



Heim Elementary Welcomes Our New Principal, Mrs. Stafford

September & October 2016

Calendar of Events

Mark these important events on your
calendars & smart phones!

SEPTEMBER

- 9/6 First Day of School!!!
- 9/6 Boo Hoo Breakfast @ Sean Patrick's
- 9/8 Open House/Parent Information Night—K, 3rd & 4th Grades
- 9/12 Open House/Parent Information Night—1st Grade
- 9/15 Open House/Parent Information Night—2nd Grade
- 9/16 Heimgram Deadline – October
- 9/19 Believe Kids Fundraiser Sale Begins
- 9/19 1st PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- 9/23 School Spirit Day
- 9/27 Cafeteria Volunteer Training Session 9:30am- Mandatory
- 9/27 Wellness Night/Welcome Back Night 6:30-8:00pm (inside/outside)
- 9/29 Fire Prevention Program
- 9/30 Believe Kids Fundraiser Sale Ends

OCTOBER

- 10/5 Room Parent Orientations – (Mandatory)
- 10/3 School Picture Day
- 10/3-21 Entertainment Book Fundraiser Begins
- 10/7 Early Dismissal, 15 minutes early -Emergency Drill
- 10/7 4th grade group picture (rain date 10/13)
- 10/8 Heim Family Day @ UB Football Game (vs. Kent State)
- 10/10 No School-Columbus Day
- 10/11-12 Fall Recess
- 10/14 Heimgram Deadline
- 10/14 Family Movie Night @ Heim Middle 6:30 PM
- 10/21 Spirit Day



Dear Heim Families:

WELCOME to the 2016-2017 school year! The beginning of every school year is a very exciting time for students, parents, faculty, staff and administration. As we embark on the 2016-2017 school year, the Heim faculty and staff will continue to work collaboratively to maintain the level of excellence that makes our school so special.

Our faculty and staff are committed to the academic success of our students and will work with their grade level teams to analyze student data and monitor progress to attain the learning goals that will ultimately improve overall student achievement.

Because the safety and well-being of our students is of the utmost importance at Heim Elementary, we will continue to have several safety procedures in place this year:

- All doors at the school will be locked during the school day and visitors will be "buzzed in" upon their arrival.

- Visitors *MUST* wear a "Visitor Badge" at all times while in the building.
- Visitors may not go to classrooms unannounced because this interrupts the instructional program. Someone from the Main Office will be more than happy to call the classroom if you need to stop down there for any reason.

Once again, these procedures are in place to keep our students as safe as possible. Please be assured, however, that parents are extremely valuable members of our Heim Family and your presence here is very welcome and encouraged.

We look forward to working with all of you this year to continue to make our school the best it can be!



Sincerely,
Mrs. Bonnie L. Stafford
Principal

School E-Alert

Have you signed up for E-Alerts? This is a service that allows Williamsville Central School District parents, students, faculty, staff, and neighbors to sign up and receive emails and/or text messages about school related emergency information.

Go to: www.williamsvillek12.org

NOTE: you may receive communications faster if you elect to sign up for text alerts via eAlert sms option.

HERO'S CHARACTER CORNER SEPTEMBER – FRIENDSHIP



- Friendship is like a rainbow
- It is bright and full of color,
- There is no end in sight when you're with friends.
- Friends will always be there to help you,
- It may not be the advice they give,
- But it is the support given that really counts.
- Money doesn't make a person rich,
- What makes a person richer or poorer
- are the kinds of people they call friend,
- And with the friends I have ...
- I think that I'm very rich indeed.



HEIM
ELEMENTARY
HAS SPIRIT &
PRIDE

Contact Michelle Connolly
with questions at
mdconnolly71@gmail.com

Spiritwear is on sale from 9/12-9/23

<https://heimfall2016.itemorder.com/>
Next Spirit Day—Friday, September 23

HEIMGRAM DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submitting information for the *Heimgram* is by/before the 15th of every month. Please e-mail Jamie Potash at: JamieHSPotash@gmail.com to ensure your piece will be included in this very large puzzle. Space is limited. Thank you for sharing your classroom and school news with our PTA!



Message From Your PTA Co-Presidents

Welcome to Heim Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. We are excited to also welcome our new principal, Mrs. Bonnie Stafford, and three new members of our PTA Executive Committee: Celine Charleson, Shannon Hoffman, and Tara Sohol.

