



Windom Elementary

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities Handbook

2023 - 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! At Windom, we strive to provide a variety of enriching experiences in order for each student to feel a sense of belonging and connectedness to our program outside of the regular school day. These programs vary in nature and are designed to give students the opportunity to engage in extracurricular, academic, physical, or musical experiences. Our goal is to help your child develop and explore their interests and talents. We are thrilled to be able to offer so many wonderful programs to our students!

These activities do have a limited enrollment; when maximum enrollment is reached, all other students will be placed on a waiting list. In the event that an opening is created, students on the waiting list will be notified of the opening. For clubs that offer multiple sessions, students who are not accepted into one session will be notified and offered the opportunity to join the next session.

Because there is limited enrollment for many of these clubs and activities, we encourage you to have dialogue with your child regarding their schedule and ability to commit to the activity. There is an expectation that if a child registers, they will regularly attend. A child who "drops out" of a club or simply doesn't attend on a regular basis may be taking a spot that another child could have held. This is a wonderful learning opportunity to teach your child about choices, time management and developing a personal schedule.

Participation in co-curricular clubs and activities is a student-privilege contingent upon expected behavior, as outlined in our Code of Conduct, and maintenance of academic responsibilities.

Families have two options for transportation for before and after school activities. Parents may elect to provide transportation or to take advantage of the early and late bus runs. If you choose to provide your child's transportation in the morning they should arrive at Windom at 8:10 AM. You can park in the front loop and let your child in through the front doors. If you choose to provide your child's transportation in the afternoon you should plan to arrive in the side parking lot at 4:05 PM. Students will enter cars for dismissal at 4:10 PM. If you choose to have your child take the bus in the morning or afternoon, please indicate that to the club advisor who will have bussing set up accordingly. Morning buses will transport students from the Middle School to Windom Elementary.

The following pages in this handbook contain more information on the Clubs and Activities that Windom is currently offering for the 2023-24 school year. Registration Forms can be obtained from the teachers who are running the clubs/activities. This list is subject to change, as clubs and activities have the potential to be added throughout the school year.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Glowacki at (716) 209 -6283.

Thank you!

Mr. Phil Johnson
Principal

Mrs. Theresa Glowacki
Assistant Principal

Clubs & Extracurricular Activities

Art Club Session 1

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mr. Bond

Meeting Dates: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons in October - November

Art Club is an opportunity for students to supplement their art experience. Students have the option to do projects directed by Mr. Bond or work independently utilizing the materials available in the art room. Students can work individually or in small groups. Students have the opportunity to help with building projects (ie. scenery, banners, ceiling tiles etc.)

Art Club Session 2

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mr. Bond

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Board Games Club Session 1

Grades 2 & 3

Advisor: Mrs. Novak

Meeting Dates: Thursday mornings in January - February

Board Games Club is an opportunity for students to build memory, logic and reasoning. They will also boost their brain power and reduce stress. Building these skills will help to improve academics and student well-being!

Board Games Club Session 2

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Krone

Meeting Dates: Thursday afternoons in January-February

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Boys Intramurals

Grades 4-5

Advisor: Mr. Philips

Meeting Dates: Monday or Tuesday Mornings from December to May

Boys Intramurals is an opportunity for 4th and 5th grade boys to engage in an extension of what is being taught in Physical Education classes. The size of the groups will be the factor of how often each group meets or how many sessions will be offered.

Buddy Club

Grades 4-5

Advisor: Mrs. Hutschenreuter

Meeting Dates: Monday's (After School) from October to May

Buddy Club is an opportunity for select 4th and 5th grade students to gain an Orchard Park High School mentor. Under supervision, students will spend time together reading, playing games, participating in crafts, and other structured activities.

Chess Club Session 1

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mr. Waack

Meeting Dates: Monday afternoons in November - December

Chess Club is an opportunity for students to learn how to play chess and master their skill.

Chess Club Session 2

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mr. Waack

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons in November - December

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Coding Club

Grades 3 & 4

Advisor: Mr. Wert

Meeting Dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings in April

Coding Club is an opportunity for students to design, create, and publish their creations. Students will build an NFT together, make a game their friends can play, and code LEGO robots to solve a task.

Fuel Yourself For Fitness Club Session 1

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Schermerhorn & Mrs. Sereday

Meeting Dates: Monday afternoons from November - December

Fuel Yourself For Fitness Club is an opportunity for students to learn about how to fuel a healthy body by creating healthy eating habits, learning how to exercise, doing specific adult-led workouts, and time-management skills to balance all that they have in their life.

