

Hardyston School District

August 14, 2022

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. The start of school is coming near, but we still have plenty of time to soak up the sun and enjoy the warmth of summer, family and friends. We have so much news to share with you. This 'welcome back to school' message will be followed up with weekly updates for the rest of the school year.

Here are some of the exciting things that have happened this summer:

- The elementary school will have WATER again! We switched from well water to municipal water, and after all testing has been completed we will be able to use the new drinking fountains that have been installed.
- The elementary school also had new catch basins and drainage systems installed in the parking lot. Our plan is to pave and properly grade the parking lot next summer.
- The Wallkill Valley Coalition, which is a fully-funded partnership with the Center for Prevention, will have their office space located at the middle school. This alliance will benefit all students in the Wallkill Valley region and help us all learn more about the dangers of drug and alcohol use and many other lifestyle choices.
- This year we will begin training interventionists on how to use OTUS, which is our data warehouse platform. This will help interventionists analyze data and collaborate more effectively with teachers in order to help struggling students.
- The middle school will use Go Guardian, a software program that will allow teachers to monitor students using Chromebook usage online in the classroom.

I would also like to introduce new members of our Hardyston teaching family:

Caitlin Carrigan, *Occupational Therapist*

McKenzie Cuccia, *Kindergarten Teacher*

Celena Fish, *1st Grade Teacher*

Moya Gallagher, *ES/MS nurse*

Mackenzie Hickey, *7th Grade Language Arts*

Aliena Hull, *6th Grade Math*

Madeline McMullan, *Leave Replacement, ES Resource*

Marianne Petronella, *MS nurse*

Cortney Ryan, *1st Grade Teacher*

Jeanna Snyder, *Behaviorist*

Marina Veliz, *1st Grade Teacher*

Pamela Von Oesen, *ES Interventionist*

Lorrie Anzaldi-Franko, *Kindergarten Teacher*

Deborah Skowronski, *Paraprofessional*

Patrick Nyhuis, *Leave Replacement, MS School Counselor*

In more news, the latest Department of Health guidelines now states that we are no longer required to exclude COVID-19 close contacts, regardless of vaccination status. Instead, we will notify you if your child is close contact and relay the recommendations to you, and the ultimate decision to exclude or attend school will now rest with you.

In addition, we will be forming a "Stakeholder Committee" with parents, teachers, administrators, and students to create a new district mission statement, implement new curriculum updates, and work together on other important initiatives taking place this school year.

The parent portal will be open for teacher assignments, schedules, and bus information beginning on August 23rd. If you need help accessing the portal, our secretarial staff would be happy to assist you. Please just call the office. Parents that need to drop off medications for their children may do so on September 2 from 8:30-3:30.

We are going to do great things together this school year! I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Stay tuned for more information coming soon! Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Mike Ryder

Chief School Administrator

Summer Work

This folder contains links to summer work for both the ES and MS.

Supply Lists

This folder contains links to supply lists for both the ES and MS.

Middle School Fall Sports Interest Survey

Cub Scouts

2022-2023 School Year Calendar


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