

# HARDYSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEEKEND UPDATE NOVEMBER 15, 2020

## REGIONAL COVID UPDATE

According to the Department of Health, COVID-19 cases are increasing rapidly in the Northwest Region of the state. While this week's COVID-19 Regional Activity Level is still at "Moderate Risk," we should anticipate reaching "High Risk" in the next week or two.

Following [NJDOH's COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for LHDs for K-12 Schools](#) districts should prepare to take the following actions in consultation with the Sussex County Health Department if we move to the "High Risk" category.

- Consider implementing fully remote learning. Parents should prepare for the possibility of needing increased childcare should schools pivot to remote learning.
- Restrict activities that involve interaction with multiple cohorts (sports and other extracurricular activities).
- If in-person learning continues, implement enhanced contact tracing and exclusion of close contacts of students and staff who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms even if not yet tested. This would include students or staff who call in sick.

More information will be forthcoming in the next week about the appropriate action to take, based on our county and regional data.

## REPORT CARDS WILL VIEWABLE ON THE PORTAL ON 11/19

Report cards can be accessed via the portal on Thursday, November 19.

## NOVEMBER COHORT CALENDAR

This month has two short weeks. Please check the cohort calendar.

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – SIGN UP TODAY!

New this year: Conferences will be *virtual* for the Elementary and Middle Schools!

This is a perfect opportunity to ask specific questions, discuss progress, and exchange information to maintain a positive learning experience for your child. One conference per teacher only. On behalf of the Hardyston faculty, we look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.

The link to your virtual conference will be given in a future blast. Conferences are scheduled through the Parent Portal. ([Instructions](#)).

#### Conference Dates:

- Wednesday, November 18: MS: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and ES: 1:35 PM to 4:35 PM
- Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30 PM to 8:50 PM

**Special notice to Grade 4 parents:** When scheduling, please schedule with Ms. Guarino for a conference with Ms. Guarino and Mrs. Romahn and Mrs. Sanders for a conference with Mrs. Sanders and Mr. Castner.

### MEETING LINKS FOR WEDNESDAY'S CONFERENCES WILL BE POSTED TO THE HOME PAGE OF HTTPS.ORG ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

### STUFF THE STOCKING CONTEST

Hardyston School District is once again participating in Project Self Sufficiency's county-wide contest to collect gift cards for the holiday season.

Gift cards will be collected until December 4. Click [here](#) for flyer.

# ATTENTION ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: JOIN THE HERO SQUAD TO RAISE MONEY FOR LEUKEMIA

Hardyston Elementary School has teamed up with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Hero Squad. This past Wednesday, November 11th teachers launched the Hero Squad with all students to teach about kindness, bravery and how working together for one common goal will help both children and adults in their fight against cancer. This program will last for three weeks.

The money our school raises will help blood cancer patients in our community by funding research, providing free information, financial and support services, and advocates for blood cancer patients by seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care. Specifically, LLS is leading a collaboration to launch a global precision medicine clinical trial to fundamentally change how pediatric cancers are treated.

Our school will qualify for school rewards based on the amount we raise. Our rewards will help with materials and items that will help throughout the school year and students will receive Hero Gear thank-you gifts based for the donations they collect.

Visit <https://events.lls.org/pages/cran/Hardyston-Twp-Elementary-School-2021> and join your classroom team to get started raising money online! In order to help develop goal-setting, self-motivation and organizational skills, your student will earn fun Hero Gear at various fundraising levels. Join our Squad today!

Thank you families for your support of our Hero Squad and be on the lookout for more information soon! Every hero needs a squad!

## GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form template. Administrators, staff members, students, parents, and community members are encouraged to participate.

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public school;
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators, and colleagues; and
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school.

Please submit this form by **November 19, 2020**.



**CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE A STAFF MEMBER**

## **SPIRIT WEAR SALE EXTENDED - SALE NOW ENDS NOVEMBER 17! GET YOUR ORDERS IN!**

Check out the new design perfect for this year! A few new products are available as well ....  
GO HORNETS!

\*\*please note the design on the shorts will be down by the hem of the leg\*\*

Use this link to shop and to **join PTA** if you have not done so already:

<https://hardystonpta.new.memberhub.store/store>

Hornets 2020-2021 Spiritwear



2020-2021 Spiritwear Flyer

docs.google.com

## **FREE LUNCHES 7 DAYS PER WEEK!**

**Every student is able to receive a FREE school lunch, 7 days per week**

- School lunches are now FREE to all students until December 31, 2020
- No paperwork is required
- Simply have your child tell their homeroom teacher they want a school lunch, and they shall receive one!

### **Adjusted Food Pickup Time**

- Food is picked up in the refrigerator located in the middle school vestibule
- Pickup time is between 11:30-12:00

**If you would like lunches on "off-cohort" days or on the weekends, please call the Middle School main office and let us know!**

## **SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!!!**

We are in need of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and nurses!!! If you know someone or if you are interested, please contact Nicole Meyer, [nmeyer@https.org](mailto:nmeyer@https.org) or 973-823-7000, Ext. 1060, for more information.

# COVID GUIDELINES

