



# FRONT PAGE

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents & Guardians:

You may recall that last year at this time we accumulated an abundance of snow days and were hoping to keep our spring break intact. This year we have been very fortunate and have not used a single snow day! If the weather continues to be mild we may be in store for an early (June 10) last day of school. This will be a welcomed change for most.

Hardyston's Annual Basketball Tournament is well underway with 17 schools represented from around Sussex County. So far, both our girls and boys teams have advanced beyond to the second round. Congratulations to all our athletes on a great start.

Finally, I wish to recognize the hard work and dedication of four veteran Hardyston teachers who have announced their retirement effective June 30, 2016: Teresa Zinck, Pam Styer, Chris Paulik and Adele Manailovich. Together, these teachers have given over 146 years of service to the Hardyston School District. They deserve our congratulations and thanks for their years of service. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Sincerely,  
Richard R. Corbett, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>2/02</b>	<b>Report Cards are sent home</b>
2/03	PTA General Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
2/01-2/05	HMS Annual Basketball Tournament, MS, 3:30 PM
2/09	BOE Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
<b>2/15</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED: President's Day</b>
2/23	BOE Budget Workshop, ES, 7:00 PM
3/02	PTA General Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
3/08	BOE Meeting, MS, 7:00 PM
3/11	PTA Winter Social, MS, 6:30 PM
3/15	SEPAG Meeting, MS, 7:00 PM

## CAFETERIA NEWS



***The cafeteria is now hiring substitutes***

If you are interested, please stop by the elementary or middle school to pick up an application.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

As I am writing this edition of the Front Page there is a large snow storm predicted for this evening into tomorrow. I wanted to share a past front page article that I have shared several times with our school-community.

Working in an elementary school, I certainly see the excitement the possibility of a snow day brings to children.

I remember hoping for snow days when I was an elementary student. I would look outside for the first flakes and then go to bed hoping there would be no school! In the morning I remember the excitement of a day off and the low of having my hopes crushed when the forecast did not come to fruition. The day off would usually be filled with playing in the snow, building snowmen and, of course, sleigh riding.

In schools, a snow day impacts everyone. Students, secretaries, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, administrators and, of course, students have no school! There is one group, however, that is here working hard to prepare school for the next day. That group is our custodial and maintenance staff. They are plowing, shoveling and salting throughout the storm. Often that brings them to the school at the very wee hours of the morning!

When the snow day is over and we return to school to continue with our week we often talk of what we did with our day and of the next snow fall predictions. We often forget the unseen people who make it possible to return to school.

I would like to take this month to thank our custodial and maintenance staff for keeping our buildings and grounds safe and clear of snow during the tough winters.



## 2016-2017 REGISTRATION



### PRE-SCHOOL

**Pre-School Registration** is now open for 2016-2017 school year. The pre-school program is tuition based for children who are 3 and 4 years old. The 3 year old class will be in the morning session from 8:40 AM to 11:15 AM. The afternoon session is held from 12:45pm to 3:24pm for the 4 year olds. The program is five days a week (Monday through Friday) and follows the district school calendar. Transportation to and from this program will be the responsibility of the parent.

Children living in the Hardyston District are eligible for the preschool program if they reach age 3 or age 4 by October 1. Children must be toilet trained.

Depending on the number of applicants, a lottery system will be in place and the applications will be randomly selected at a future date. Applicants not selected will be placed on a waiting list. Tuition for the program will be \$230 per month for 10 months.

Applications are available at the elementary school main office and should be returned no later than March 30, 2016. An original birth certificate of the child and record of immunizations are required.

### KINDERGARTEN

**Kindergarten Registration** is now being accepted at the Elementary School from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No appointment is necessary and the child does not need to be present. Original birth certificate, record of immunizations, and proof of residency (mortgage statement, lease, or utility bill) are required to complete the registration process.

For more information call 973-823-7000, ext. 8203

## LOVE FOR READING WEEK 2016



**"What Pet Should I Get?"**

**March 7 – 11**

At the Elementary School, we will soon be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Love of Reading Week with special events. Our theme this year is "What Pet Should I Get?"

Monday, March 7 - *"Drop Everything and Read"*  
Everyone will dropping what they are doing and forming a reading train from 10:00-10:15am

Tuesday, March 8 - *"Animals are Everywhere"*  
Wear your favorite animal print clothing (no costumes or hats)

Wednesday, March 9 - *"Read Me Day"*  
Wear a shirt that can be read (school appropriate)

Thursday, March 10 - *"Mismatched Day"*  
Wear mismatched clothing

Friday, March 11 - *"Rainbow Day"*  
Each grade will wear a different color of the rainbow.

