



AVONWORTH ELEMENTARY PTA
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Dear Avonworth Families:

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year! We are looking forward to a great year, and we invite you to join in the fun. As a member of the Avonworth Primary Center/Elementary School PTA, you can make a difference! The PTA provides fun and educational events and activities throughout the year for our children and families to enjoy, and we need your support! The PTA also supports education by providing teachers with funds for books and classroom materials to benefit our children and funds field trips, assemblies, and special events to enrich our children's passion for learning.

MEMBERSHIP: A strong membership makes a strong PTA! Membership in the PTA allows you to participate in many activities throughout the school year and does not necessarily involve a big time commitment. You can participate as much or as little as you would like. It's really up to you! Dues for this year are \$10 per adult. Anyone can be a member – mom, dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Simply create an account via Membership Toolkit, fill out the family information form and the 2019-2020 membership form. New this year is the option to pay with a credit card at checkout via the Pay Now button. If you prefer you can still send into the office cash or a check (made payable to AES PTA) for \$10 per adult by October 1st. If you opt to send in your dues to the office, please clearly mark on the envelope PTA membership dues and your name. Once your form and dues are received, you will be sent a link via email for the party parents form. The party parents form is located on the Membership Toolkit and is automatically unlocked once we process your membership dues.

There are many different ways that you can be involved. **All of our Committee information is now located online!** Go to: <http://www.avonworth.k12.pa.us/>. From there, click on Parents tab on the left side of the screen, then AES & APC PTA, and then Committee Descriptions to review all of the information, which includes approximate time commitments for each committee. You can sign up for as many committees as you would like once you receive the link to the Google Doc committee sign-up form. Volunteering for any of the committees does not obligate you to any particular commitment. You will simply receive more information about that committee from the chairperson, and you can then decide for yourself how you would like to be involved.

For more information about the PTA, our committees, clearance requirements, etc., please join us at our **Annual PTA Welcome Night** on **Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 pm** in the APC cafeteria for refreshments and a Committee Open House to learn more about the many ways you can get involved! We will have all of the Committee Chairs and Board members present so you can meet them and ask questions. Check your e-mail, District Website, School Rush App, and/or Facebook for more information about this coming soon!

CLEARANCES: In an effort to keep our children safe at school and increase security measures, **ALL PTA members are required to obtain clearances!** It is a Pennsylvania State Mandate that **ALL** School Volunteers must obtain Act 34, Act 151, and Act 141, as well as Mandated Reporter Training (which can be found at: www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu). You are also required to sign yearly a 6004 Arrest Conviction and Certification Report, which can be obtained in the school office or at this link: <http://www.avonworth.k12.pa.us/VolunteerInformation.aspx>

Clearances will need to be renewed every five years.

Copies of all clearances need to be into the school office before volunteering can begin.

Please keep in mind that you **MUST** be a PTA member to attend **Classroom Parties and Field Days**, chaperone field trips, and volunteer at any PTA-sponsored event or activity. You must provide your clearances to the school before you can volunteer in any way; and this rule will be STRICTLY enforced. Once your clearances are provided to the school, you will be issued an ID badge that you will be required to wear at all times when volunteering. If you do not have this ID badge, you will not be able to volunteer.

• PTA ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP PROCESS

- PTA Membership will be done through an online site. Please log in to <https://avonworthpta.membershiptoolkit.com/home> to sign up to become a member. Once the membership forms are completed either pay online via the Pay Now button or **print the invoice and send in your payment to the school office** (cash or check payable to Avonworth Elementary PTA) for \$10.00. Please mark the envelope with PTA membership.
- After we have received your invoice and payment, you will be able to log back into the website to sign up for volunteering and helping with parties. Please give us between 7-10 to process cash and check payments.

- **COMMUNICATION / “GOING GREEN”**

- Do you have a smart phone or tablet? Download the **School Rush app** to keep up to date with all of the latest news and information! You can receive notifications directly to your phone when new announcements are posted.
- If you have a **Facebook** account, please **“Like” us – Avonworth Elementary PTA**. We post to Facebook throughout the school year, and this is a great resource for keeping up-to-date on all PTA activities!

Avonworth is an extraordinary community with a great reputation for parental involvement, and we hope to continue this important tradition! We look forward to working with you this year to support our school!

We realize this is a lot of information and that there a lot of new changes this year. If you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact a board member at any time! As always, thank you for your support!

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