



WELCOME



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you and your families to the Artman 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 Hermitage 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 Artman 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 Artman PTO's mission is to promote open communication and understanding between parents and staff of the Artman Elementary 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!

2021-2022 Artman PTO Board

Megan Lowry, President
Kyleigh Chovan, Vice President
Jennifer McConnell, Treasurer
Bonnie Kerlek, Secretary
Lori Voytik, 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.

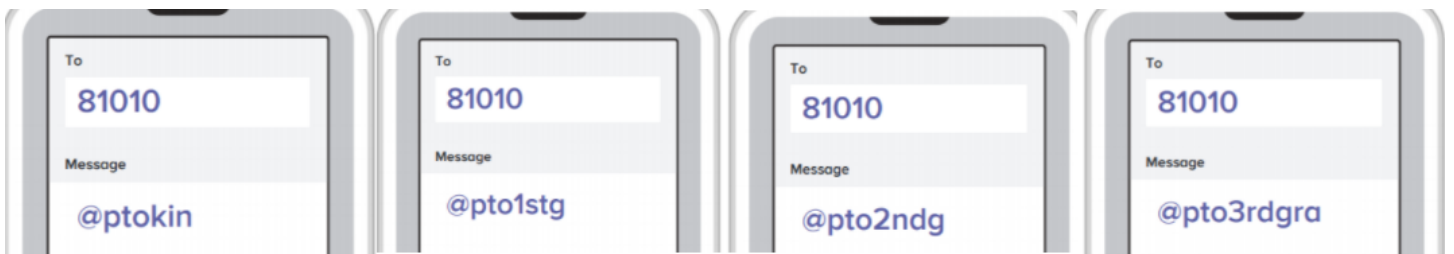
*****If you have completed clearances for your place of employment (such as another school district) you will still need to submit the necessary paperwork to Hermitage*****

Keep in Touch

Facebook: AES PTO (Hermitage, PA)

Email: artmanpto@gmail.com

Remind App Text Messages



Please join the appropriate grade

If you have children in multiple grades, you only need to join one

Class Party Volunteer

Complete the form and return to school with your student.

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Party Dates:

Harvest- Friday October 29th

Holiday- Wednesday December 22nd

Valentine's Day- Monday February 14th

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

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

1st 2nd 3rd Harvest

1st 2nd 3rd Holiday

1st 2nd 3rd Valentine's Day

Please complete no later than September 9th

PTO Liaison

Complete the form and return to school with your student or use the QR code to complete online.

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 Night being held October 7, 2021.
- 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 complete no later than Sept. 9th 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: Megan Lowry (artmanpto@gmail.com)

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 2021-2022 PTO Board Members

----- Detach and Return -----

Your Name

Child(ren) Name and Homeroom

Amount of donation: _____

Thank you for your continued support!!!