In addition, we celebrate four new classroom teachers in our school: Kaitlyn Plummer (1st Grade), Ellen Schaab (2nd Grade), Carley Sanders (3rd Grade) & MaryAnn O'Leary (4th Grade). We are also very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Killinger and Lauren Fonte to Special Education, and our new Gifted teacher is Mary Kate Bongiovanni. Thank you all for choosing Heim Elementary!

THANK YOU to our many Heim PTA **STAR VOLUNTEERS**

Lynn Inzinna and LuAnn Edwards, for organizing our Boo Hoo Breakfast on September 6 for our Kindergarten parents. Your efforts were seamless and much appreciated. We value your enthusiasm! Michelle Connolly is our new Spiritwear Coordinator and has done a fantastic job getting the program fully operational with Heim Pride! We are over the moon that Sara Scioli is the new Believe Kids Chairperson, with help from Amanda Brenon, and thank them for joining us for another successful year of event planning.

In the past year, there has been an ongoing and strengthening conversation regarding the initiative to lower class sizes in the Williamsville Central School District, and specifically, at Heim Elementary. Last year, many of our classes were filled to capacity. In fact, we were actually over the recommended guidelines (23-27) for many 3rd and 4th grade classes, some hosting 27 and 28 students with only 5 classrooms per grade. First grade was also at capacity, and none of the numbers supported "room to grow".

Many parents felt this needed to change, and had become very vocal at PTA meetings, monthly Board of Education meetings, and public community forums this past spring. Data filled letters, emails, and an online petition were sent to our Superintendent, Dr. Scott Martzloff and his BOE team, requesting the overall reduction of class sizes. The August petition was formed to highlight the need for advocacy for our children and valued classroom teachers, and was signed by 191 people. A late August decision was made throughout the district to add new teachers to key schools with dangerously high enrollments. With the educational standards so high and testing so strenuous within our schools, parents have found their voice and have become engaged to share their views with the decision makers of our district.

And we affected change. The leaders of this cause were active PTA members, inspired by the love and concern for their own children, but empowered by their affiliation with one of the best child advocacy groups partnered with education. The mission of the PTA is

to make every child's potential a reality. Reducing class sizes is but one fine example of how we have achieved potential for better focus and more manageable student-teacher ratios in our school.

As a Heim PTA member, you also have the same abilities to advocate for your child. We all have an equal voice, and equal opportunity to become involved. Being a PTA member does not mean you have to "do" anything in particular. By supporting the Heim PTA, you are also part of the NYS PTA, which operates on a state level to see positive change happen in education, enrichment opportunities, the environment, and in legislation. There is power in numbers.

Thank you to Dr. Martzloff and our esteemed WCSD Board of Education for taking the time to listen, review, analyze the data, consider, and forecast our school needs as we head into a new year. We appreciate the gift of learning you have granted us and other schools in the district. The benefits will be gained daily, resulting in better implementation of curriculum. We will have happier students, parents, teachers and administrators whose jobs will be more rewarding because you were able to do what is best for kids.

We invite you to attend our membership meetings, and various events and extra curricular programs we offer students and families throughout the year. The complete list of happenings can be found in your Student Directory, and current events will be posted in your monthly *Heimgram*, on our website, www.HeimPTA.org and on our PTA Facebook page.

Please join the Heim PTA and engage with other parents whose goal is the same as yours: fun with a purpose, to make school a better place, and to spend time as a family away from home. We always encourage and recommend volunteerism, and welcome ideas and input as we continue to plan for the excitement kids experience when they are about to do something extraordinary.

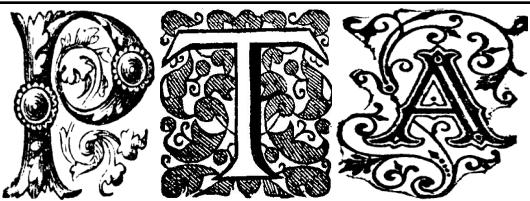


Jamie HS Potash
Co-President, Heim Elementary PTA

JOIN THE CONVERSATION DURING OUR 1st PTA MEETING ON 9/19

The 1st PTA Meeting is on **September 19** in the Heim Cafeteria at 6:30 PM.

WCSD Superintendent, Dr. Scott Martzloff, will be addressing parents and teachers. Mrs. Stafford, Our BOE Representative Mary Bieger, our Teacher Liaison Bev Heinen, and our PTA Executive Committee are present at each meeting. Children are welcome to attend, and we look forward to engaging many new and returning parents!



