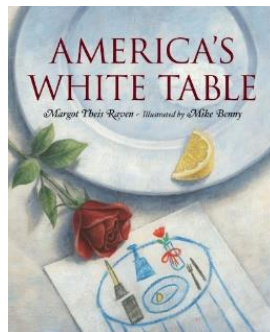


COLDvember Library

Wowie wow wow!!! What a wild time this is!!

We've got it all going on.

- Halloween!! With an orange haired librarian and everything.
- A couple hundred exciting new books almost ready for prime time. Getting the books ready is a monumental task anytime, especially if you are doing it for the first time which is what Mrs. Artmeier is doing. This is along with 506 other things she is called upon or volunteers to do (cover the nurse, fill-in at the office, take care of sound at assemblies, laminate, direct morning and afternoon announcements and, and, and.....)!!
- Library Card Sign-up Month with over 100 kids visiting the Orchard Park Public Library!! That is impressive and READtastic!! Thank you for taking the time out of your busy lives to do this.
- Veterans Day! You should've seen this place last Friday. The library was elbow to elbow with kids, veteran, parents, grandparents, administrators, teachers, food and drink, and chatter and stories and much love. Oh, you should read "America's White Table" by Margot Thies Raven. It is very moving.



- A book vending machine that is attracting much attention but also not ready for prime time. YET!!! Soon though. Soon.
- New bookshelves being delivered any day now!! Another step towards transforming the library into a learning center. Thank you, Mr. Johnson.
- Library Club with over 30 students signed up. Most ever.
- Marathon recovery. Always an adventure for me and those who must deal with me. Ask Mrs. Artmeier.
- Fun read-a-louds about Queen of the Falls. If you have a 2nd grader, ask them about it. The Widow's Broom. Super spooky. Porkenstein. Supper funny. For more about the "magic of read-a-louds" check out this 3-minute video by superstar children's book author Kate DiCamillo.
<https://www.pbs.org/video/kate-dicamillo-on-the-magic-of-reading-aloud-1542673152/>
- The WNY Children's Book Expo. So crazy inspiring. Authors getting excited about things other authors are doing. Listening to authors from all walks of life and what led them down the path to writing. So dorky of me, but so amazing. This is so, so, so worth the trip into the city and it's free, even the parking is free. Pete the Cat. Curious George. And I bought a bunch of new books to give away to students or put in the library including Susan Verde's new book *I am Love!* Put it on your list for next year.

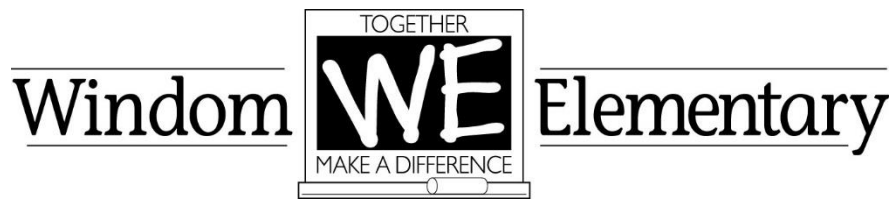
That's All Folks!!! Well, it's all I can come up with. After all I am the Absent-Minded Librarian. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!! Read, read, read.

Thank you.

Peace,

Jim

Windom Elementary Guybrarian



2019 Holiday Food Drive



*****Food may be sent in November 11-15, 2019 *****

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again when Windom PTO and Windom Student Council join efforts to conduct our annual Holiday Food Drive. The food we collect will provide dinner for families in our Windom community. The drive is scheduled for Monday, November 11 through Friday, November 15.

To ensure variety, we are listing some suggestions on items that are needed. However, any donation is much appreciated and welcomed. Although it's not mandatory that your child participate, the PTO and Student Council believe it's an excellent opportunity for children to share in the giving spirit during the holiday season.

Grade K: Boxed Jell-O, pudding, cake or brownie mixes, pie crust mix

Grade 1: Crackers, Bisquick, canned gravy, dinner roll or muffin mix

Grade 2: Rice, salad dressing, cereals, canned tuna or fish

Grade 3: Canned fruit, cranberry sauce, olives, canned vegetables

Grade 4: Soups, juices, tea, boxed stuffing or potatoes

Grade 5: Canned pumpkin, canned pie fillings, coffee, laundry detergent

NO PERISHABLE, EXPIRED, OR GLASS ITEMS PLEASE!!

In addition to food, each family will receive a grocery gift card to purchase items for their holiday meal. We are in need of monetary donations to offset the cost of the grocery gift cards. Cash or checks payable to Windom PTO can be sent to school in an envelope labeled "Food Drive c/o Dawn Boryszak." Please send in on or before November 15th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOX-UP DAY ON 11/15

Box-up day will be on Friday, November 15, at 3:15 p.m. in the small gym. If you would like to volunteer, please login to your MySchoolTools account and signup. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Boryszak Dboryszak@yahoo.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!!

Ways to Support Windom!



MEMBERSHIP

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**.

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



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.





