

PTO Board Members

Co- Presidents:

Kerry Webb-Kerry Webb is joining the PTO this year as Co-President. She has been on the PTO for the past few years as VP and has decided to take the plunge to the presidency. In her spare time she loves running and reading books. She is also a true crime junkie. You can often find her watching endless episodes of Dateline any time of day. She is the mom to a 4th grader and 2nd grader and is looking forward to being Co-President with Angela this year.

Angela Corby - Angela Corby is joining PTO for the first time in between running to kids activities (attempting to be on time), coaching soccer with Jill Leeman, and working full time - therefore she thrives in chaos! Speaking of chaos- she loves a good road trip with her kids. You can often find her traveling to Vermont with twin 5th grade girls and a spunky 3rd grader. She is always up for any sort of nonsense fun and is looking forward to bringing some new fun to HM!

Co-Vice-Presidents:

Jill Leeman - Jill Leeman is joining PTO for the first year after coordinating 4 girls through Horace Mann and Melrose schools. Jill has coached soccer for many years and is a successful real estate agent here in Melrose. Always up for some fun and laughs, Jill is looking to bring some new (and old) ideas for events and fun. Jill grew up in Melrose and is a former Horace Mann alumni. Jill is mom to 9th, 7th, 6th, and 3rd grade girls.

Dara Swanson-This will be Dara Swanson's first year on the PTO. Her Favorite season is winter and loves hitting up the slopes to ski. In her spare time she likes to read horror novels and listen to creepy podcasts, but really her time is mostly spent chauffeuring kids to events and sitting on sidelines. Dara is a mom to a 6th grader, 4th grader and 2nd grader. She is excited to serve the PTO as VP alongside Jill.

Co-Treasurers:

Esta Alexis-Esta Alexis is looking forward to her first year as Co-Treasurer. She loves cooking Greek food and looking for the next best travel adventure for her family. Her three kids (K, 2nd, and 5th) will finally all be at the Horace Mann, and will continue to always be late for it!

Vanessa Xanthakis-Vanessa Xanthakis-Porichis joins the PTO this year as Co-Treasurer. She is the mom of a 1st grader (Nefeli) and she also has a 5-year old at the ECC (Alexandros). In her spare time she loves to swim, practice yoga, and spend time with her friends.

Co-Secretaries:

Meredith Haase-Meredith (Meri) Haase rejoins the PTO board for a 2nd year as Co-Secretary. She is a mom to a 3rd grader and Kindergartener. When she's not working as an HR Consultant, Meri is typically on the Horace Mann playground in any weather chatting with other families.

Julie Curti-Julie Curti is joining the PTO this year as Co-Secretary. She has two girls, one in 3rd grade and one in kindergarten. She has been involved in various volunteer activities, coaching soccer, and class mom for several years. She is an Oncology Nurse Practitioner at MGH, health enthusiast, loves an awesome Peloton class and enjoys some of the craftier things in life, like a good wreath or a homemade sign.

DEI Rep:

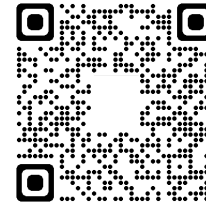
Marissa Clark-Marissa Clark is in her second year serving as the PTO's DEI Representative and previously served on Horace Mann's Site Council for two years. She is the mom of two daughters, a 4th grader and 7th grader. In her spare time, she loves spin cycling because apparently going nowhere fast reduces stress.

Social Media

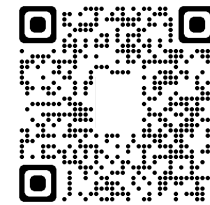
Brian Nanos - Long ago in what feels like a different life, Brian Nanos was a newspaper reporter and editor. These days he's a stay-at-home dad to two kids and he assists the Horace Mann PTO with communications, mostly through Facebook. He enjoys reading a good book or watching a good movie, but doesn't have much time for either.

