

Hardyston School District

===== WEEKEND UPDATE NOVEMBER 7, 2021 =====

UPCOMING DATES AND REMINDERS

- 11/7 Daylight Savings Time Ends - *turn clocks back 1 hour*
- 11/9 BOE Meeting, 7 pm @ MS
- 11/10 Strategic Planning Session, 7 pm @ MS cafeteria
- 11/11 1st marking period ends
- 11/11 SEPAG Meeting 7 pm @ MS Library
- 11/17 Report cards posted on parent portal
- 11/17 Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conference Day
- 11/18 Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conference Day
- 11/24 Early Dismissal
- 11/25 & 26 Thanksgiving Recess

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who attended our first Strategic Planning Session on October 20. It was heart-warming to see such a blend of community members, former students, current parents, former parents, administrators, staff members, and board members. There was some great collaborating going on, and our work has just begun! Our next session is **Wednesday, November 10, 7 pm**, in the middle school cafeteria. We would love to see everyone participate!

Meeting notes are published [on our website](#).

HARDYSTON SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP (SEPAG)

Please join us Thursday, November 11 at 7 pm, in the middle school library. This is open to all!
[FLYER](#)

SEPAG SURVEY

Parents and Caregivers, please take the time to complete the short survey. Your participation is vital and will help us understand what areas need to be addressed and what workshops you would like brought to Hardyston.

Sussex and Warren County elementary, middle and high school students are challenged to a ***competition for a cause!***



Area schools are collecting donations of *new, unwrapped* gifts and gift cards for children of all ages to be distributed to local families in need through the **Season of Hope Toy Shop**.

The competition will take place through December 10.

HOW IT WORKS

Project Self-Sufficiency staff will collect donations from all participating schools. Then, our elves will tally the donations from each district. The winning district will claim the **Stuff the Stocking trophy!**



Bringing Holiday Toys and Joy to Sussex & Warren County Children in Need

For more information go to **www.projectselfsufficiency.org** or call **(973) 940-3500**.

Like everything else these days, Season of Hope and Stuff the Stocking will be different due to Covid-19 precautions.

PLEASE BE ADVISED –

Only **NEW, UNWRAPPED** items will be accepted.

All items will be sanitized before distribution to families.

No soft items, such as stuffed animals, blankets or pillows, can be accepted.

There is a great need for **Gift Card donations**, which are a great option for those who want to contribute but don't want to shop.



PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES: NOVEMBER 17, 18

Conference days are here! A parent-teacher conference provides an opportunity to discuss student progress, ask specific questions, and exchange information to maintain a positive and productive school experience. **Masks are required upon entering the building and are to be worn during conferences. *Thank you for your cooperation!***

These days are early dismissals. Middle school dismisses at 12:35 and the elementary school dismisses at 1:15.

Conference appointments are made through the parent portal. [Instructions](#) for how to schedule a conference.

*Grade 4 parents, you will schedule the conference with your child's math/science teacher; the language arts/social studies teacher will join in at that conference.

On behalf of the Hardyston faculty, we look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.

PRO WRESTLING NOVEMBER 12

HARDYSTON TREE LIGHTING, DECEMBER 4!

2021-2022 GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Once again the Hardyston School District is participating in the Governor Educator of the Year program. The administration would like parents and guardians to take this opportunity to recognize teachers and other educational staff who have impacted their children in a positive light.

Please use the link below to access the nomination form, all staff members that are nominated will be notified and will receive a copy of the letter submitted. We hope that you take this opportunity to recognize the exceptional teachers and the efforts they have made.

[Nomination Form](#)

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE

As part of the health services program, the following screenings will be administered to students in the upcoming months:

- Height
- Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Hearing
- Vision

If you do not wish for your child to have any of these screenings, please submit a letter to the health office as soon as possible. If your child has had a physical by their private physician, please provide a copy to the school nurse. If you have any questions or concerns, please

contact Mrs. Staffels

PTA NEWS

[Click here for the latest happenings with the PTA!](#)

NJ HOPE AND HEALING INFO

LUNCH MENUS

[This link will take you to the current lunch menus for the ES and MS.](#)

UPDATED GUIDANCE FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools](#)

Updated August 31, 2021

[The Road Forward](#)- updated September 1, 2021

Key Update Regarding Masks:

In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.(updated 8/21)

***Students who are wearing well-fitted masks will NOT need to be quarantined if they are a close contact of an infected student in the school.**

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

Hardyston School District strongly encourages you to follow CDC recommendations; however, they are not enforced by the district. Please contact your school nurse if you have questions or concerns.

Currently, the CDC recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated.

Domestic Travel

According to the CDC, unvaccinated individuals who do travel should get tested 1-3 days before their trip, 3-5 days after travel, and stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after domestic travel.

For those traveling to New Jersey, domestic travel is defined as lasting 24 hours or longer to states or US territories other than those connected to New Jersey, such as Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware.

For more information, refer to the [CDC's guidance for domestic travel](#).

International Travel

The CDC requires all air passengers arriving in the United States from a foreign country to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight.

For more information, visit the [CDC website](#).

HELP WANTED!

Middle School Cheerleader Coach

Middle School Math Club Advisor

All positions require a substitute certificate.

Please reach out to Mr. Demeter if interested, rdemeter@https.org

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER?

Click [here](#) for more detailed information on new guidelines and instructions for obtaining substitute teaching certification.


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