

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update September 24, 2023

**\*\*FREE FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL for 3 & 4 year olds\*\***

## **Hardyston Township School District is Expanding its Preschool Program with PEA Funding**

Hardyston Township Public Schools is pleased to announce that it will offer free, full-day preschool for 60 Hardyston Township students starting in January 2024. The current preschool program will expand to four preschool classes and afford current preschool students the opportunity to attend the full-day program. Over the next five years, New Jersey's Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) will give the district the opportunity to include **all three and four year old children** from the community in the preschool program.

An Early Childhood Advisory Council composed of administrators, teachers, parents, and community stakeholders is tasked with rolling out the new preschool program and ensuring that all parameters of the aid package are followed. The district will add two additional preschool teachers, a master teacher, and four classroom aides to support the preschool program expansion. This funding will have a lasting positive impact on the Hardyston Township community and better prepare students for the future.

Students reaching age 3 on or before October 1, 2023 are eligible to register. Registration will be open from October 2, 2023 through November 16, 2023. If more than 60 students register, a lottery will take place at 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2023. Only applicants who provide proof of residency and the child's original birth certificate will be included in the lottery.

To complete registration, parents/guardians must present the following:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Documented proof from the doctor of the child's immunizations (including influenza which must be administered by December 31, 2023)
- A current physical dated on or before January 2, 2024
- Two proofs of residency (ex. mortgage statement or deed, or rental agreement and one utility bill)

For more information, please call the school registrar at 973-823-7000, ext. 1020, and ask for Peggy Van Ginneken.

## Upcoming Events:

9/26 **Picture Day** - ES / MS

10/6 MS Progress Reports - on Parent Portal

10/9 **School Closed** - *Teacher In Service Day*

## Nominate your Educator or Educational Services Professional of the Year!

### Eligibility Criteria for Nominating:

Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK to grade12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas
- Must have the latest summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a summative rating at the time of application, then their most current practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent
- Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- Actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success
- Demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues
- Have not earned the title of school, county or state Teacher of the Year nor ESP of the Year for the past five (5) years

**Note:** There is no requirement for minimum number of years in the classroom, however as an ambassador for education, this is an award based on merit and leadership and not to be given out solely based on years of service, like a retirement award.

Educational Services Professional of the Year Enrollment Area

In order to compete for Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as one of the following:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Behavior Specialist
- Child Study Team
- Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations

- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance / School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- Library Media Specialist
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Nurse (Instructional & Non-instructional)
- Occupational Therapist
- Paraprofessional (Instructional only)
- Physical Therapist
- Psychologist
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- Social Worker
- Speech Language Specialist
- Student Assistant Coordinator
- Technology Coach

## Nomination Form

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

## Did you know?

- Hardyston Schools had the 6th best ELA test scores in the county last year and the best in the Wallkill Valley region
- Hardyston Schools had the 9th best Math test scores in the county last year
- Hardyston Schools had the second fewest administrators per student in the county

## Cafeteria Food Menu

[This link brings you to the ES and MS lunch menus.](#)

## Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments

# 2023-2024 Student/Parent Calendar and Handbook

Please review for important school information.

## Blankets for the homeless / Food Collection

During the harsh winter months, the homeless in Sussex County are in desperate need of blankets. The women at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3320 RT 94 are looking to organize a group to make blankets for those in need. If you like to crochet or quilt or would like to learn while helping those in need please contact the church office at 973-827-5080 or email [poplc.hamburg@gmail.com](mailto:poplc.hamburg@gmail.com)

Materials will be supplied. This is open to all ages.

ALSO

Grace's Pantry a ministry of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is collecting food for families in need. This past week nearly wiped out all the resources the pantry had. Many of those who came were new guests. If you are able to drop off a box of cereal, some pasta, spaghetti sauce, or a canned item at the church or to the school for the church to pick up it would be greatly appreciated!



## **PINK PUMPKIN PATCH**



**Buy a pink pumpkin in memory of someone who lost their battle with breast cancer, in encouragement for someone fighting, or in celebration for someone who beat it!**

**Pumpkins will be 'planted' on October 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Hardyston Municipal Building and will be on display throughout the fall.**



**\$10 per pumpkin**



**All proceeds donated to Project Self-Sufficiency to provide education and more!**

**Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 97317 & the Ashton Family!**



## PINK PUMPKIN PATCH

**Order Form**  
**\$10 per pumpkin**



**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:**

**In Memory In Encouragement In Celebration**

**For(Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send forms and payment to:**

**Erin Ashton, 19 Bitter Root Trail, Hamburg, NJ 07419**

**\*Checks Made payable to Erin Ashton or VENMO:**

Pink Pumpkins for Brea...

@PinkPumpkins



**For details and/or questions email**

[jcurving@gmail.com](mailto:jcurving@gmail.com)

