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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends:

Your involvement is essential to providing your child with a great education. The reality is that our busy lives sometimes make this vital involvement more challenging. We hope that the parent/teacher conferences scheduled for this month at both the elementary and middle schools make it easier for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Please do not miss this important opportunity. Since this communication is imperative, you should arrange to meet with your child's teacher more often, if necessary, throughout the school year.

Report cards are scheduled for distribution on November 17. While report cards are the traditional way of reporting on your child's progress, I recommend that you check into the Parent Portal on Realtime twice monthly to receive more frequent updates regarding your child's academic achievement. This will allow us to more immediately address any concerns.

Finally, as we approach Thanksgiving I am grateful to the Hardyston community for your efforts to provide our children with a great education. Working together, we can make it even better.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/04	Picture Make-Up Day, ES & MS
11/05-10/06	SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher's Convention
11/10	BOE Meeting, MS, 7:00 PM
11/11	PTA Wendy's Night
11/17	Report Cards Posted/ Go Home
11/17	SEPAG Meeting, MS, 7:00 PM
11/17-11/19	MS Book Fair
11/18-11/20	MS/ES Parent Conferences Early Dismissal Days, MS: 12:35 PM, ES: 1:15 PM
11/23-11/24	MS Parent Conferences Early Dismissal Days, 12:35 PM
11/25	Early Dismissal, MS: 12:35 PM, ES: 1:15 PM
11/26-11/27	SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving Recess
12/02	PTA General Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
12/08	BOE Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
12/08-12/11	Holiday Bazaar, ES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

I wanted to take this time to wish all of our Hardyston School families a happy and safe holiday season.

I always find myself reflecting on the past year during the holidays. I am reminded of all the things I have to be thankful for in my life. One of the great positives I am blessed with is to be the Principal of a wonderful school with so many great students and a staff that works tirelessly to help them reach their potential. I am also grateful that the community we serve places a high value on education and supports our school's efforts. I am very proud of our school community team!

The holidays are also a time when I reflect on those who are currently struggling. Our students have always been generous in supporting those less fortunate. During this holiday season, our school will be participating in our yearly food drive to support our local food banks. I would ask everyone to consider participating in our drive or contributing to a cause within the community. If everyone does a little the result is a big difference.

I hope to see many of our families at the upcoming Elementary School holiday concert and at our classroom holiday parties.

Again, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The **Hardyston Student Council** will be hosting a Bagel Breakfast in the Middle School cafeteria on Monday November 16th from 7:30am-7:55am. The breakfast will include a mini bagel with a choice of butter, cream cheese or plain with a juice. The breakfast is open to all middle school students and it will cost \$2.00. Tickets will be on sale during lunches November 9th-13th and at the door. Only students who have purchased the breakfast will be permitted into the school early.

MILKWEED If You Plant It....It Will Grow!

Mrs. Manailovich's third grade class and **Mrs. Rowan's second grade class** have spent this past month working in the Hardyston Dream Garden and planting milkweed. The students examined seeds, roots and insects in their garden. They trimmed, deadheaded and weeded where needed.

Mrs. Manailovich, with the assistance of **Mr. Manailovich** guided the students in planting milkweed seeds in a new milkweed patch. Fingers crossed... by spring we will have our own milkweed plants to search for Monarch eggs and caterpillars!!

Thank you to **Mr. Platvoet**, who helped prepare the planting area for us.



HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

It is hard to believe that November is already here! The Health Office would like to remind our families that flu shots are available in many locations and we encourage you to protect yourself against the flu! The flu shot is generally covered by insurance; if insurance is a problem contact the office of Public Health Nursing at 973-579-0570, they will be happy to assist.

Reminder that as the temperatures begin to drop, please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed for those chilly mornings at the bus stop!

November is “American Diabetes Month”, a month set aside to raise awareness of this ever growing disease. It is the vision of the American Diabetes Association to have a life free of diabetes and all of the burdens it causes. Here are some facts about diabetes:

- Nearly 30 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes.
- Nearly 86 million Americans have prediabetes and are at risk to develop type 2 diabetes.
- The national cost of diabetes in the U.S. is \$245 billion.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness and kidney failure in adults.
- Diabetes increases the risk of heart disease.
- Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S., directly causing 70,000 deaths per year and contributing to thousands more.

Although genes influence the development of diabetes, behavior and lifestyle also have great influence. Making a few lifestyle changes can decrease the chance of developing diabetes (type 2)!

- Control your weight!
- Get moving and turn off the television!
- Choose whole grains and whole grain products over highly processed carbohydrates
- Skip sugary drinks, and choose water.
- Choose good fats instead of bad fats. Good fats are the ones found in liquid vegetable oils, nuts and seeds.
- Limit red meat and avoid processed meats; choose nuts, grains, poultry and fish.
- If you smoke, try to quit.