2016-2017 Executive Committee Members

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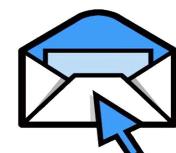
After much commitment and dedication during the 2015-2016 school year, both the PTA and Heim Elementary School have been designated again by the National PTA as a National PTA School of Excellence! As you may already know, the National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Our participation this past school year in the School of Excellence program represented a significant investment in engaging families to improve our school and a commitment to strengthening family-school partnerships to benefit our students for years to come. We have hit our goal!

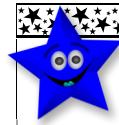
The National PTA recognized 173 schools and PTAs from across the country. The schools and PTAs represent 31 states. Of the winners, 15 schools were in NY, 3 from Williamsville—Heim Elementary, Heim Middle and Dodge Elementary. We are so proud to have our school recognized on this distinguished list, and realize that our PTA members and dedicated Heim parents are the reason we continue to thrive and grow. Thank you for your time and interest in our school programming. We look forward to creating a positive new school year for our Heim families!



WESTERN REGION PTA UPDATES~ Sign up for the Beacon-Lite newsletter and our other email notices. E-mail your request to be added to our mailing list to pr@westernregionpta.org. Include name(s) and email address(es).

NYS PTA NOTE~ Download the NYS PTA App @ <http://nyspta.org>





Heim Elementary PTA News & Notes



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK - Nancy D. Fultz LCSWR

School Social Work services are available to students and their families in the Williamsville School District. As a School Social Worker in the Williamsville School District, I am excited to meet and work with the children and families at Heim Elementary. Together we can make a difference!

The following services are available at Heim:

Consultation and Referral - Parents who have concerns regarding their child's adjustment at home or in school can discuss their concerns confidentially and will be assisted in developing a plan or in locating an appropriate community resource.

Individual Counseling - Counseling services are usually provided on a short term basis and are designed to assist children in their school adjustment.

Support Groups - The following support groups may be offered this year at various grade levels:

- Banana Splits (students dealing with separation or divorce)
- Cooperative Play Group
- Conflict Resolution Group
- Positive Peer Interaction Group (friendships)
- Self-Esteem Group
- Stress Management Group

Classroom Programs - Programs that will be offered within the school year as needed:

- Life Skills- all 3rd classrooms
- Mentoring
- Conflict Resolution
- Mindfulness
- Stress management
- Positive Peer Interactions



Special Friends Program

A play activity program for children in the **first grade** who are experiencing mild school adjustment difficulties. Through a screening process which includes teacher, child and parent input, children are selected for this program. Through play activities children are helped to feel special in the school setting and given an extra "boost" in making a successful adjustment to their early school experience. This program has proved to be very popular with parents and children in Williamsville and in many districts throughout the state.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call Nancy D. Fultz at 626-8676.

New York State Dignity for All Students Act

The goal of the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), which took effect July 1, 2012, is to provide students with a school environment free of discrimination and harassment by peers and by school personnel. It applies to behaviors on school property, in school buildings, on a school bus, as well as at school-sponsored events or activities. Incidents of harassment and discrimination may include, but are not limited to, threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), and sex. These eleven categories are referred to as protected classes. In addition, amendments to the regulation (effective July 1, 2013) have added explicit references prohibiting bullying and cyber bullying.

If your child is the victim of harassment and/or discrimination this school year, please contact the Heim Elementary School DASA Coordinators:

Bonnie Stafford (bstafford@williamsvillek12.org) and Nancy Fultz (nfultz@williamsvillek12.org).



The Heim Elementary Cafeteria Welcomes New Volunteers!



Sign up to assist our cafeteria staff in providing help to our children by opening containers, bathroom assistance, table clean-up, etc. You only need to volunteer ONCE A MONTH from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your child/children will love to see you and it's a great way to meet the entire school! The program has been a great success in past years.

Before Volunteering you must complete a mandatory **Volunteer Training Session** in the cafeteria on **Wednesday, September 27th, at 9:30 a.m.**

If you have been a cafeteria volunteer in the past, you will **not** need to be re-trained.

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher in an envelope marked **"Cafeteria Volunteers"**. If you have any questions, please contact Nikole Scott 932-7151 or nikolescott@gmail.com.