- PreK - **Red**
- K - **Orange**
- 1st - **Yellow**
- 2nd - **Green**
- 3rd - **Blue**
- 4th - **Purple**

## CELEBRATING PRESIDENT'S DAY



In recognition of President's Day, **Mrs. Kasa's 4th Grade students** are researching different Presidents. They will be displaying their information on a poster board they will be creating themselves.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE

The theme for the month of February is cooperation. Cooperation is wanting and willing to working together with others. The middle school spirit day is scheduled for February 16 and the color for the month is **pink**. Spirit day is going to be "workout day," in honor of American Heart month. We will be determining homeroom and grade winners for the most students and staff wearing exercise clothes on spirit day.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to keep sending in your Box Tops for Education! You can now find box tops on specially marked Avery products such as binders, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, labels, etc. Remember to look for box tops on Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Ziplock, Hefty, General Mills, Nestle, Kimberly Clark, S. C. Johnson and Huggies items.



## RECYCLE, RECYCLE

Mr. Demeter will be collecting old digital cameras, MP3 players, notebook computers, cell phones, ink cartridges and toner cartridges. These items can be dropped off at either school. He will continue using the recycled material to obtain various items for the school district. Thank you for your help in this effort

## CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS



We have brought back our Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection! Please send in your Campbell's Soup Labels. For a list of participating products visit: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>

## HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

March is “National Nutrition Month”; this year’s theme is “Savor the Flavor of Eating Right.” The focus is to remind everyone to develop an eating pattern that includes nutritious and flavorful foods. It is important to balance food and beverages and make a lifelong commitment to healthful lifestyle. Initiated in 1973 as a weeklong event “National Nutrition Week” became a “National Nutrition Month” in 1980 due to the growing public interest in nutrition. Here are some suggestions to create healthy meals:

- We eat first with our eyes; try to make food look visually appealing.
- Invite some veggies to breakfast, add some Kale or spinach or carrots to your breakfast smoothie.
- Watch your portion sizes; chances are they are too big.
- Don’t confuse thirst with hunger, if you feel like eating when you should not be hungry grab a cup of tea or take a walk.
- Swap out mayo for avocado or nuts!
- Get rid of the salt in the shaker and replace it with spices or seasoning that you like.
- When it’s time to eat just eat! Don’t multitask, watch TV or talk on the phone while eating, this can actually pile on mega-calories. Let’s face it, you really are not appreciating your meal!
- Don’t let a scale tell you what mood you are in! It does not have a mouth... You are in charge of your weight.
- Cook meals with the kids, you not only will enjoy the fruits of your labor, but also create memories that will be savored almost as much as the meal.
- Look out for the hidden sugar, salt and fat in processed foods.
- Just because a label says “organic” or “natural” doesn’t mean it is good for us! Be alert to high-fructose corn syrup and natural can sugar!
- Take the time to enjoy mealtime as a family and appreciate all of the positive emotions that accompany mealtime. Enjoy food traditions and appreciate the pleasures, flavor and social experience food can add to our lives. ...

***JUST SAVOR IT!***

## PEANUT ALLERGY INFORMATION

When sending in any food products to school, parents and guardians need to pay close attention to nutrition labels. In order to provide the safest environment for all of our students with food allergies, we are asking that you follow a **VERY STRICT, NO PEANUT OR TREE NUT** policy when sending in foods that **are to be shared**. Every food item that is made at home must also be accompanied by the labels of the ingredients that you used in your food preparation. Please make sure that there are NO PEANUT / TREE NUT INGREDIENTS in any food products that you send in. If either peanuts or tree nuts are part of the ingredients, the food item will not be sent to the classroom and will have to be sent back home. Also, please be sure to look for any disclaimers that state **“This product may be manufactured in a plant that also processes peanuts or tree nuts.”**

## CLEAN HABITS FOR STAYING HEALTHY

Washing hands thoroughly and often is your best defense in staying healthy. Always wash hands:

- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After using the bathroom
- Before and after preparing or eating food
- Before and after changing a Diaper
- Before and after any contact with someone who is sick or injured
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After household chores or yard work

**Good hygiene makes good sense...it helps everyone stay well!**

## IMMUNIZATION REGULATIONS

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education **must receive one dose of Tdap** (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) and **must receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine**.

**This is to be given no earlier than the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**Documentation must be submitted to the Health Office by September 1, 2016 in order for your child to be permitted to attend school.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, please feel free to contact the health office with any questions at 973-823-7000 ext. 1010.

