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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends:

Our 2015 -2016 school year was launched without a hitch and I am pleased to report that our students and teachers are engaged in the “routine” of learning and teaching. However, while learning and teaching may be characterized as “routine,” typically what occurs in the classroom and during field trips is far from routine since it requires students to be engaged and actively involved in their own learning process.

As mentioned last month, active and hands-on learning is why **Science Technology Engineering Math** (STEM) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are so relevant to education today. Our district is preparing for the NGSS by piloting a STEM curriculum during this school year. Our goal is incorporate STEM with the NGSS district-wide for the 2016 – 2017 school year. This approach to teaching science involves students by providing hands-on experimental and design activities that are engaging and challenging.

During the month of September our district went “GOLD” to raise awareness for childhood cancer. Our activities the week of September 28 (e.g. “crazy hat day,” “pajamas against childhood cancer”) focused on this theme. In addition, students created and signed color banners to raise awareness for childhood cancer. The teachers participated in a dress down day to raise money for this important cause.

Finally, I invite the community to follow me and school happenings on my Twitter account (@corbett3059).

Welcome Back

and good luck in all your classes!

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/07	PTA Meeting, ES, 6:30 PM
10/12	SCHOOL CLOSED: Columbus Day Teacher In-Service
10/13	BOE Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
10/23	PTA TGIF (Grades 3-4), ES, 7:00-9:00
10/28-10/30	PTA Glo-Stick Sale, ES
10/30	Halloween Parade, ES, 1:30 PM PTA Trunk or Treat, ES, 6:00 PM
11/01	Daylight Savings Time Ends
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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

I can't believe that it is October already. September went by so fast!

At Hardyston Elementary School, we had a great month. Our school opening went very smoothly. I would like to thank our staff, parents and students for their efforts in beginning the year on such a positive note.

Students have participated in two assembly programs that encourage positive behavior toward each other. One assembly was sponsored by our PTA. Students saw a multi-media presentation which brought them through scenarios that asked them to think about the character's actions in the presentation. The second assembly was presented by our Heart of a Hornet Club. This year the theme involves filling buckets. The concept is that we all have an imaginary bucket. Kind deeds fill the bucket and negatives dip the bucket. As positive students we want to fill each other's buckets and in turn those good works fill our own bucket.

I would also like to thank all the parents who came to Back to School Night. This was a great opportunity to experience your child's day at school. The tremendous turn out of parents speaks volumes for the continued community support that makes our students successful learners.

I look forward to a great October and hope to see many of you at upcoming school events.

WELCOME RETURNING STAFF

We are excited to have staff members returning:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Melissa Geaney
Grade 7 Language Arts	Mrs. Megan Landgraff
LLD (MS)	Mrs. Kristen Jones
Gym (MS)	Mrs. Amy Rosetti

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We are delighted to introduce our new staff members. We had a number of new positions this year. Below are our newest staff members:

Computers (MS)	Mrs. Janine McLaughlin
Music (ES)	Mr. Joseph Rizzolo
Main Office Secretary	Mrs. Peggy Van Ginneken
Aide (ES)	Mrs. Caroline Carty
Aide (ES)	Mrs. Deborah Coltenback
Aide (ES)	Ms. Stephanie Romano
Aide (MS)	Mr. Sean Callahan
Aide (MS)	Mr. John Carroll
Aide (MS)	Mr. Patrick Nyhuis
Custodial	Mr. Pete Manero
Custodial	Mr. Alex Serra

We welcome our new staff members, and we are glad to have those out on leave returning to our district. We hope you will get to know our new staff.

DISMISSAL

We would like to remind elementary school parents that our final bell is at 3:34 PM each day. Our classroom teachers are generally instructing till 3:24 PM. Please be aware of this in planning student pick up and sign out.



HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

October is “National Bullying Prevention Month”; this campaign is held during October and unites communities to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. National Bullying Prevention Month is recognized in communities across the US and there are hundreds of schools and organizations that support the campaign including: Disney, Facebook, CNN and Yahoo just to name a few. This campaign was begun in response to the need to raise awareness of bullying, which was historically viewed as “a childhood rite of passage” and belief that bullying made “kids tougher”. In reality bullying has some life changing effects such as school avoidance, low self-esteem, anxiety and depression.

This month is devoted to giving students resources to respond bullying behavior and to become a catalyst for change. There is a focus on the shift of acceptance of bullying, prevention and providing the groundwork for ending bullying. This year's theme is “The end of bullying begins with you”. For more information visit www.stopbullying.gov.

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.**

**Elementary School Nurse: Amy Kohut
(973) 823-7000 x8209**

**Middle School Nurse: Elizabeth Burdzy
(973) 823-7000 x1010**

IMPORTANT FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6 Immunization Regulations

Every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending grade 6 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 10th birthday.

Documentation must be submitted to the Health Office by October 15, 2015 in order for your child to be permitted to attend school.

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

Bruce Hale Visits Hardyston Elementary

On Monday, September 28, Bruce Hale, the author of "Clark the Shark" visited students in grades K-2 with a presentation filled with a sing a long, illustrations and lots of fun. The visit was presented with assistance from Sparta Books.



Pictured (from l to r): Bruce Hale, Audrey Newsome, Francesca Federico, Henry Curcio, Mrs. Ploch



Pictured: Bruce Hale



Pictured: Bruce Hale with Mrs. Junior's Second Grade Class

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL MASQUERADE DANCE

For students in grades 5-8
Friday, October 30th, 6:00-8:00 in the middle
school cafeteria

Tickets will be on sale during lunches from
Oct 26th-Oct 30th

Pre-sale Tickets : \$3.00
Tickets at the Door: \$5.00

Contact Kasey Edwards for further information
kedwards@https.org 973-823-7000 ext. 2150

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

REMINDERS

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.

PTA CORNER

If you haven't joined the PTA, JOIN TODAY! You can download our membership packet at www.hardystonpta.org or at www.https.org. We need several chair and co-chairs to run our events. We cannot host the wonderful events that we have for our children without the help of our volunteers! Even if you can't chair or help at events, just simply joining the PTA will help our school reap tons of benefits!

Spirit Wear was a huge success! I can't wait to see everyone showing their school spirit in their Hardyston Hornet shirts and sweats!!!

October 23rd is our first TGIF for our 3rd and 4th graders from 7:00-9:00 PM! You will be receiving your pre-registration soon. Make sure you sign up! Please note that if you would like to be a volunteer at TGIF, you must be a PTA member.

On **October 30th**, stop by our PTA table at the Hardyston Elementary School Trunk or Treat!

I'm looking forward to the fun things we have planned for this year, I hope you are too!

Peggy Van Ginneken
PTA President

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.



LITTELL COMMUNITY CENTER

October 2015

- Middle School Dance (grades 5-8), October 10, 7:00-9:00pm, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$10.00 non-residents
- After School at the Movies, October 14, 4:00pm, Showing, "Inside Out", \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Halloween Spooktacular, October 24, 12:00-2:00pm, Free/F/H/H residents, \$5.00 non-resident families
- Kiddie Kraft (ages 2-5), October 26, 11:00am, \$3.00/F/H/H residents, \$5.00 non-residents (sign-up by 10/21)
- 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, 10:00-10:45am, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$8.00 non-residents
- Happy Walkers, Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am Littell Center Gym. Strollers Welcome)
- Book Club, Tuesday, October 27, 10:00am-12:00pm \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Senior Movie Bunch, October 14, 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 , October 9 & 23, 11:00am-1:00pm, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$3.00 non-reisidents

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

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>

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.