*****Past Volunteers must complete a new updated form*****

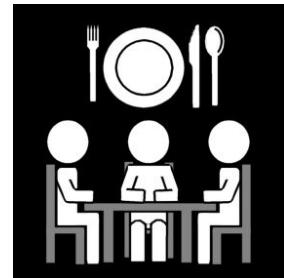
CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ (The calendar is sent via email)

Days available (check): Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Number of Days per month: _____



CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION: HEIM PTA STUDENT DIRECTORY NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

The Heim Student Directory will become available in November, and every family is strongly encouraged to participate. If you do not want personal information printed, please still include your children's names so they can be included in final classroom counts. Please print clearly and return this sheet to your child's teacher **OR** to help expedite the delivery of this year's directory, please go to this Google Form <https://goo.gl/nTaW4p> and submit your information electronically. If you have any questions, please email us at HeimStudentDirectory@yahoo.com or contact Jennifer Rychlicki 716-517-0421 or Veronika Steen at 716-465-7742. **Please submit all information electronically or in paper by September 30th.**

ONLY 1 paper form per family is needed unless you require space for additional students.

Student's Name _____



Grade _____

Teacher _____

The Heim Elementary Student Directory is a handy tool to have for party invitations, play dates and phone numbers. Participation is voluntary & we will print only the information you choose to provide. All families who join the Heim Elementary PTA will receive a copy of this year's directory. **THANK YOU** for making a positive impact in our students' lives!

2nd Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

Grade _____

3rd Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email _____



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SAVE DASH'S MARKET RECEIPTS

Please keep saving your Dash's Market receipts throughout the school year. Heim can earn \$2.50 for every \$100 in Dash's Market receipts that our PTA redeems.

Collect your Dash's receipts (ask friends, neighbors, and relatives too). Blacken credit card information but leave the final dollar amount. Bundle receipts together with a staple or rubber band. Send them to school with your child. There is a receipt box in the main hallway in the PTA mailbox alcove.

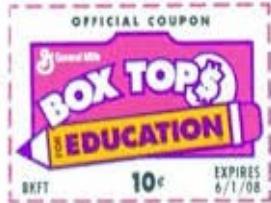
Questions? Contact Jessica Fuszara at 580-3313 or jdcrew@hotmail.com.



Welcome Back To School!



Earn Cash for Our School!



Thank you for remembering to clip your Box Tops from the products you purchase. When you send your Box Tops to school in a baggie, please label it with the teacher's name so we can give the class proper credit for our first contest! Look for a submission sheet in your child's take home folder this month.

Questions?

Contact Lisa Morales
moraleslisa49@gmail.com.

Happy Clipping!



NEW Heim Elementary Library Opening Soon!



Please pardon our dust as we continue to organize and finalize the unveiling of our BRAND NEW school library. We have moved to a large renovated area between the Kindergarten and 1st Grade hall and will be hosting classes as soon as possible. Registration for the 4th Grade Library Helpers Program will begin shortly thereafter.

If you are interested in volunteering in the library on your child's day, please contact Kelly Flynn at dfly48@verizon.net so she can schedule parents according to grade and classroom.

FUN-TASTIC OPPORTUNITY:

Attention Parent Photographers!

We need cool photos of our children taken at school events, and request parents' help! Please send your JPG images to: Amanda Healy at abhealy2005@gmail.com. Digital image size MUST BE 5 megapixels (2560x1920) or higher for quality yearbook photos. Please label all photos with children's names and grades.

Thank you!



Williamsville Music Boosters, Inc.

Membership & Volunteer Form

Williamsville Music Boosters invites you to help support music in our schools and support the important life-skills that music education develops in our students.

Some of the things that Music Boosters sponsor include:

- **Music field trips**
- **District festivals**
- **Summer music program**
- **Guest artists**
- **Grants / scholarships**
- **Music activities**

Your donation will provide enrichment opportunities and music resources for students in grades K-12, which are not possible through the Music Department budget. By joining Music Boosters you join a district-wide group of interested and enthused parents and teachers dedicated to supporting music and music education in the district. Your donation is tax deductible.

To join, fill out and return this form, or join online at
www.williamsvillemusicboosters.com

Name:	Phone:	Date:
Address (street, city, zip):		E-mail: <small>(will <u>ONLY</u> be used for sending news about district music events)</small>

Child's Full Name:	School <small>(for Heim, please specify middle or. elem)</small>	Band / Orchestra / Chorus / other	Teacher(s)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I want to support Williamsville Music Boosters by becoming a member (Family membership).	\$10
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Joining the CRESCENDO CLUB (Includes a Family Membership)

Your name & level will be listed in District Festival programs.