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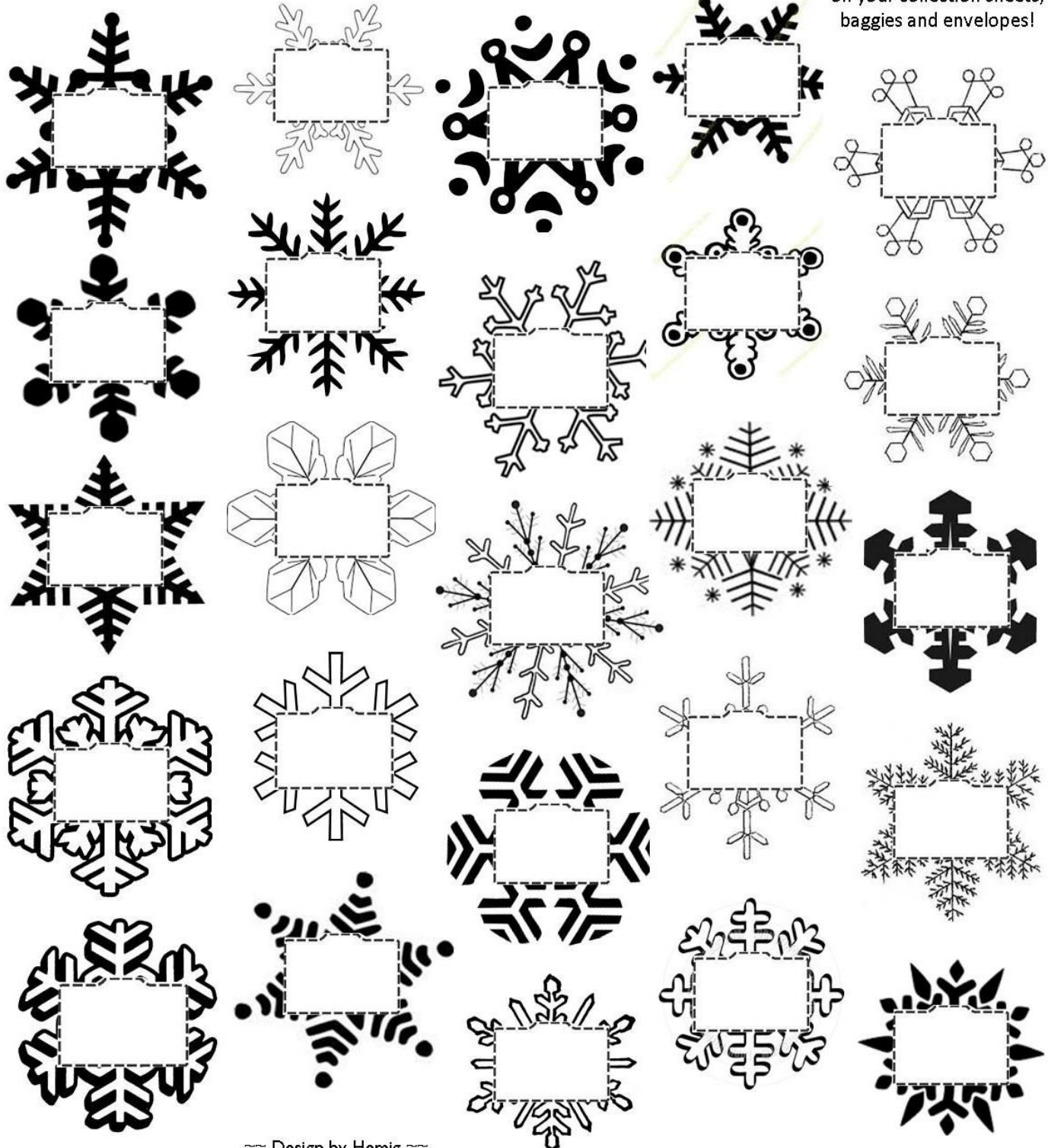
Box Tops Blizzard

Name _____

Teacher _____

Bring Box Tops
to school by:

Be sure to write your name
and your teacher's name
on your collection sheets,
baggies and envelopes!



WINDOM ELEMENTARY SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM 2019



Shirt design options:
Circle your choice
on the order form below



Short Sleeved T-shirt
50/50 Cotton/Poly
\$12.50

Add \$3.00 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL
Sizes: YXS-YL, Adult XS-3XL



Long Sleeved T-shirt
100% Cotton
\$15.00

Add \$3.00 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL
Sizes: YS-YXL, Adult XS-3XL



Hooded Sweatshirt
50/50 Cotton/Poly
\$28.00

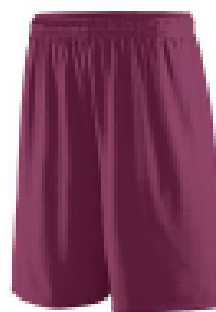
Add \$3.00 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL
Sizes: YXS-XL Adult S-3XL



Girls/Ladies Gym Shorts
Polyester moisture wicking
\$21.50 + \$3.00 for 2XL
Girls S, M, L – Ladies S – 2XL