Fuel Yourself For Fitness Club Session 2

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Schermerhorn & Mrs. Sereday

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons from November - December

Fuel Yourself For Fitness Club is an opportunity for students to learn about how to fuel a healthy body by creating healthy eating habits, learning how to exercise, doing specific adult-led workouts, and time-management skills to balance all that they have in their life.

Grade 2 Math Club Session 1

Grade 2

Advisor: Mrs. Axelson & Mrs. McEwen

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings in November

Math Club is an opportunity for students to participate in math activities with their peers. Students will work together to solve real world math problems as well as play fun math games. This is not a remediation club, all ability levels are welcome!

Grade 2 Math Club Session 2

Grade 2

Advisor: Mrs. Axelson & Mrs. McEwen

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings in December

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Grade 3 Boys Club

Grade 3

Advisor: Mr. Dovey

Meeting Dates: Wednesday mornings from March - May

Grade 3 Boys Club is an opportunity for 3rd grade boys to learn, build friendships and have fun. Each week's session will focus on a different topic

Grade 3 Math Club

Grade 3

Advisor: Mrs. Axelson & Mrs. McEwen

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings in January & February

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Grade 4 Math Club

Grade 4

Advisor: Mrs. Axelson & Mrs. McEwen

Meeting Dates: Tuesday afternoons in March

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Lego Club

Grades 2-4

Advisor: Mr. Wert

Meeting Dates: Various mornings in May

Lego Club is an opportunity for students to design, create, and publish their creations with Legos. Each day will bring new unique build challenges to the students and their groups.

Library Club

Grades 3-5

Advisor: Mrs. Tempestoso

Meeting Dates: Thursday afternoons from February - June

Library Club is an opportunity for students to explore new fiction and non-fiction books, listen to read alouds, discover authors and illustrators from diverse backgrounds, and participate in book extension activities.

Mind, Body and Soul Club for Girls Session 1

Grade 3

Advisor: Mrs. Hanlon & Mrs. Sereday

Meeting Dates: Tuesday or Thursday mornings from October - November

Mind, Body and Soul Club for Girls is an opportunity to empower young girls to feel proud of who they are, teach healthy habits, and enforce lifelong skills in a fun and engaging way with their peers! We will be enjoying activities such as arts and crafts, jewelry making, hip hop dancing, getting fit and strong, learning how to take care of our bodies and even having a spa day!

Mind, Body and Soul Club for Girls Session 2

Grade 3

Advisor: Mrs. Hanlon & Mrs. Sereday

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Nature Club

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Nemec & Ms. McLeod

Meeting Dates: Tuesday mornings from May - June

Nature Club is an opportunity for students to learn about nature and our environment. Students will focus on ways to take care of and improve our environment while participating in fun activities, projects and hands-on experiments.

Rise & Shine Yoga Club Session 1

Grades 2 & 3

Advisor: Dr. Mydzian & Mrs. Hutschenreuter

Meeting Dates: Friday mornings from November - January

Yoga Club is an opportunity for students to learn the basic foundational practices of yoga. Yoga holds, moves, and poses will be learned and practiced. Yoga participants will also learn about relaxation techniques, breathing practices and the benefits of yoga as a physical exercise, calming and centering practice. Mindfulness and stress reduction will be discussed.

Rise & Shine Yoga Club Session 2

Grades 2 & 3

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Yoga Club is an opportunity for students to learn the basic foundational practices of yoga. Yoga holds, moves, and poses will be learned and practiced. Yoga participants will also learn about relaxation techniques, breathing practices and the benefits of yoga as a physical exercise, calming and centering practice. Mindfulness and stress reduction will be discussed.

Science Club Session 1

Grade 5

Advisor: Mrs. Batchen

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons in October & November

Science Club is an opportunity to encourage your child's sense of wonder as they learn about, and question the world around them. Each participant will attend 4 sessions of Science Club.

Science Club Session 2

Grade 5

Advisor: Mrs. Batchen

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons in November & December

Science Club is an opportunity to encourage your child's sense of wonder as they learn about, and question the world around them. Each participant will attend 4 sessions of Science Club.

Science Club Session 3

Grade 4

Advisor: Mrs. Batchen

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons in March & April

Science Club is an opportunity to encourage your child's sense of wonder as they learn about, and question the world around them. Each participant will attend 4 sessions of Science Club.

