



Windom



Elementary

October 2019

A Message from the Principal

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Dear Parents and Families:

Halloween is fast approaching and we encourage all members of the Windom community to partake in the joyous traditions of the season – costumes, treats, and good times! If you are sending in treats, please remember our regulations concerning students with life-threatening food allergies. It is important that you communicate with your classroom teacher about what you intend to send in and if your child is in an “allergy room” that you follow protocols. We ask that you refrain from sending in any homemade items or items from a bakery into allergy rooms as these may be deemed unsafe and will be sent home. If sending in food items in an allergy room, please send in pre-packaged/ store bought safe snacks.

For children, Halloween is a time of anticipation and excitement. Wearing costumes, dressing as their favorite characters, and trick or treating is a lot of fun, but it can also be a bit scary, particularly for the youngest members of our community. When creating costumes, please be advised:

- No child should come to school or the dance in costumes that are violent in nature (fake blood, gory masks, etc.)
- No weapons of any kind- real or fake.
- Masks in general are not advised during the day as they impede educational practices – staff will ask students to keep masks in lockers and bags.
- Face painting should be saved for the dance, not for the school day.
- Classroom teachers may be providing guidance for individual classrooms, particularly with celebrations – some host events, others do not.

The PTO Halloween Dance on **Friday, October 25th at 5:30pm** is sure to be a hit. I will be there with my family and hope to see you there as well. The only way this event will be successful is if we have parent volunteers at the many centers and stations. We need YOU to help serve pizza, monitor the dance, supervise the crafts, hallway games and face painting. Without volunteers, the event cannot run!

Membership in PTO is key to a successful school. Every dollar the PTO raises goes right back into our program. Field trips, classroom ~~wishlists~~, books, assemblies, DARE, and more are all funded by the PTO. Your \$10 membership and participation in any event you can manage will help improve the quality of our program. Enroll now!

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Phil Johnson
Principal

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HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, October 25, 2019

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WHAT TO WEAR: Halloween Costume (please no gory or scary masks/costumes)

PRE-SALE Admission price (by Wednesday, October 23)

\$5.00 per person (Family maximum price: \$20.00). Children under 3 FREE!

Ticket price includes: Pizza, beverages, games, crafts, face painting, and DJ.

Ticket sales are Presale ONLY!! There will be no tickets available the night of the dance. Don't miss out!! Please order your tickets by Oct. 23rd.

The PTO invites you to attend Windom's Halloween Family Fun Night. Pre-Sale admission is \$5.00 & includes: DJ, crafts, games, face painting, pizza and beverages. We are pleased to have the Windom Fire Company bring a fire truck for our event. Please fill out the form below with the total number of adults and children that are planning to attend and return to school along with your payment in cash or check payable to *WINDOM PTO* by Wednesday, October 23. **Volunteers for this event get 1 FREE admission ticket, so please do not include this in your payment.**

You WILL NOT receive anything back prior to the dance. When you arrive at the dance, please check in to receive an admission ticket. There will be NO admission tickets available the night of the dance. So please remember to send your form in before the DEAD-line.

Don't miss out on the frightening fun! Bring the whole family. We are going to have a SPOOK-tacular good time! For any questions, please contact Jonelle Smith at jsmithwindompto@outlook.com

This is NOT a drop off event. A parent or Guardian MUST attend!!

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

To access the volunteer shifts for this event, please visit our online signup page at:

<https://windompto.membershiptoolkit.com/>

☐ Yes, our family will attend! PARENT NAME _____

Parent Phone # _____ Email: _____

Children's names that attend Windom & their grade _____

☐ Check if you are a Halloween Dance Volunteer (Do not include payment for 1 of the admission tickets you need). Total of adult(s) _____ Total #of children _____ Payment enclosed\$ _____

NEWS NEWS NEWS

October Library News

Please note that I am the least competitive person in the world. Not one bone in my body cares about winning or losing a game. I have never entered a race or been on a grown-up sports team or anything like that. It's just not in my DNA. So what??

First off, this is a big fat stinkin' lie! Which leads to my point. October is Library Card Sign-up month. Even if your child already has a Public Library card they can participate in the bragging rights contest!!!!

SO!!!, This is a competition to see which Orchard Park elementary school can sign-up the most NEW library cards or visit the Orchard Park Public Library with their current library card (this bears repeating, even if your child already has an OP Public Library card we need them to go to OP public library with their card and say they are from Windom!!). IT COUNTS toward our total!!

We have won the competition in the past, but it's been a few years. Let's show them our spirit and why we are the best little elementary school in the 14127!!!

If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you!! W.E. is the best!!!



LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

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This fall you can stop by the Orchard Park Library, and help your school at the same time! Come visit the Orchard Park Library from October 1st through 31st to **USE, REPLACE** or **SIGN UP** for your library card! Each time you stop by the library be sure to tell the librarian what school you go to! Students can earn prizes with each visit!

The Friends of the Orchard Park Library will make a donation to the library of the school with the most student visits!

