



WELCOME



The Artman PTO's mission is to promote open communication and understanding between parents and staff of the Artman Elementary School. The PTO is a non-profit organization that coordinates volunteer efforts for school activities and raises funds to support school programs that further enrich the experience of all students.

If you are new to the Hermitage School District it is important to note that all parents, guardians, teachers, and staff are automatically members of the Parent Teacher Organization and are encouraged to participate in its activities. We are an independent organization, we do not belong to any state or national affiliation or support any political platforms, and **100% of the funds we raise are used for our students.**

- Field Trips (Program & Transportation fees)
 - STEM Technology
- Classroom & Student Enrichment
 - Playground Equipment
 - Holiday Craftland
 - Family Fun Nights
- End of Year Celebration/Field Day
- Princess Ball (Father/Daughter dance)
- Kickin' It With Mom (Mother/Son kickball)

Please take a minute to join our **Facebook page: AES PTO (Hermitage, PA)**. This is the best way to keep up to date as we regularly post updates and volunteer information.

You may also choose to receive text messages via the **Remind App**. To join text **@artmanp** to **81010**.

2018-2019 Artman PTO Board
Megan Lowry, President
Kyleigh Chovan, Vice President
Melissa Knauf, Treasurer
Bonnie Kerlek, Secretary
Lori Voytik, Member-at-Large

Volunteer Information

Parent volunteers help with all types of school programs, class events, class parties and learning activities. We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers and opportunities are available outside of the regular school day. An hour can be a big help to our group and the school, and we have positions and tasks to fit all schedules and interests. Just let us know whether a program, event, or activity interests you and when you might be free to help.

Clearances

All volunteers MUST have proper clearances in order to participate. Once obtained, clearances are good for 5 years.

Follow this link for information about obtaining your clearances:

<https://hermitage.k12.pa.us/index.php/volunter-clearances>.

The link can also be found on the school website (Offices → Human Resources) or on our FB page.

Once you have completed the necessary steps and received your paperwork, you must submit the information to the school. It can be taken directly to the Central Administration office or sent in with your child in an envelope marked "clearances". It will take several days for the information to be entered in the system.

*****If you have completed clearances for your place of employment (such as another school district) you will still need to submit the necessary paperwork to Hermitage*****

Volunteer Form

In an effort to save paper and cut costs, our volunteer form is now available online. We are working towards providing as much information electronically as possible.

Please complete our volunteer questionnaire: shorturl.at/WXYZ5 or **find the link on our FB page.**

The forms on the following two pages may also be completed online.

Class Party Volunteer

(may be completed online: shorturl.at/wDL46 or find the link on our FB page)

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Party Dates

Harvest- Thursday October 31

Holiday- Friday December 20

Valentine's Day- Thursday February 13

You MUST have clearances on file with HSD in order to volunteer.

<https://hermitage.k12.pa.us/index.php/volunter-clearances>

Please rank your choices (1st - 3rd) based on your availability for party selection:

1st 2nd 3rd Fall/Halloween

1st 2nd 3rd Holiday

1st 2nd 3rd Valentine's Day

Please return no later than September 6th

PTO Liaison

(may be completed online: shorturl.at/diAP3 or **find the link on our FB page**)

Responsibilities:

- Must be willing to attend ALL MONTHLY PTO MEETINGS (typically the 2nd Monday of each month during the school year) to ensure awareness of upcoming events and any changes that may be occurring.
- Communicate to all classroom parents on a regular basis regarding PTO events (email meeting notes, send reminders, ask for volunteers for events).
- ORGANIZE AUCTION BASKET DONATIONS for Family Fun Nights
 - Fall: October 10, 2019 - Grades 2 & 3
 - Spring: February 28, 2020 - Grades K & 1
- Serve as a single contact person for the teacher throughout the school year if any questions may arise. Also, work closely with the board's Member-at-Large (Lori Voytik) to assure all requirements are fulfilled.
- Make sure all interested parents receive an equal chance to volunteer for parties and/or any other special events that may be planned by the teacher. Understand that you may not be able to be present for all parties/activities, depending on volunteer interest.
- Coordinate party preparations
 - in accordance to Wellness Policy, school-adopted snack procedures (PTO will order)
 - craft/ game ideas
 - provide names of classroom party volunteers to Member-at-Large 10 days prior to each party

Parent: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Please return to school no later than Sept. 6th for consideration.

PTO Liaisons will be selected prior to the September meeting.

Fundraising – Membership Drive Option

We recognize that not everybody has the time or ability to volunteer, and that fundraisers such as frozen food and candy sales do not appeal to everyone.

A direct donation is a way to make a contribution in lieu of, or in addition to, our standard fundraisers. Just like other money raised by the PTO, these donations will be used to fund the purchase of various supplies and services needed by our children and their classrooms.

If you wish to make a direct donation, please use the form below.

Place the form and your cash/check (payable to Artman PTO) in an envelope marked Artman PTO and send it to school with your child or drop it off in the front office.

The success of the PTO is only possible with the help of our parents, teachers and staff!

Your Name

Child(rens) Name and Homeroom

Amount of donation: _____

Thank you for your continued support!

Other Ways to Support Artman Elementary



Hermitage School District participates in the Apples for Students program from Giant Eagle. This is an additional program that helps our school get FREE educational items (you will still receive your fuel/grocery perks). Registration is simple with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card and you only need to do it once, no need to re-register each year!

1. Sign in to gianteagle.com or create an account
2. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card online
3. Visit the My School Programs page and enter the code (1495) of the school you'd like to receive points. You can register to earn points for more than one school!
4. You're done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register, too!

Every time you shop using your card, our school will get credit. Last year we earned over \$1500. This year we hope to earn even more.



Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible purchases. Our charity is Hermitage PTO - Hickory (be sure to check the state as there is another one in Tennessee)

Computer and Apple users: Go to smile.amazon.com and select our charity every time you make a purchase. Rewards will be applied to eligible purchases.

Android users: in the Amazon shopping app go to Settings and choose AmazonSmile. Select our charity and choose to turn it ON. Rewards will automatically be applied to every eligible purchase you make through the app.

(At the time of printing the "always ON" option was not available for Apple users)



Big changes for Box Tops this year! Separate information will be sent home with your child.

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