

Dear Highland Elementary School Families and Friends,

On behalf of the Highland PTO we are looking forward to an amazing 2022-2023 school year and can't wait to say hello to all of our returning families. A big warm WELCOME to all of our new families!!! As Executive Board members we are honored to serve in the PTO for the next two years. Shout out to the past board members and volunteers for all your time and energy, thank you!

The PTO has many opportunities for volunteers, we want everyone to know we can work around your schedule/ match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks (there are opportunities during school, after school, on the weekends etc). You make the Highland PTO and we need and appreciate you. Whatever your talents are will be extremely helpful. The opportunities are endless!

We will have events and fundraisers throughout the school year. Our mission statement is "Highland Elementary PTO is a nonprofit, volunteer, parent/ teacher organization that aims to support our teachers, staff and students with funds raised for educational experience, teachers classroom items, school events and family friendly events. We believe that a team effort of PTO offers the best partnership in seeing that our Highland students succeed."

We ask for your participation and support so we can continue the programs that benefit our children and school. Membership is easy: turn in all your clearances (see next page for list) which are completely free and then you have the option to donate an amount for dues or volunteer your time instead of paying dues before the 1st PTO meeting (Tuesday, September 13th at 3:45). That's it, and you're a member! Keep in mind that by becoming a member and volunteering at our school, you will get to enjoy interacting with the children, becoming friends with other parents, assisting teachers and accomplish things that truly make a difference! Highland PTO will be supporting old favorites as well as new additions this year so keep an eye out for new opportunities to get involved. Want to join a committee? Want to create a committee? Be a room parent? Let us know. Also add our school to your Shop n Save card (code 198) and box tops (Highland Elementary).

We are an organization of volunteers! Our events are only a success because of the amazing parents, community members, staff and teachers who volunteer their time and efforts. We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, concerns and/or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us
at email: HighlandPTO123@gmail.com Band app: Highland Elementary
PTO @ <https://band.us/n/a4a97fb4Vdn1z> Thursday packets
at: https://www.ambridge.k12.pa.us/?page_id=6142

Have an amazing 2022-2023 school year and we look forward to volunteering next to you at Highland Elementary!

Adrianna Cephas - President (2022-2024) Nanci Rudnicki - Vice President (2022-2024)
Jessica MacMiller- Treasure (2022-2024) Jamie Zbrzezny- Secretary (2021-2023)

List of officers

Adrianna Cephas - President (2022-2024)
Nanci Rudnicki - Vice President (2022-2024)
Jessica MacMiller- Treasure (2022-2024)
Jamie Zbrzezny- Secretary (2021-2023)

Amber Terrick - Membership Chair
Cathy Jo Samarco - Events Co Chair
Colleen Goodman - Events Co Chair
Colette Janosevich - Fundraiser Chair

Teacher Liaisons

Dana Burns Jessica Scerbo Erica Schmidt Amy Wass

Diane Carpenter - School Secretary School Principal - Thomas McKelvey

We can be reached at: HighlandPTO123@gmail.com

Clearances:

Thank you for your interests in joining the PTO please see below for required clearances needed. We do not keep any clearances on file at the school, they go to Mary Jo Sivy at msivy@ambridge.k12.pa.us . If you have any questions pertaining to your clearances you can also call her at 724-266-2833 ext. 1236.

All volunteer clearances are free!

*CURRENT ACT 34 CLEARANCE (CRIMINAL HISTORY)

Website: epatch.state.pa.us

"Submit a new record check"

*CURRENT ACT 151 CLEARANCE (CHILD ABUSE) Good for 36months

Website: www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home

*CURRENT ACT 114 CLEARANCE (FBI FINGERPRINT REPORT) (waiver option available)

Website: <https://uenroll.identogo.com/enter> Service Code "1 KG6Y3"

Be sure to submit for "Volunteer"

TB test- every 2 years done at Heritage Valley Business Care