



Welcome to the Ashland PTO

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Who are we?

We are fellow parents who care about the education of our children and want to ensure the district continues to provide the best experiences possible. **We are YOU!**



What do we do?

We work closely with teachers and staff to develop and fund unique educational experiences that the district could not otherwise afford. Also, we throw some incredibly fun community events!

Research shows that parental involvement in their child's education is the #1 influencer for them doing better in school: **Let's all do this together!**

The Ashland PTO has brought many enrichments into our schools! Here's some of what we've been able to do with your help:

Popsicle Playdate for incoming Kindergarten families	Clocker Cash at AMS	Movie night at Mindess
BMX rider Chris Poulos at Warren	Challenge Day at AHS	Brett Outchcunis yo-yo specialist
David Biedrzycki author visit at Warren	Field Day enhancements	Read-a-thon at Mindess/Warren
Bren Bantaclan artist residency at Warren	Teacher Appreciation	8 th grade Midsummer Night's Dream Field Trip
Field trip for every student at the Warren School	Operation Gratitude	Jason Tardy anti-bullying enrichment at Mindess/AMS
Red Sox/Bruins spirit days at Mindess/Warren	8 th grade ice cream truck	Mega Recess at AMS

A pledge of \$20 for each student in the district would provide enough funding to continue these programs for the entire year!



Please return to your child's school

Get involved!

Parent Name: _____
(Optional)

Email: _____
(Optional)

In which school(s) would you be interested in volunteering?
(Optional)

Warren Mindess AMS AHS

Total Donation Amount:

\$: _____

(Please consider sponsoring an extra child to cover those families who are not able to donate)

* Please make checks payable to Ashland PTO or Venmo @Ashland-PTO with subject: Friendship Form

The Ashland PTO is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax-deductable.



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Thank you for your support!

Ashland PTO Meeting Schedule

All are welcome!

Kickoff Meeting
10/3/2023
7pm - Mindess Cafeteria

Monthly Meetings*
Check Facebook for more info

*General Meeting followed by Board Meeting-
leave early or stay for both

PTO: Myths vs Facts

Myth: The PTO is for stay-at-home moms.

Fact: The PTO is for everyone: moms, dads, and those who fill those roles. We have volunteers who stay-at-home and who work part-time to full-time.

Myth: The PTO is too cliquey, and everyone already knows each other. I won't fit in.

Fact: We welcome NEW volunteers every year, and we continue to enjoy getting to know familiar and new faces. Volunteers range from K to 12th grade parents- the PTO is a great place to get to know people!

Myth: Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time.

Fact: Only you decide how much time you give. PTO work can be done from home, at night, or on weekends. Choose what works best for you. Even if you can help at just one event, or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated!

Myth: The PTO has all the help they need.

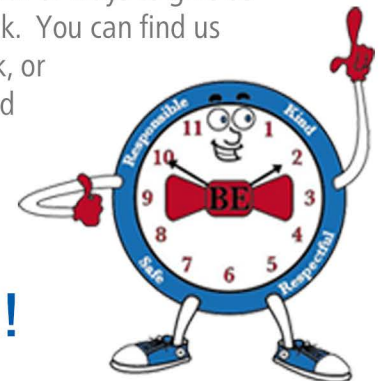
Fact: The PTO welcomes everyone and continues to need help at events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. We need new volunteers to succeed.

Myth: I need to go to every meeting.

Fact: Nope! You don't. Come to one, come to all, come to three- whatever works for you. Your input is needed regardless of your attendance record.

Myth: The PTO is all set with events for the year and does not need input.

Fact: Each year, the PTO tries new activities, fundraisers, and events. All ideas come from volunteers, and we welcome new suggestions all the time! If you have a great idea and you want to run with it, there are a bunch of ways to give us proposals and feedback. You can find us in person, on Facebook, or via email. All ideas and input are welcome!



It's never too late to get involved!