

Hardyston School District

Weekend Update: February 6, 2022

It's time for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge™! February 8 - February 25

By participating in Kids Heart Challenge, your child will raise funds to help kids with special hearts and make all communities healthier; our school can earn additional physical education equipment, and most importantly, our students learn about the importance of taking care of their own hearts.

In the past five years, Hardyston Elementary School has raised nearly \$50,000 for this worthy cause. This year's goal is to raise \$10,000.

Start today to enjoy educational and fun online experiences. Everything can be done online by downloading the Kids Heart Challenge app or by joining the Hardyston Elementary School [online team](#). You can learn more about this year's Kids Heart Challenge program by visiting this [Virtual Donation Envelope](#).

Our Heart-Hero Explorers are going on a road trip, and you can too! Visit the Kids Heart Challenge virtual gym – it's a fun, easy way to engage your entire family while remaining heart healthy. To visit the Kids Heart Challenge virtual gym, click here: [Kids Heart Challenge Virtual Gym](#).

[Kids Heart Challenge Letter](#)

100th Day of School Fundraiser to benefit The Weekend Bag Program

On February 11th we will be celebrating the 100th day of school. Leading up to the 100th day, Hardyston Schools will be collecting items to help support The Weekend Bag Program.

Collections will be accepted from January 31 to February 11. Students can bring items to their homeroom teacher.

Thank you for helping to support The Weekend Bag Program - a program that helps students in local school districts, including our district!

Theme: Try to purchase the items listed by your grade spending no more than \$1 or 100 pennies for each item!

Kindergarten
Toothbrush

1st grade
Bar soap

2nd grade
Body Wash

3rd grade
Tooth Paste

4th grade
Deodorant

5th grade
Shampoo

6th grade
Conditioner

7th grade
Toilet Paper (single roll)

8th grade
Pocket tissue

All donated
items help
students on
the program!

The Weekend Bag
Program inc.

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

- 2/8 Regular BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ MS
- 2/8 Activity Pictures (*details below*)
- 2/17 8th Grade gown/formal pictures
- 2/21 School Closed - Presidents' Day
- 2/22 BOE Budget Workshop
- 3/2 Progress Reports posted on parent portal (MS)
- 3/8 Regular BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ MS
- 3/14 **School Closed** - Teacher In-service

COMING SOON: KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who is turning five years old on or before October 1, 2022?

Guess what? They're ready to start kindergarten in September!

Can you believe it??

We would like to streamline the process this year by mailing our registration packet to your home so you can fill it out and bring it to the middle school during the week of March 14th through the 18th,

along with the proper documentation needed to complete registration. For your convenience we will also be available in the evening of Tuesday, March 15th from 5pm until 8pm.

All the information you need will be included in the mailing.

If you know a Hardyston resident who has a child who will turn five years old on or before October 1, 2022, please pass this information along to them.

Please email your home address to Peggy Van Ginneken at pvanginneken@https.org and a registration packet will be mailed to you.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

Upcoming Picture Dates

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

February 8 (morning)

Lego Club

Knitting Club

Yearbook

Ski/Snowboard Club

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

February 8 (afternoon)

Basketball Teams

Student Council

Yearbook

Ski/Snowboard Club

Math Club

February 17 (morning)

8th grade gown/formal

April 12 (afternoon)

Track

Adventure Theater

Academic Bowl

Gifted & Talented

Updated COVID Guidelines

The New Jersey Department of Health updated its recommended COVID-19 isolation and quarantine timeframes. This new guidance went into effect on January 19, 2022.

The new guidelines are as follows:

- Isolation and quarantine timeframes have been reduced from 10 days to 5 days for both individuals who test positive and for those who are close contacts, provided that individuals remain symptom free;

- Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms in the following groups do not need to be excluded from school:
 1. Age 12 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people.
 2. Age 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
 3. Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test).
- Athletes who test positive for COVID-19 are excluded from participating in the sport for 10 days.

The full [NJDOH Update can be found here.](#)

Please send your child with a water bottle every day.

"The BUZZ" - PTA Newsletter

Order your yearbook now!

[Click here to access the site!](#)

Lunch menus

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

Click the links below for the latest YMCA events!

[Best Summer Ever](#)

[Kids Night Out](#)

[Youth Sports](#)

[Vacation Camp](#)

Fairview Lake YMCA Camp

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