## PTA CORNER

It's a new year and the PTA has so much in store! Look for the Gertrude Hawk packet that will be coming home with your child on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to you, this is one of our most successful fundraisers!

Remember to send in your Box Tops for Education! We started collecting them at the middle school again so please send them in with your 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders too! At the end of the year, the class with the most box tops from each grade wins a pizza party! We also collect Campbell's Soup labels. The school benefits greatly from both so please clip them and send them in with your child!

We are in need of volunteers for many events that we have coming up. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>, this is a very special event for our teachers and support staff. The elementary school needs many volunteers to work together with the chair people at the middle school. We make sure that both the elementary school and middle school have the same decorations, foods and special touches to make this a wonderful week of appreciation. Even if you can only dedicate one day, or a few hours during the day, it would be extremely helpful. Our middle school volunteers are so very helpful and fun to work with; you will not regret volunteering for this special week.

We will be having our Tricky Tray on April 8<sup>th</sup> and we could use volunteers for several committees to make this our most successful Tricky Tray yet! Whether you like to solicit donations, help in advertising, basket wrapping, work the concession stand the night of the event or helping to set up or clean up...there is a place for you! Please contact me a [peggy@vanginneken.us](mailto:peggy@vanginneken.us) for more information.

The PTA would like to get more involved with the middle school; we are open to any suggestions. Talk with your kids and ask them what they would like the PTA to bring to their school. We would love their input!

**If you have not joined the PTA, we hope you join us now!** Download the membership packet at [www.hardystonpta.org](http://www.hardystonpta.org) or [www.htps.org](http://www.htps.org). Just click on PTA Membership Packet.

Thank you to everyone who attended our General Meeting January 6<sup>th</sup>, I hope to see even more of our members at our next meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Peggy Van Ginneken  
PTA President

## REMINDERS

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE'S OFFICE

Due to medical and privacy issues the School Nurse will NOT be available for ingredient checks and consultation from 8:40am through 9:10am and 2:45pm through dismissal.

### STUDENT ABSENCE

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent for any reason, you need to call the school nurse on the day of the absence. **Upon your child's return to school he/she must bring in a written excuse as to the reason for his/her absence.** (973) 823-7000  
**Elementary School Nurse: Amy Kohut, 8220**  
**Middle School Nurse: Elizabeth Burdzy, 1010**

### DELAYED OPENINGS

In preparation for the upcoming winter months, we would like to remind you about school procedures regarding **delayed openings** or **early dismissals**. Please listen to any of the local radio stations, WSUS (102.3 FM), WNNJ (103.7 FM), WHCY (106.3 FM) and WNNJ (1360 AM) and local television channels (ABC, News12, NBC, Fox5), for reports of delayed openings, early dismissals or school closures. Our parent notification system will also be activated. Please visit our website for more information and please be certain to let us know of any change in contact information.

In the event of a **delayed opening**, school will begin ninety (90) minutes after the normal opening time. Therefore, for a delayed opening the Middle School will open at 9:30 AM and the Elementary School at 10:10 AM.

**NOTE: STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE THESE TIMES.**

### EARLY DISMISSAL

**Early dismissal time due to inclement weather may vary depending on the circumstances that may surface at those times.** Early dismissal time is 12:35 PM at the MS and 1:15 PM at the ES for the normal pre-approved scheduled half days for holidays, conferences, etc. Again, AM and PM pre-school students are to follow the schedule that was sent home previously. Please be reminded that no elementary school student will be dropped off at a bus stop without a parent or guardian present.

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## BUS STOPS

Many of our bus stops are contained areas where students and parents do not have many options of where to stand. As a result, we are asking our parents not to smoke at the bus stops. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## LITTELL COMMUNITY CENTER February 2016

- Middle School Dance (grades 5-8), February 13, 7:00-9:00pm, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$10.00 non-residents
- After School at the Movies, February 10, 4:00pm, Showing, "Minions", \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Open Play (ages 2-5), Thursdays, 11:00am-12:00pm \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Music and More (Ages 1-5), Thursdays, 9:30-10:10am & 10:20-11:00am, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$8.00 non-residents
- Kiddie Kraft (Ages 2-5), February 29, 11:00am, \$3.00/F/H/H residents, \$5.00 non-residents
- Happy Walkers, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am, Littell Center Gym, Strollers welcomed
- Book Club, February 23, 10:00am-12:00pm, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-resident
- Senior Movie Bunch, February 10, 1:00pm \$1.00/F/H/H residents, \$2.00 non-residents
- Senior Exercise Group, Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$3.00 non-residents
- Senior Leisure Group , February 12 & February 26, 11:00am-1:00pm, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$3.00 non-residents

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