LIBRARY Buffalo & Erie County Public
Orchard Park Public Library
4570 South Buffalo Rd
Orchard Park NY 14127
662-9851
www.BuffaloLib.org

PTO Meeting Minutes 10/3/2019



WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 10/3/19

Attendees: R. Gullo, J. Dolce, L. Haggerty, J. Smith, C. Shields, K. Dash, S. Besecker, P. Filsinger, B. Smith, R. Maguire, K. Price, D. Wall, L. Wright, R. Healy, A. Lupiani, D. Boryszak, J. Spoto.

October meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

September PTO Meeting Minutes approved by B. Smith, K. Dash.

PTO Correspondence

None

Reports

Treasurer: Kevin Dash – Report dated 10/3/19 for September 2019

Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2019			
	Checking Account	Savings Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$10,413.25	\$3,456.88	\$13,870.13
Income			
Transfer from Savings (Musical \$\$)	\$3,431.44		
Membership	\$1,551.00		
Interest/Dividends	\$0.44		
Square 1 Art	\$36.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,018.88	\$0.06	\$5,018.94
Expense			
Field Trip - 1 st grade	\$735.00		
Field Trip - Kindergarten	\$900.00		
Musical Account - Closed	\$3,431.44		
Welcome Back Breakfast	\$18.85		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,085.29	\$3,431.88	\$8,517.17
Ending Balance	\$10,346.84	\$25.06	\$10,371.90
Net Income (Loss)	(\$66.41)	(\$3,431.82)	(\$3,498.23)

Principal: Mr. Dolce – Lions Club Vision Screening on 10/21 for Kindergartners and new students in 1st and 2nd grade. Other upcoming events: lockdown drill; first character ed assembly; Columbus Day holiday on 10/14 and Superintendent's Conf. Day on 10/18. Students will learn about fire safety with the local fire department this month. Windom Clubs such as Art Club, Library Club, Graphic Novel, and Spirit Club will be ramping up soon. Keep an eye out for more information going home and in the Virtual Backpack. Funding for books or **new** book donations for the Book Vending Machine are requested. Several teachers are in need of new sling bags for classroom use. The PTO will help fund the sling bags and we will add them to the Windom Apparel Sale fundraiser in case families would like to buy as well.

Teacher: Mrs. Besecker reporting – Teachers wanted to acknowledge the amazing Homecoming Parade participation by families. The event went really well and was a lot of fun.

PTO Updates

Membership Drive – we are still accepting donations and PTO Membership Forms. Please turn them in if you haven't already and sign up for an account in Membership Toolkit at windompto.membershiptoolkit.com.

Student T-shirts – Teacher aides have an option of buying t-shirts at cost (so a nominal price). Rather than selecting a specific color for non-teachers, they can select a neutral-colored shirt that will designate them as staff.

Fall Book Fair – Awaiting final numbers, however the profit was about \$1100 (approximately \$200 less than last fall). For next year, the new chairperson might want to consider extended hours again after school in order to generate additional \$\$.

Bus Driver Breakfast (held near the date of Safety Training) – Went well. This event is held as an annual appreciation event for Windom bus drivers.

Windom Apparel Fundraiser – Buy Windom and OP gear including hats, t-shirts, shorts, etc. We will add the sling bags to the apparel lineup as well. Windom earns a portion of sales. Stay tuned for more info.

Courtyard Project – PTO accepting ideas on what type of structure can be placed in the space that would allow student participation and a legacy for years to come.

Upcoming/Current Events

Halloween Dance (10/25) – Pre-sale ticket sales only. This will allow us to plan pizza, supplies and help needed. Windom teachers will be volunteering at this event. Ticket prices will be \$5 per person, with a \$20 family max. There will be two lines at check-in (A-M last names; and N-Z in another). Signups are active. Please visit Membership Toolkit for available slots.

Holiday Food Drive (11/11-15) – Discussed ways to get more donations. For summer, when donations are not as abundant, we will collect during ice cream social and field days. For the upcoming food drive before Thanksgiving, we'll need non-perishable donations and volunteers to box up on 11/15. Info will go home closer to the date

Other Items

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

Russell Gullo - will be the Spring Plant Sale Chairperson. As many might recognize, he's very knowledgeable in this area!

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Spoto, PTO Secretary



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.



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

District News and Information:



Orchard Park Central School District Presents the Parent Information Series 2019-2020

2019-2020 Events

Detailed event information available at www.opschools.org

Internet Safety

October 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

OPHS, Auditorium, 4040 Baker Road

The Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the FBI will present internet safety strategies to parents while increasing awareness of online risks.

Emotional Resiliency

November 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. Brooks Gibbs, an award winning social skills educator will be sharing a message of emotional resilience.

Vaping

February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. OPHS, Auditorium, 4040 Baker Road

February 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. OPMS, Auditorium, 60 S. Lincoln Drive

Roswell Park and the Erie County Health Dept. will offer two presentations which will provide general medical information related to vaping and its addictive effects on teens and the harmful side effects of nicotine on the developing teen brain.

Intervention options will be discussed.

Teen Driving Safety

May 28, 2020 at 7 p.m.

OPHS, Auditorium, 4040 Baker Road

The Orchard Park Police Department will present the dangers of distracted driving, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, license restrictions for permit holders and junior drivers, vehicle and traffic laws, pedestrians and other safety issues. This presentation is for both teenagers and their parents.



OPCSD Presents the Parent Information Series 2019-2020

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