

# *Avonworth Elementary PTA*

Hello and welcome to Avonworth Primary Center! Whether you are a new Kindergarten parent or not, please let us introduce ourselves. We are the Avonworth Elementary PTA. Although we are one PTA, we cover both the Primary Center and the Elementary schools.

## *What We Do*

Our PTA members, along with our excellent faculty and administration, support a variety of initiatives that benefit the students, teachers, and school through a combination of donations, volunteering, spearheading events and fundraising.

Some of our yearly initiatives include:

- Classroom party and Field Day planning
- Bingo Nights
- Teacher Appreciation
- After school classes
- Book Fair
- Library volunteering
- Kindness Committee
- Holiday Shop
- Spirit Wear sales
- 5th and 6th Grade Parent Group – coordinates fundraising for special trips

The PTA also provides funding (in whole or in part) for the following activities, opportunities, and items:

- Assemblies & classroom visits
- Field trips
- Field day shirts for each student, K-6th
- Prizes for the 3'Rs initiative at APC
- Books for each student, K-6th on Read Across America Day
- Stipends for homeroom teachers for classroom supplies

## *How You Can Be Involved*

Whether you want to volunteer in school or not, or whether you work full time, part time, or stay at home, there are ways to be involved in the PTA! You can become a member. You can support the fundraisers held throughout the year. You can donate items for Teacher Appreciation events or Bingo. You and your family can also attend PTA sponsored events held throughout the year.

If you are interested in volunteering in the school through any of our initiatives, or any other opportunities that arise, you **MUST** obtain your clearances. The Child Protective Services Law requires volunteers over the age of 18 to obtain the following clearances every 60 months:

- PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- PA Child Abuse History
- Federal FBI Fingerprint Clearance (or waiver if you have lived in PA for the past 10 years)
- Mandated Reporter Training
- Arrest/Conviction Certification Form

**The forms and instructions for obtaining these clearances can be found on our website at <https://www.avonworthpta.com/clearance-packet>.**

If you have these clearances already, and they have been obtained less than 5 years ago, you may submit copies to the Main Office at APC. Once you obtain your clearances, submit the forms to the Main Office at APC. Please retain a copy for your records, as our process for checking clearances may be changing.

**Please do not delay**, as the helpers for the Fall Party are selected at the end of September. If you have not submitted your clearances prior to that time, you will not be selected for that party.

When school starts in August, you will receive additional information about joining the PTA. Please wait until that time to join for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have any questions regarding the PTA or clearances, please contact us at [AvonworthPTA123@gmail.com](mailto:AvonworthPTA123@gmail.com).

We look forward to meeting all of you!