

# Windom PTO News



October 2022

Dear Parents and Families:

Halloween is fast approaching and we encourage all members of the **Windom** community to partake in the traditions of the season – costumes, treats, and good times!

Here are some guidelines we ask all families to follow in order to ensure Halloween at **Windom** is safe and enjoyable for all.

## Costumes

Students are encouraged to wear costumes but please keep in mind:

- No costumes that are violent or gory in nature.
- No weapons, even toy weapons, are allowed.
- Costume masks should be saved for home – they are disruptive to the learning environment.
- Face painting is strongly discouraged.

## Classroom Celebrations

- Each homeroom teacher will communicate if they are hosting celebrations - some do, many do not.
- Each homeroom teacher will determine and communicate if parent volunteers are needed.

## Snacks, Treats, & Candy

- No homemade treats are allowed.
- Pre-packaged, store-bought, individual snacks and treats may be passed out based on homeroom teacher plans.

It is important that families communicate with their homeroom teachers if they have questions about costumes, celebrations, and snacks prior to Halloween.

Happy Halloween!,

Phil Johnson, Principal

## “IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?”

### Health Office guidelines for keeping your child home from school:

- 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 a full 24 hours after vomiting/ diarrhea has subsided)
- 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

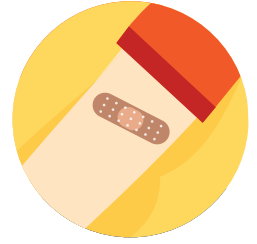
**\*\*Please call your child in daily to the Windom Attendance Line if they are being kept home at 716-209-6104\*\***

Unsure? Please call your family Doctor or the Windom Health Office at 209-6322..... *If your child is suffering from any COVID-like symptoms, it is highly recommended that parents perform an at-home COVID test and notify the school nurse of the result. As always...please help prevent the spread of illness by practicing and reinforcing proper hand washing technique!*



# The Flu:

## A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 6,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

## What parents should know

### How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

### How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

### What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



## Protect your child

### How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

### Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

### What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- **A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick.** When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- **Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu.** One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

- **Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.**  
A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- **Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.**
- **Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others** who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

## What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

## If your child is sick

### What can I do if my child gets sick?

**Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.**

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

### What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face

- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain
- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions



This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

### Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

### How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

### Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

### When can my child go back to school after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)\* or higher.

\*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.

# Upcoming Events

**October 6**

**PTO  
Meeting**

**October 7**

**Bus  
Driver  
Breakfast**

**October 14**

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**

**TBD**

**Square 1  
Art  
Fundraiser  
Kick-off**

**If you would like to volunteer at  
Windom for your child's class,  
as part of the PTO or both,  
please complete the district  
required volunteer training  
found at:  
<https://www.opschools.org/Page/201>  
or using the QR code**



## PTO Meetings:

**9/15/2022**  
**10/6/2022**  
**11/3/2022**  
**12/1/2022 (Virtual)**  
**1/5/2023 (Virtual)**  
**2/2/2023 (Virtual)**  
**3/2/2023**  
**4/13/2023**  
**5/4/2023**  
**6/8/2023**



# Trunk or Treat

October 14, 2022 at 5:30pm

Come dressed in your costume &  
trick or treat around the bus loop.  
Vote for the best decorated trunk!



## 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 Mel Chandler at [mel.chandler@live.com](mailto:mel.chandler@live.com).

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### 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.



# Windom Elementary PTO Membership Form 2022-2023

## 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 2022-23 Welcome Back Packet.

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>Parent/Guardian Name(s)</b>              |     |    |
| <b>Family new to Windom? (circle one)</b>   | YES | NO |
| <b>Primary Contact Phone</b>                |     |    |
| <b>Primary Email Address (please print)</b> |     |    |
| <b>Name of Youngest Child at Windom</b>     |     |    |

☐ **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 9/30/2022**

**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.

**Membership for the school year is \$10.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

A membership covers all members of your household.

**VISIT [WWW.OPVAB.COM](http://WWW.OPVAB.COM) for more information**

----- PLEASE CUT HERE (save top portion as your receipt) -----

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list member names and information below (if applicable).

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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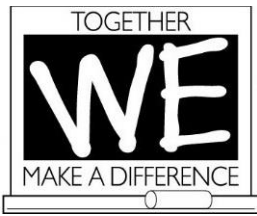
\* Please make checks payable to: **Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters**

Please return form to:

Orchard Park Middle School  
60 South Lincoln Ave.  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Visit [opvab.com](http://opvab.com) or use the qr code for memberships and more information.





# WINDOM ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2022 7pm

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## Officers:

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| Melissa Chandler- Co-President | <a href="mailto:mel.chandler@live.com">mel.chandler@live.com</a>             |
| Lindsay Wright- Co-President   | <a href="mailto:lindsayj_wright@hotmail.com">lindsayj_wright@hotmail.com</a> |
| Joanne Juliano- Treasurer      | <a href="mailto:julianoconsulting@gmail.com">julianoconsulting@gmail.com</a> |
| Kristi Bean- Secretary         | <a href="mailto:kristibean414@gmail.com">kristibean414@gmail.com</a>         |

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## Welcome & Correspondence:

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Lindsay Wright

- We had many new and returning parents and staff at our first meeting which was so great to see.
- A huge number of membership forms were sent in, along with scholastic information & thank you for start of school teacher lunch.

