

# >>> 2023-2024 HARTWOOD PTO NEWSLETTER

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR FOR HARTWOOD AND WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!



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## >>> HEATHER ECHARD - PRESIDENT



**Children:** Olivia - 5th grade, Julia - 4th grade, Jack - 2nd grade

**Fun Facts:** I love reading historical fiction books, especially cozy mysteries. My children and I enjoy volunteering at a community garden during the growing season and with a local food rescue group year-round. I work as a legal assistant at my husband's law firm.

**Top Benefits of the PTO:** There are so many benefits to being a PTO member! I love being able to interact with all of the children at Hartwood. I especially enjoy seeing their excitement during the many activities our PTO is able to provide. Our teachers and staff at Hartwood are amazing and I am happy to be a part of an organization that supports them. The last, but certainly not least benefit of the PTO, are the many friendships that I have developed with Hartwood families through PTO activities.

## ASHLEY MARUTIAK - VICE PRESIDENT <<<

**Children:** Lucas - 7th grade, David - 5th grade

**Fun Facts:** I love baking, gardening, traveling, and spending time outdoors with my family.

**Top Benefit of the PTO:** I enjoy being there for the kids and being involved. It feels great to be able to help out and watch them learn, play, and grow, especially when working with such amazing kids and staff. The PTO provides me with the opportunity to do this and offer support both hands-on and behind the scenes!



## >>> JAN FOX - GENERAL DIRECTOR

**Child:** Rachel - 2nd grade

**Fun Facts:** I am bilingual in English and Spanish, and I am passing along that skill to Rachel! I love baking elaborate cakes, painting, and party planning. My perfect day would include sleeping in (past 5:45), reading a good mystery or comedy on my back porch, chatting with my husband, and swimming in the pool with Rachel!

**Top Benefit of the PTO:** When Rachel started at Hartwood, my husband and I immediately felt welcomed and included in the PTO! I think the warmth and genuineness of the people involved have such a great impact on the programs that are offered to help our kids. I love that I can be a part of a group of dedicated, loving families!





## >>> MEREDITH WEBB - SECRETARY

**Children:** Charlie - 5th grade, Owen - 3rd grade

**Fun Facts:** I love traveling with my family. We love skiing, hiking, and exploring new places. I work as a pediatric sleep consultant and own a parenting coaching business.

**Top Benefit of the PTO:** I have really enjoyed getting to volunteer with my kids at Hartwood. This is such an amazing school and a wonderful community of families. I'm happy to be a part of the PTO to help support our students and teachers.

## MANDY GALLAGHER - TREASURER <<<

**Children:** Max - 8th grade, Charley - 4th grade, Eli - 1st grade

**Fun Facts:** I am a pediatric physical therapist and love working with children. In most of my free time, you can find me cheering on my kids at one of the local ball fields. As a family, we enjoy traveling and spending time outdoors.

**Top Benefit of the PTO:** We are fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful school. The PTO helps me stay informed and feel connected. We moved into the Hartwood area a few years ago; the PTO has helped us meet some other families. I appreciate the opportunities the PTO provides us to work alongside Hartwood's incredible teachers and staff to supplement and enrich our children's experiences.



## >>> SHEILA PAPALE - WEBMASTER

**Children:** Danny - 3rd grade, Megan - 1st grade

**Fun Facts:** I love taking trips, playing games, and doing puzzles with my family. I'm a nurse care manager, enjoy going to the pool in the summer with the kids, and reading (especially memoirs!).

**Top Benefit of the PTO:** I have been so impressed with the PTO since my oldest started at Hartwood. From the teacher appreciation events, holiday parties, and fall festival, to the other events, the school benefits so much from all of the great things the PTO does!



### PTO GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

HELD AT 7PM IN THE HARTWOOD ELEMENTARY  
LIBRARY & VIA ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

JANUARY 8, 2024

MARCH 5, 2024

MAY 6, 2024

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and *Hartwood Elementary Families*

### PTO SPONSORED ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

BOOK FAIR | October 6 through October 12, 2023  
(Evening Book Fair October 12, 2023)

FALL FESTIVAL | October 20, 2023

STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST | November 20, 2023

HOLIDAY PARTY | December 22, 2023

MAGNIFICENT MONDAYS | January 8 through February  
26, 2024 (except January 15 and February 19)

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY | February 9, 2024

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH | March 15, 2024

ART SHOW BASKET RAFFLE/BAKE SALE | April 11, 2024

RUNNING CLUB | April 18-May 23, 2024

FIELD DAY | June 5, 2024

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