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

Horace Mann Elementary School PTO



HM PTO Facebook Page



HM PTO Website

PTO Contact Info

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/150001078371890>

**Scan above to follow HM PTO Facebook Page and HM PTO Website

Email: ptohoracemann@gmail.com

Website: <http://horacemann.melrosepto.com/>

PTO Meeting Dates

Horace Mann PTO Virtual Link - <https://meet.google.com/nzk-hmxs-pbv>
In Person or Virtual (see link above)

3rd Tuesday of Month @ 6:30 PM, HM All Purpose Room

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th

December 20th

January 17th

February 28th

March 21st

April 25th

May 16th

*Please check the HM Facebook Page prior to all meetings.
Some meetings may be canceled or the location may be moved.*

School Contact Info

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<http://horacemann.melroseschools.com>

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Q: What is the PTO?

A: The PTO is a partnership between the school’s parents and its teachers and staff. It is an organization run primarily through the work of parent volunteers. We plan all kinds of activities for the Horace Mann Community - some are fundraising efforts and some are just social events for us and for our children. It’s also a great way to meet other people.

Q: How do I join the PTO?

A: If you are reading this, you are already a member of our organization. All parents, teachers and staff are part of the PTO.

Q: Is it necessary to attend PTO meetings?

A: We know what your schedules are like so we are hosting both in person and virtual meeting options. Attendance and/or participation is not required at any PTO meeting but if you have some ideas or want to participate, feel free to join! If you have time to help, let us know. Can’t help during school hours? We will find something that works! Feel free to communicate with us via Facebook, email or even grab us at drop off or pick up to chat.

Q: So really, what can I help with?

A: Want to ease into this? There are a number of smaller events that could use some support - Community Reader Thank You, Pumpkin Fest sub-committees and several smaller events for the teachers (mid-year thank you, stock the teachers room, etc). The commitment varies and most do not require availability during the school day.

Like to host or organize events? Volunteer to run our **Teacher Appreciation Lunch**. This takes place in May and will get you a lot of teacher love! Green Thumb? Help us keep up the lovely **Horace Mann Garden and Flower Beds**. Want to meet other parents and get together to socialize - help to organize some **Parent Social** events.

Q: Am I going to have to sell wrapping paper?

A: No! In the past, fundraising events have included a “read-a-thon,” the Fun Run, and various other “Dine Arounds” at local restaurants. We are looking to add on a few new fun events this year. Attendance and participation is always optional. However, see the next page with more info about donations and how you can help.

Q: Where does all the money go?

A: Over 65% of our budget is “For Students” and almost all of this includes funding for our Creative Arts and Science Program. During the 2021-2022 school year below are the areas funded by the Horace Mann PTO:

- Enrichment Programs
- School Library
- Ice Cream Socials
- Field Day
- Community Garden
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5th Grade Events

Other categories for this year include funding for Movie Night, field trips, and various other fun events throughout the year. We also provide classroom reimbursements to teachers and fund mini-grants, including adaptive seating and new classroom equipment. Throughout the year we also support Melrose Grad Night, the Community Reader program, and families in need.

2022/2023 Horace Mann PTO Fundraising Goal is \$53,000!

What can I do to help Horace Mann right now

1. Send in your Family Donation - Anything you can do to help reach our goal above!
2. Volunteer to be a Room Parent
3. Volunteer for the upcoming Pumpkin Fest or something in your child’s classroom
4. Volunteer for Library Duty

We can use YOUR help and contributions!

Each year we ask families and community members to make a tax deductible contribution. This helps fund critical programming for students at Horace Mann including field trips, events, and educational programming. Thank you so much for all your support!

Below are two different ways you can help support Horace Mann School:

- 1) Scan the below QR code to donate directly to Horace Mann PTO



- 2) Donate using the link on the Horace Mann PTO Website - <http://horacemann.melrosetpto.com/>
- 3) Please send in a check to “Horace Mann Elementary School PTO” via your child’s folder.

