Dear Hardy Families,

It’s been a long time since we were **all** together in person, and it feels so good to see all the happy faces at drop off and pickup. Whether it is your first time starting the school year at Hardy, your first “in person” school year, or your first time in a while, we welcome all new and returning Hardy families. Our kids are thrilled to be safely back in the classrooms with their friends and teachers, and they are prepared for a fantastic year of learning and growth. **The Hardy PTO funds a variety of activities and events throughout the school year that will enrich the learning experience for every Hardy student.**

Here are some examples of things the PTO will fund this year:

* **Creative arts & sciences programs** that can be delivered in a safe and socially distant way (e.g. virtual author visits, outdoor hands-on experiences, virtual and/or distanced all-school assemblies)
* **Professional development sessions** for the teachers that will build their skills to deliver content in innovative ways to meet the demands of our ever changing environment
* **Materials to creatively support a safe school environment** (e.g. innovative indoor recess supplies for classrooms)
* **Outdoor and/or virtual events and programs designed to unite and strengthen our Hardy community**

Your support of the PTO via this annual appeal is **critical** to enabling a successful school year for our Hardy community**. Our goal is for 85% of Hardy families to contribute and the suggested donation is $75 per child; however, we appreciate any amount – more or less – that you are comfortable donating.** If your company has a corporate gift matching program, please be sure to take advantage of that program. Also note, the **classroom with the highest participation rate** will win an opportunity to play Bingo with Principal Smith!

* Donate via the website <https://www.hardyelementary.org/pto> (click on ‘donate’), via Venmo to @HardyPTO or make checks payable to Hardy PTO and mail to : Janine Paye 31 Mellon Road, Wellesley, MA 02482. *Please include your child’s name in the notes section of venmo.*

Based on your contribution, you will receive a token of our appreciation:

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| **HUSKY CLUB ($300+)** | **R.I.S.E. Society ($200+)** | **HARDY HONOR ROLL** (up to $200) |
| * Hardy Picnic Blanket | * Hardy Can Coolers (2) | * Hardy Hand Sanitizer |
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Thank you for supporting the Hardy Community. We realize that we are still navigating uncertain times and we truly appreciate any support you can provide. Your enthusiasm, time spent volunteering, and financial investments are the lifeblood of the PTO. It is our privilege to pay forward that support to our children, teachers, and staff.

Sincerely,

Janine Paye

Vice President, Hardy PTO