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## Principal Reports:

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Assistant Principal Theresa Glowacki

- Colors days for the Kindergarten classes were a huge success
- Great having the kids back together for lunches/activities
- For lunch payments you can send in cash, no change given; remaining money will be on My school bucks account.
- Picture Day Wednesday Sept 21
- Author Jerry Pallotta will visit October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Possible evening event with author

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## Teacher Reports:

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Kelly Barnhart

- Huge thank you for the Welcome Back lunch provided by the PTO

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## Current & Upcoming Events

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Melissa Chandler & Lindsay Wright

- Open House September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. PTO will have a table
- Picture Day September 21 we will have 4 volunteers to help with lines
- Trunk or Treat October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking to have the cars parked in the bus loop
  - Looking for teacher volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out candy.

- Candy will be provided to the teachers by the PTO
- Prizes for best 3 decorated trunks
- PTO will have a snack table with Cider & donuts
- Haunted buses, food truck, firetrucks & dance party

Kristi Bean

- Homecoming parade September 24 Hollywood theme
- Mr. Bond helping prepare the float
- Russ Gullo is providing the truck for the float to be on
- Windom students and parents walk from Middle school to Athletic field on N. Freeman
- Candy will be provided by the PTO for kids to toss out

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### **Open Discussion:**

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Russ Gullo

- Gullo's Garden Center to provide a tree to plant for Arbor day
  - Have the students involved
- Possible music educational concert for kids ex: Peter & the Wolf

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### **Attendance:**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Theresa Glowacki – AP    | Brenna Ames     | Kaitlin Prince   | Lindsay Wright |
| Kelly Barnhart – Teacher | Kristen Jackson | Joanne Juliano   | Kristi Bean    |
| Matt Hauser – Teacher    | Katie Emerling  | Melissa Chandler |                |

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### **Budget:**

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Joanne Juliano

- See reports for June, July & August below
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# Windom PTO Monthly Report

## Treasurer's Report- June 2022

9/15/22

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$32,045.73

### Income

|    |                  |          |
|----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | Spring Book Fair | 6,514.44 |
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|--------------|------------|
| Total Income | \$6,514.44 |
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### Expenses

|    |                                      |          |
|----|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Diane Bond - Gift to Author (#871)   | 85.00    |
| 2. | Booster - Fun Run                    | 7,046.75 |
| 3. | Village Ice Cream (#872)             | 100.00   |
| 4. | Carmen's Catering (#875)             | 1,122.00 |
| 5. | K. Bean - Ice Cream Social (#876)    | 239.47   |
| 6. | Scholastic Book Fairs (#878)         | 3,949.62 |
| 7. | J. Juliano - Ice Cream Social (#879) | 287.93   |

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|---------------|-------------|
| Total Expense | \$12,830.77 |
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|------------------|--------------|
| Net Income(Loss) | \$(6,316.33) |
|------------------|--------------|

### Checks written but not cleared

|                                      |                                |          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1.                                   | A Board Above (#874)           | 125.00   |
| 2.                                   | Finishing Stitches (#877)      | 10.00    |
| 3.                                   | S. Page - Teacher Lunch (#880) | 134.61   |
| Total Checks Written but Not Cleared |                                | \$269.61 |

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$25,459.79

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| Beginning Savings Account Balance: | \$25.06 |
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| Income: | \$- |
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| Expense: | \$- |
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| Ending Savings Account Balance: | \$25.06 |
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# Windom PTO Monthly Report

## Treasurer's Report- July 2022

9/15/22

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$25,729.40

### Income

1.

Total Income \$-

### Expenses

|    |                                |        |  |
|----|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| 1. | A Board Above (#874)           | 125.00 |  |
| 2. | Finishing Stitches (#877)      | 10.00  |  |
| 3. | S. Page - Teacher Lunch (#880) | 134.61 |  |

Total Expense \$269.61

Net Income(Loss) \$(269.61)

Checks written but not cleared

1.

Total Checks Written but Not Cleared \$-

Beginning Savings Account Balance: \$25.06

Income: \$-

Expense: \$-

Ending Savings Account Balance: \$25.06

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c/o CCPTO Treasurer  
2240 Southwestern Blvd.  
West Seneca, NY 14224

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$25,459.79

# Windom PTO Monthly Report

## Treasurer's Report- August 2022

9/15/22

Beginning Checking Account Balance: \$25,459.79

Income

1.

Total Income \$-

Expenses

1.

Total Expense \$-

Net Income(Loss) \$-

Checks written but not cleared

|    |                                  |        |
|----|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. | M. Chandler Teacher Lunch (#882) | 875.21 |
| 2. | E. Dovey Boys Club (#883)        | 73.96  |

Total Checks Written but Not Cleared \$949.17

Ending Checking Account Balance: \$24,510.62

Beginning Savings Account Balance: \$25.06

Income: \$-

Expense: \$-

Ending Savings Account Balance: \$25.06

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