



**HARDY SCHOOL PTO**  
**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**  
*"Hardy Huskies - Together in Spirit"*



Dear Hardy RLS Families,

We are so happy to be kicking off the 2020-2021 school year. While our Hardy community may be physically distanced this year, we are together in spirit and look forward to continuing to build our Hardy connections in creative ways this year. While we are so grateful for the opportunity to return to learning, we also acknowledge that 2020 has brought a plethora of unexpected challenges which have required us to be resilient and creative in our approach to everything in our lives.

The PTO planning process for this academic year is no different. While this year will look a bit different from a "traditional" school year, your support is more important than ever. **The PTO's goal is to fund activities that will enrich the learning experience for every Hardy student.** Please note that even though you are part of RLS for this academic year, all RLS activities will be funded by the 'home school's PTO' so the Hardy PTO funds activities for all Hardy students regardless of learning modality.

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)
- **Professional development sessions** for the teachers that will build their skills to deliver content in the remote model
- **Socially distant and/or virtual events and initiatives designed to unite and strengthen our entire Hardy community**

**The annual appeal is the main fundraising event for this year since we will be unable to hold our biannual live auction or other large-scale fundraising activities.** 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 \$55 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.

- 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

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

**HUSKY CLUB (over \$200)**

- ✓ Hardy Tote Bag
- ✓ Hardy Pennant

**HARDY HONOR ROLL (up to \$200)**

- ✓ Hardy Hand Sanitizer

Thank you for supporting the Hardy Community. We realize these are difficult times for all 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 & Tanya Lisowsky  
Co-Vice Presidents, Hardy PTO