**Thank you for  
your support of our  
Girl Scout Troop 97317,  
the Ashton Family,  
and this project!**

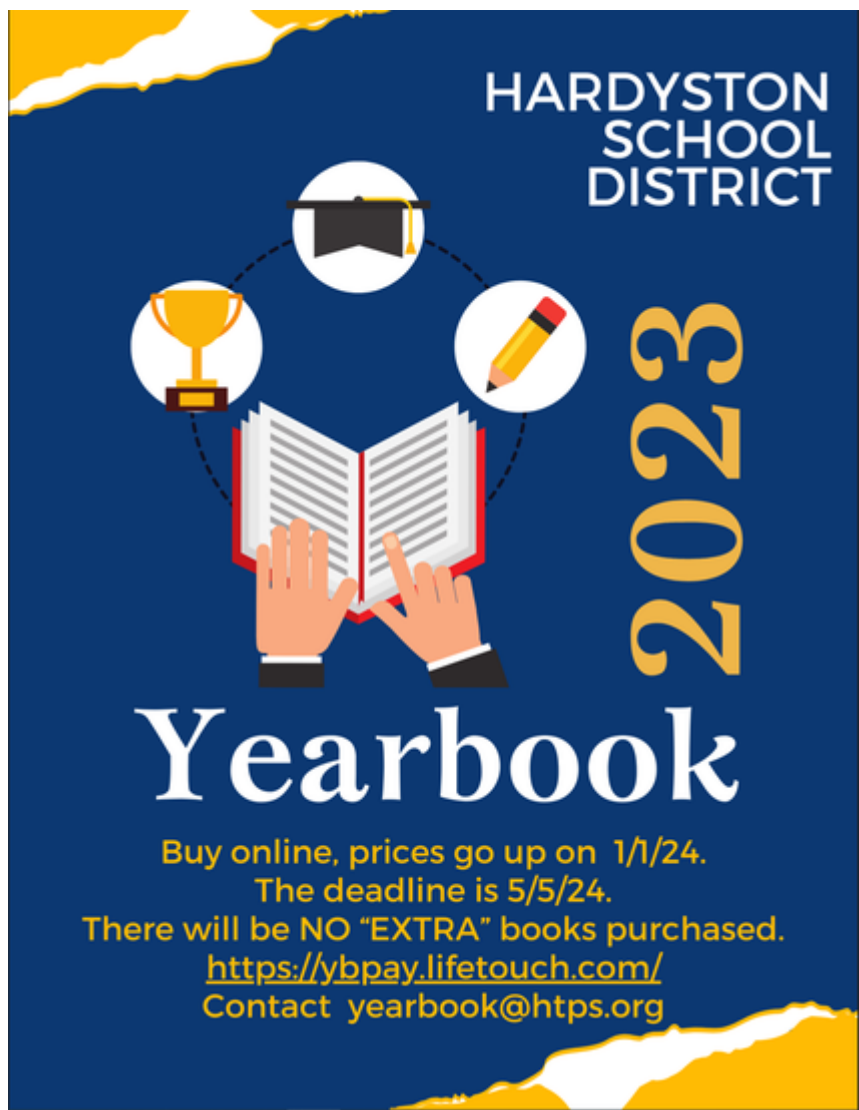


## Order Your Yearbook Now!

Did you know that students who purchase yearbooks are 800% happier than their non-yearbook-toting counterparts? Unverified...but true! The 2023-2024 yearbook is now on sale! Please click on the link below to purchase your yearbook:

Prices go up on January 1, 2024. The last day to purchase is May 5, 2024. **There will not be any "extras" purchased.**

Click on this link to order your yearbook



HARDYSTON  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

2023

Yearbook

Buy online, prices go up on 1/1/24.  
The deadline is 5/5/24.  
There will be NO "EXTRA" books purchased.  
<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>  
Contact [yearbook@https.org](mailto:yearbook@https.org)

The poster features a dark blue background with a white torn-paper effect at the top and bottom. In the center, a pair of hands holds an open book. Above the book, three circular icons are arranged in a triangle: a graduation cap, a pencil, and a trophy. The year '2023' is written in large, bold, yellow font on the right side.

2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar

PTA NEWS

CLICK THE BUTTON TO READ WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE PTA!



# HARDYSTON PTA

## WELCOME TO OUR HIVE!

### WHAT IS THE PTA?

- PTA stands for Parent-Teacher-Association
- The Hardyston PTA is an organization whose purpose is to strengthen, enhance and encourage the educational & social environment of our Hardyston School district. Its goals are to complement the school curriculum with additional opportunities for parents, teachers, and students to learn, socialize, communicate and grow.

### MEET THE BOARD

- President- Melissa Leon
- 1st VP- Veronica Symons
- 2nd VP- Kelly Bansemer
- Treasurer- Gina Woodbury
- Corresponding Secretary- Ashley Phillips
- Recording Secretary- Holly Romahn

### GET INVOLVED!

- Join the PTA & come to our meetings!
- Share your ideas & suggestions!
- Volunteer when you can (no obligation or pressure!)
- Follow us on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/hardystonpta>  
<https://www.instagram.com/hardystonpta/>

### WHAT DOES A PTA DO?

- Fundraising organization whose members work together to raise funds for the benefit of our students & teachers.
- Support school staff, help promote student enrichment programs.
- Plan fun family & student events to strengthen our student body and community.

### JOIN US!

- Join us today by scanning this QR code:



### VOLUNTEER!

- Sign up to volunteer by scanning this QR code:



- Any questions, email us at [hardystonpta@gmail.com](mailto:hardystonpta@gmail.com)



**SHOP OPEN NOW!**

Hardyston PTA  
**SPIRIT  
WEAR  
SALE!**

BUY SEPTEMBER 6TH-SEPTEMBER 25TH!



SCAN ME TO ORDER!  
ORDERS DELIVERED TO SCHOOL

QUESTIONS? CONTACT COLLEEN AT [IRISHGIRL72707@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IRISHGIRL72707@GMAIL.COM)

YMCA is HIRING!

Follow us on Instagram

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# HTPS Contacts

## Mental Health Resource

📍 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ, USA

✉ [admin@https.org](mailto:admin@https.org)

☎ 973-823-7000

🌐 <https.org>

