



Apollo Elementary PTA

February 2021

Dear Apollo Rocket Families,

At the start of 2020, the Apollo PTA could not have imagined what the future would hold. We were busy planning an incredible playground for the students that we hoped to install in late 2020/early 2021. Unfortunately, those plans were upended along with everyone else's plans for the year. School moved online, we put fundraising on hold and focused on getting through the lockdowns alongside you. We were hopeful for a return to in-person school with a rebounded economy, so we could continue with our playground plan this fall. Instead, we continue to see jobs lost and a community facing a real financial crisis.

Our kids have shown and continue to show they are resilient despite the many changes and hardships they have and will continue to encounter this year. Also, we know many of our Apollo Rockets and their families may need the extra support. The Apollo PTA has earmarked a portion of our budget to help families who have experienced hardship due to Covid-19. We provide food during school breaks when ISD does not provide food, and we provide school supplies to those who need it. You can help us in these efforts by becoming an Apollo PTA Member <https://apollopta.ourschoolpages.com/Home>.

There is still a real need for a new playground at Apollo. With the aging playground, the Apollo PTA wants to create a space where all our students can come together and play safely at school as we return to in-person learning. We have confirmed with the district that they are still willing to provide 50% of the funds towards this project. We understand that financial dynamics for many families may have changed this year; our timeline for the playground installation will need to shift due to COVID, but we are committed to seeing this goal through to the end.

To help make the playground a reality, the Apollo PTA is focusing all our fundraising efforts this year towards the playground. If you would like to help us Slide to the Finish by March 17th, please visit our website for more details.

We are looking forward to returning to school with our fellow Rockets and hope to see you on the playground!

Thank you,

Kristi Hammond and Jessica Shields, Co-Directors of Fundraising

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