District Festival programs go to print several weeks prior to each festival. To be listed in ALL District Festival programs please donate by October 1st. After that date, new donors will be listed in remaining festival programs (not yet gone to print).

Please print below how you would like your name listed in District Festival programs. If you would like to remain anonymous, please indicate as such.

Name to list in program:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – ADANTE LEVEL	\$30 - \$59
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – ALLEGRO LEVEL	\$60 - \$99
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE LEVEL	\$100 - \$199
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – FORTISSIMO LEVEL	\$200 - \$299
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to join the CRESCENDO CLUB – VIRTUOSO LEVEL	\$300 +
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash	Check # <small>(payable to Williamsville Music Boosters)</small>
		Amount Donated:

All Crescendo Club levels include membership automatically

Please check any other ways you can help Boosters:

Help at the Booster table at school concerts
Act as the representative of my school at Booster meetings - convey info back to my school
Coordinate a fund raising event
Post fund-raising event flyers around town.
Other - I have interest/skills in:

BY MAIL: Please send completed form & check to:

Williamsville Music Boosters, Inc. 105 Casey Road, East Amherst, NY 14051 Attn: Michael Russo

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SCHOLARSHIPS, MEMBERSHIP MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1st.



SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, September 27th 2nd Annual Heim Elementary Wellness Night

This is a great chance to do fun activities with your family and meet new families at Heim.



Many new activities planned! Stay tuned for more information in your child's school folder.

Wellness Night sponsored by The Heim Elementary PTA and Wellness Committee



Your child will be receiving a Believe Kid's fall fundraising packet soon. It will contain a fundraising catalog and order form in a custom prize envelope. Please do not discard this as we are asking every family to sell or purchase at least 10 items so we will hit our fundraising goal. The funds raised are important to the success of each and every child so we need your help! With your help, we will be raising funds for field trips, class parties, educational and enriching programs, assemblies, guest author visits and more!

On top of the remarkable offerings through the catalog, take note of the online shopping as well as the ability to use your favorite social media sites to get the word out on the fundraiser. It's easy to invite your Facebook, Instagram and Twitter friends to participate!

Thank you in advance for your help! If you have any questions, please contact Sara Scioli, 830-0629 or scioli242@gmail.com.

FALL FUNDRAISER



**Friday,
 October 14, 2016**

SAVE THE DATE! The Heim Elementary PTA presents **Family Movie Night** at Heim Middle School on Friday, October 14 at 6:30 PM. The featured movie will be **MINIONS!** Information on the event will be sent home in October. Tickets are free, but registration is required. We hope to see you there!



2016-2017 PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM



CONTACTS:

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Celine Charleson 716-783-4667
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The Heim Elementary PTA would like to invite all new and returning families to join or renew your annual membership today! Our PTA offers an assortment of programs and events for students and families throughout the school year.

The Heim Elementary PTA is comprised of parents, teachers, staff, community members, and others who promote and support the academic, social, and personal growth of our children. We welcome your presence at our meetings and your volunteer support. Although a time commitment is not always possible, your membership contribution goes a long way in financially supporting programs/events for our students.

MEMBER INFORMATION	MEMBER 1	MEMBER 2
NAMES OF PEOPLE JOINING THE PTA	Mr./Mrs./Ms.	Mr./Mrs./Ms.
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD (PLEASE CHECK ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
STREET ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
PHONE NUMBER		
EMAIL		

By becoming a PTA member you will be included on PTA emails.
 If you would like any member signing up to not receive emails
 (for example a neighbor or grandparent may not need to receive
 emails) please check the box under their name.

Opt Out of Emails

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MEMBER INFORMATION	MEMBER 3	
NAMES OF PEOPLE JOINING THE PTA	Mr./Mrs./Ms.	
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD (PLEASE CHECK ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
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www.HeimPTA.org

CHILD'S NAME	TEACHER	GRADE
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

PAYMENT INFORMATION

<u>STANDARD</u>	2 MEMBERS: \$15
<u>BASIC</u>	1 MEMBER: \$10
<u>FAMILY</u>	3 MEMBERS: \$20

** EACH ADDITIONAL IS \$5

We need moms, dads, students, grandparents, neighbors and friends of Heim to support our events.

Please make checks payable to Heim Elementary PTA. Thank you for your continued support!!

PTA USE ONLY

INITIALS	
CASH / CHECK NUMBER	
DATE	
AMOUNT	