Embroidery design
for shorts and hat



Youth/Adult Gym Shorts
Polyester moisture wicking
\$15.00 + \$3 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL
Youth S, M, L – Adult XS – 3XL



Baseball Cap
\$9.00
One Size

Qty.	Product	Design Choice	Size	XXL/XXXL	Price	Total
	Short Sleeved Tee	Windom or OP		Add \$3 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL	\$12.50	
	Long Sleeved Tee	Windom or OP		Add \$3 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL	\$15.00	
	Hooded Sweatshirt	Windom or OP		Add \$3 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL	\$28.00	
	Girls/Ladies Shorts	N/A		Add \$3 for 2XL	\$21.50	
	Youth/Adult Shorts	N/A		Add \$3 for 2XL, \$5 for 3XL	\$15.00	
	Baseball Cap	N/A			\$9.00	
					Total:	

Student Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Contact Phone No. _____

Make checks payable to: Windom PTO. Deadline for ordering is November 15, 2019. These are special order items so all sales are final. Any questions? Contact: Laura Haggerty at hadwin253@hotmail.com or 716-983-3057

_____ Initial here if you would like the orders to be held for you to pick up in the Main Office otherwise orders will be sent home with students. Orders will be available the second week in December.

Order Apparel – Support the Book Vending Machine!

PTO Meeting Minutes 11/7/2019



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 11/7/19

Attendees: R. Gullo, P. Johnson, J. Smith, K. Dash, J. Haley, P. Filsinger, B. Smith, M. Chandler, D. Wall, J. Spoto.

November meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m.

October PTO Meeting Minutes approved by B. Smith, P. Johnson.

PTO Correspondence

Fourth graders signed a handmade thank you card for their field trip to see Maddi's Fridge.

Reports

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 11/7/19 for October 2019

Monthly Treasurer's Report for November 2019			
	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$11,061.84	\$25.06	\$11,086.90
Income			
Halloween Dance	\$319.00		
Membership	\$105.00		
T-shirts School Wide	\$17.00		
Book Fair - Fall	\$248.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$689.00	\$0.00	\$689.00
Expense			
Field Trip - 5th grade	\$896.00		
Field Trip - 4th grade	\$616.00		
Field Trip - 1st grade	\$735.00		
Bus Driver Training Breakfast	\$65.95		
Halloween Dance	\$1,932.40		
Central Council Dues	\$266.08		
DARE Program	\$1,000.00		
Homecoming Parade	\$66.37		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,577.80		\$5,577.80
Ending Balance	\$6,173.04	\$25.06	\$6,198.10
Net Income (Loss)	(\$4,888.80)	\$0.00	(\$4,888.80)

Principal: Mr. Johnson – Brooks Gibbs presented an assembly to 4th/5th graders at the high school on social-emotional learning. Veterans Day breakfast and assembly took place on Friday, 11/8 and honored our local veterans. Red Ribbon week was a success with lots of participation. There will be a half day dismissal at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, 11/18 with an SRP appreciation event that afternoon. Progress reports will be online in addition to parent-teacher conferences in early December. Book Vending Machine is fully stocked. Will be kicking that off with a character education focus as the theme. Staff professional development focused on math.

Teacher: Ms. Haley reporting – Thank you for the class t-shirts. They like the vibrant colors of the shirts this year. The Halloween Dance was well organized with many helpful volunteers and was a lot of fun. Teachers are very interested in participating as additional volunteers for next year. Mr. Morton visited so thanks to the PTO for bringing him in.

PTO Updates

Membership Drive – To-date, our drive resulted in \$1740 in donations. Thank you to all those who contributed. Feel free to submit your PTO Membership Forms and sign up for an account in Membership Toolkit at windompto.membershiptoolkit.com if you haven't yet done so.

Student T-shirts – These were just distributed. Some teachers hold on to them in their classrooms, while some send them home. Received positive feedback on the bright colors used this year.

Windom Spiritwear Fundraiser – Buy Windom and OP gear including hats, t-shirts, shorts, etc. Order forms have gone home. **Must send form in with payment by 11/15 – No online orders.** The PTO will get 20% of sales from this, which will be donated to purchase books for our new Book Vending Machine.

Upcoming/Current Events

Holiday Food Drive (11/12-15) – Send in your donations by 11/15. There are 11 families we're collecting for this year. Signup to volunteer to box up donations at windompto.membershiptoolkit.com. Box up will be on Friday, 11/15 after school.

Holiday Bazaar & Reindeer Walk (12/5-6) – Students will shop for gifts for \$1 an item with an option to buy up to 10 items. Stay tuned for more information going home around Thanksgiving. Signup to volunteer at windompto.membershiptoolkit.com.

Other Items

Spring Book Fair – Considering using Scholastic in the spring since Larry Silver is booked with another school. Chairperson to investigate costs associated with shipping, etc.

Volunteers – Parents interested in volunteering need to complete the [volunteer acknowledgement form](#) or [complete the training](#).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Spoto, PTO Secretary