Science Club Session 4

Grade 4

Advisor: Mrs. Batchen

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons in April & May

Science Club is an opportunity to encourage your child's sense of wonder as they learn about, and question the world around them. Each participant will attend 4 sessions of Science Club.

Spirit Club Session 1

Grade 1

Advisor: Mrs. Chadwell & Mrs. Stifter

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings in October - December

Spirit Club is an opportunity for students to ignite spirit within Windom Elementary. Participants will learn cheers, chants and movements that will be displayed at bi-monthly Character Education Assemblies. Students will share their spirit for the building and will help highlight students that have shown growth and school pride within the building by distributing spirit awards.

Spirit Club Session 2

Grade 1

Advisor: Mrs. Chadwell & Mrs. Stifter

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Sports & Wellness Club for Girls

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Krone & Mrs. Lewandowski

Meeting Dates: Wednesday afternoons

Sports and Wellness Club is an opportunity for students to increase empowerment, personal responsibility and self-control. This club will also focus on improving life skills like goal setting, time management and leadership skills.

Student Council

Grade 4-5

Advisor: Mrs. Krone

Meeting Dates: Every other Monday (After School) from October - May

Student Council is an elected role where students work together to promote school spirit and to give all students a sense of shared responsibility. Students who are elected will help plan, organize and implement activities to build school spirit.

Study Buddies

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Krone & Mrs. Novak

Meeting Dates: Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons from November - May

Study Buddies is an opportunity for students in grades 4 and 5 to work on study skills while reinforcing classroom academics.

Wellness Club

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Schermerhorn

Meeting Dates: Monday or Wednesday afternoons in October - November

Wellness Club is an opportunity for students to learn about positive lifestyles and choices for themselves, school, and the community they live in. Students will do activities that promote self confidence and teambuilding skills, ways to cope with stress, as well as how to communicate appropriately with peers and adults, all while promoting positive difference makers in the world.

WETV

Grade 5

Advisor: Mr. Wert

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings in October - June

WETV is an opportunity for students to learn valuable skills in video production and a platform to contribute to our daily announcements. This activity lets students explore modern Google/PC/GoPro/YouTube software technology.

Performing Arts

Advanced Orchestra/String Lessons

Grade 5

Advisor: Mr. Kontrabecki

Meeting Dates: Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Advanced Orchestra/String Lessons are offered to students in their second year of musical study (5th grade) on Stringed Instruments. You will continue with weekly lessons, participate in ensemble rehearsals, and perform two concerts at the High School! The Orchestral Music experience will help your child develop life skills including: cooperation, self-discipline, responsibility, and commitment. Moreover, it is also a great place for your child to continue to make new friends, have fun and explore creativity. Your child will discover the enjoyment of music and all it has to offer for years and years to come.

Beginning Orchestra/String Lessons

Grade 4 & 5

Advisor: Mr. Kontrabecki

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings

Beginning Orchestra/String Lessons are offered to students in the 4th and 5th grade who wish to learn the basic skills of playing and performing on Stringed Instruments, never having played before. Lessons occur weekly, and ensembles will begin after the New Year. The learning year will culminate with a performance at the Middle School! Learning an instrument is a journey that will start here and continue through to high school and beyond. Learning a musical instrument is a fun, gratifying and rewarding excursion where students get to perform in ensembles, take group lessons, meet new friends and discover new forms of creativity.

Cadet Band

Grade 4

Advisor: Mrs. Commerford-Dorman

Meeting Dates: Monday mornings

Our SD/WE 4th grade Cadet Band is a chance for us to meet together with ALL of the instruments in the band, and make music together using all the knowledge we've been learning in our lessons. All fourth grade students that take an instrument need to take advantage of these rehearsals to get ourselves ready for our concert in May!

Chorus

Grades 4 & 5

Advisor: Mrs. Smith

Meeting Dates: Wednesday and Friday mornings

Windom Chorus is an opportunity for students to foster their love for singing, strengthen their vocal skills, and work towards a unified choral sound. We want to encourage chorus members to continue to be active singers throughout their entire lives. Windom Chorus performs at concerts in December and May.

Concert Band

Grade 5

Advisor: Mrs. Commerford-Dorman

Meeting Dates: Tuesday & Thursday mornings

Our SD/WE 5th grade Concert Band is where all the band instruments get together and work on perfecting our playing ability and our sound. These rehearsals are mandatory for all band musicians so we can prepare for our concerts. We have a Holiday concert in December, and our final performance of the year in May.