This month focus on five words: STAY LEAN AND STAY ACTIVE! For more information visit www.diabetes.org

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!

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**

THE LIBRARY READING CORNER

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS- GRADE 5 & 6

Students in grade 5 & 6 read a variety of books this summer to prepare to battle their classmates in the Battle of the Books. Classroom Battles took place within their language arts classes. Winning teams from each battled in the grade battles.

Congratulations to our winners and all who participated!



Fifth Grade Winners - left to right - Gabriella Billgert, Jane Einreinhofer, Sarah Philback, Amy Naprstek, & Andrea Piedrasanta



Six Grade Winners - left to right - Megan LeTellier, Hailey Munoz, Eric Kostelnik & Marina Bakovic

Thanks to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Eberding, Ms. Walker & Mrs. Paulik for their support!

CAFETERIA NEWS

*** NOW HIRING ***

Maschio's Food Service is now hiring Substitute Cafeteria Workers. If interested, please come in and pick up an application.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Sign ups are going on now and will end on November 23, 2015.

The Club is open to students ages 7 and up. There are discounts available for past students and family members too!

Please contact Kasey Edwards at: kedwards@https.org, 973-823-7000 ext. 2150. Forms are posted outside of Ms. Edwards' Classrooms.

MS SPIRIT DAY

November is Thankful

November 20

Flannel Day

CELEBRATING RED RIBBON WEEK

During the week long celebration for being Drug-Free, one of the activities for the middle school students, was to match up baby pictures to the teachers and staff.



REMINDERS

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, 8209

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.

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

November 2015

- Middle School Dance (grades 5-8), November 14, 7:00-9:00pm, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$10.00 non-residents
- After School at the Movies, November 18, 4:00pm, Showing, "Inside Out", \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Kiddie Kraft (ages 2-5), November 23, 11:00am, \$3.00/F/H/H residents, \$5.00 non-residents (sign-up by 11/19)
- Open Play (ages 1-4), Thursdays, 11:00am-12:00pm \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Music and More (Ages 1-4), Thursdays, 9:30-10:10am & 10:20-11:00am, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$8.00 non-residents
- Happy Walkers, Mondays-Thursday, 9:00-10:00am Littell Center Gym. Strollers Welcome)
- Book Club, Tuesday, November 17, 10:00am-12:00pm, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Senior Movie Bunch, November 18, 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, November 13, 11:00am-1:00pm, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$3.00 non-residents

Littell Community Center
Franklin/ Hardyston/ Hamburg Joint Recreation
10-12 Munsonhurst Road
Franklin, NJ 07416
Phone: 973-827-9734

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please be advised that our Asbestos Management Plan is located in the business office for your review. Our program coordinator is Carl Platvoet. If you have any questions regarding this please call Mr. Carl Platvoet at 973-823-7000, extension 5000

PTA CORNER

The school year is well under way and the PTA is in full swing! We had our first T.G.I.F for our 3rd and 4th graders on October 23rd and it was a huge success! A BIG THANK YOU to Amy Beck and Sue McCallum for all their hard work in running this event! And THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time! We really appreciate you! The kids had a blast as always and they are looking forward to the next T.G.I.F on January 15th!

Our Glo-Stick Sale was October 28th to the 30th and was very well received as usual... We sold out on the last day! The kids just love the Glo-Stick Sale, they look forward to it every year and they get so excited picking out their favorite colors! They are just so cute! A BIG THANK YOU to Dorothy Pokrzywa and Christine Smith for their time and effort in making this event such a fun experience for the kids! And THANK YOU to all the volunteers who gave their time, we really appreciate you!!

The PTA also contributed to the Trunk or Treat with a festive table of goodies for our Trunk or Treaters! We love to see the kids in their costumes! From the pretty princesses and super heroes to the scary and gory... We love them all!!!!

November 11th is Wendy's Night from 5-8PM. We all need a break from cooking so come on out, bring your family and friends. Mention Hardyston PTA and 10% of your bill will be donated to the Hardyston School District!

November 13th is when our 2nd Annual Mother/Son Fun Night will be held at Minerals Spa. I hope you were able to get your registration forms in on time! This event is open to Pre-K to 8th grade! I can't wait to see all the fun that is going to be had this year...last year was a blast!

If you have not joined the PTA, we hope you join us now! We have several events that still need chair people and co-chairs, and events that need more volunteers. We appreciate any time you can offer to our events, and your kids LOVE to see you there!!! Download the membership packet at www.hardystonpta.org or www.https.org. Just click on PTA Membership Packet.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first General Meeting. I hope it was informative and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on December 2nd! We plan on having extra information that I am setting up now, keep

an eye out for a flyer that will come home to let you know what we have in store. You will definitely want to be there!

Peggy Van Ginneken
PTA President

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>

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.

