

Hello Artman families,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new principal of Artman Elementary School (AES) and join this wonderful school community. I hope that you are enjoying your summer and that you and your children are beginning to look forward to the beginning of the upcoming school year.

I arrive to Artman as a life-long Hermitage resident and alumnus of Hickory High School. This year will begin my 18th year in education. My first 16 years were at Grove City Area School District as a teacher, school counselor and principal spanning the elementary, middle and high school levels. Last year I served in Sharpsville Area Schools as the Director of Student Services. In addition to my role as an educator, I am first and foremost a father and husband. My daughter Abbie will be in 6th grade at Delahunty, and my son Andy will be in 2nd grade here at Artman. To round out the Kemper/Hermitage connection, my wife Jennie teaches 4th grade next door at Ionta Elementary School. I look forward to getting to know all of the students and families as the year unfolds.

Over the next few weeks you will be receiving some important information regarding the beginning of school. It is my goal to provide you with specific details that will help with a successful start to the year. As questions arise, please feel free to call the school office for more information. The first day of school is **Monday, August 29th, 2022.**

### Building Highlights

**Start time:** 8:50 AM (Late bell rings)

**End time:** 3:30 PM

**Open House:** Thursday, September 1st. More details specific to this event will be shared.

**Retirements:** Joyce Barlow (Aide), Gina Gurska (K teacher), Cheryl Martuccio (ELL), Patti Bruzzese (Child Services - Retiring in October). We appreciate all that these dedicated teachers and staff members have done for our school community over the years. Best of luck!

**New Hires and new faces:** Mrs. Becca Brunetta (Learning/Behavioral Support K-7), Mrs. Kayla Lockhart (School Counselor K-3), Mrs. Julie Summers (Grade 3), Mrs. Megan Hoffman (Aide), Mrs. Jennifer McConnell (Aide), Mrs. Danielle Denson (Aide). We are excited to welcome our new team members to Artman!

#### **Kindergarten Families:**

- Teacher assignments will be sent out with specific K information in the next week or two.

- Kindergarten Orientation is **Monday, August 29th, 2022**. **K students DO NOT ride the bus to/from school that day.**
- First full day of school for Kindergarten is **Tuesday, August 30th, 2022**.

**1st - 3rd Grade Families:** In June of 2022 students in grades K-3 had the opportunity to meet their teachers for this year at 'Move Up Day'. Homeroom teachers will be in contact with families through their classroom apps/mail as we get closer to the first day of school.

I hope you find these last few weeks of summer relaxing and enjoyable. Please keep working hard on your summer reading packets. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, August 29th! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

*Andrew P. Kemper*

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