



WELCOME



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you and your families to the IES/DMS PTO. As the PTO President it is my responsibility to talk with you about getting involved in the school. But first, since this may be the first time at Ionta/Delahunty for many of you, I think that it is important to explain what PTO is all about.

It is important to note that you will automatically become a member of the IES/DMS PTO. In fact, all parents or guardians of children attending Artman, Ionta, or Delahunty, as well as each member of the professional staff, are members of the Parent Teacher Organization and are encouraged to participate in its activities. We are an independent organization and we do not belong to any state or national affiliation or support any political platforms and we keep all of the funds that we raise for our school, for our kids.

The IES/DMS PTO's mission is to promote open communication and understanding between parents and staff of Ionta Elementary/ Delahunty Middle School.

We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. 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.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Involvement at the school also makes it easier to establish friendships with teachers and other parents. We promise that the time you give our group and the school will be worth your while—and fun!

2019-2020 IES/DMS PTO Board

Sara Emmorey, President
Lexie Brewster, Vice President
Amy Gardner, Treasurer
Peggy Cozad, Secretary
Kim Lyons, Member-at-Large

Volunteer Clearances

Hermitage Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) coordinates volunteer efforts for school activities and raises funds to support school programs that further enrich the experience of all students. Parent volunteers help with all types of school programs, class events, class parties, field trips, and learning activities. All volunteers **MUST** have proper clearances in order to participate.

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 Information

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: <https://forms.gle/VxJiiH3Q7TShtPWE>

or

find the link on our FB page.

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

Keep in Touch

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

Class Party Volunteer

(may be completed online: <https://forms.gle/1doBPshv7C41HVt68> 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 5th

PTO Liaison

(may be completed online: <https://forms.gle/etoiqfME8R4EkUa16> 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 Pancake Breakfast being held March 2020.
- 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 (Kim Lyons) 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 provide)
 - 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. 5th for consideration.

PTO Liaisons will be selected prior to the September meeting.

Fundraising - Membership Drive Option

Artman PTO is a non-profit organization that relies on the monies earned by our fundraising efforts and donations to provide a broad range of school activities (field trip, assemblies, and the End of Year celebration), supplies and other items (RIF books, birthday books) to our children and their classrooms. We raise money through fundraising efforts and direct donations from the members of the school community.

However, we understand that not everyone wishes to participate in fundraisers such as cookie dough and candy. So, we would like to make you aware of an alternative way to provide funds to the PTO: through a direct donation.

Just like other money raised by the PTO, these direct 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. Please make checks payable to Artman PTO, place the form below and your check/cash in an envelope marked Artman PTO and send it to school with your child.

If you have any questions please contact: Sara Emmorey 989-424-5144

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

As always, we appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Hermitage 2019-2020 PTO Board Members

Your Name

Child(ren) Name **and** Homeroom

Amount of donation: -----

Thank you for your continued support!!!



Welcome back to school! Hermitage School District is participating in the Apples for the Students Program from Giant Eagle again this year. If you are already registered, you do not have to re-register every year. This is an additional program and it helps our school get FREE educational items. You will still get your Fuelperks.

All you need to register for this FREE educational program for our school is your Giant Eagle card and a device. Our school code is: 1495. It is very easy to register.

1. [Sign in](#) to [giant eagle.com](#) or [create an account](#).
2. Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® online.
3. Visit the [My School Programs](#) page and enter the code of the school that you'd like to receive points. You can also register to earn points for more than one school! Don't know your school code? Search for it by name, city or zip code.
4. You're done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register, too.

Every time you shop using your Giant Eagle card our school will get credit. Parents, guardians, grandparents, neighbors, and anyone else can register their cards to benefit our school.

Last year we earned over \$1500 in points. This year, we hope to earn even more! If you have any questions, please call the PTO President of your child's school listed below. Thank you for your support! Have a wonderful school year!

Do you use Amazon?

An easy way to help earn money for the Artman and Ionto/Delahunty PTO is to use:



Go to [smile.amazon.com](#) and select our charity: Hermitage PTO-Hickory (be sure to check the state as there is another one in Tennessee). Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases.