



Harding School P.T.O.

President: Gerri Colon **Vice President:** Dawn LaRosa
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Camacho
Recording Secretary: Christine Mingucci **Treasurer:** Miss Elshiek

We would like to provide you with some information about what the P.T.O. does for the students and staff at Harding Elementary School. Each year the P.T.O. participates in many exciting events and we contribute to many activities that occur throughout a school year such as the following:

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to the Harding School PTO.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTO provides over \$5,000 in mini-grants to our teachers towards educational materials for their classrooms. • Cultural Arts Assemblies • Pumpkin Patch, Mother’s Day Flower Sale, Winter Wonderland Gift Sale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsors the Reading is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program • Sponsors a Halloween Dance for students in grades 4-6 • Sponsors many great end of year activities for our 6th graders moving onto Middle School • Room Parent Social • + Many other great activities/ events
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How do we do all of this?

Memberships to the PTO are \$5 per family. In addition to dues from Memberships we fundraise throughout the year. Past fundraisers have included :

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling Kidstuff Coupon Books • Bake Sales/ Pretzel Sales at evening events at the school throughout the Year • Yankee Candle Sales, Schoolstore.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Sale • Participation in Box Tops for Education • Participation in Labels for Education • Bi-Annual Tricky Tray
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Without these fundraisers we would not be able to provide all the programs and events listed above.

How can you help and become involved?

Attend our PTO meetings and find out ways you can volunteer for our many fun activities. If you attend 3 or more meetings per year, you can sign up to be a Room Parent. Room Parents assist teachers with classroom parties, accompany the class on class trips and provide other assistance as needed by the teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of your child’s elementary years.

We hope this letter gives you a better understanding of what P.T.O/ is about and that you will consider becoming a member. Please send the bottom portion of this letter with your \$5 dues to the front office. Please join us at our monthly P.T.O. meetings that are listed on the back of this letter and on the Harding Website. **This year all dues paying members will receive a special gift as a token of appreciation. Also, the three classes with most dues paying families will receive a special treat.**

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you at P.T.O. meetings.

P.T.O.Membership 2017-2018 Please submit with your \$5 dues

Parents Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____	Child’s Name (s)/ Grade(s)/ Teacher Name(s): _____ _____ _____
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2017-2018 PTO Dates

Wednesday, September 20 7pm

Wednesday, October 18 7pm

Wednesday, November 15 7pm

Wednesday, January 10 7pm

Wednesday, February 7 7pm

Wednesday, March 14 7pm

Wednesday, April 11 7pm

Wednesday, May 9 7pm

Wednesday, June 6 7pm

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PTO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENING THIS YEAR

Ways to stay updated about the PTO

Like us on Facebook : Harding School PTO

Subscribe to REMIND Text @harding to 908-206-4809 or visit www.remind.com/join/Harding

Sign up to receive Emails: Send your email address to PTOHarding@gmail.com or make sure you include your email address on your membership

Visit our page on the Harding School Website

Harding.kenilworthschools.com

Under the Parents Tab you can find the PTO Link

Ongoing Fundraisers (Easy ways we receive money and products):

Schoolstore.com- when shopping online if you go through the schoolstore.com website a portion of your purchase is donated to the school

Box Tops for Education- Clip the box top labels off participating products and submit them to school

Amazon Smile