Hardyston School District

Weekend Update October 1, 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 <u>all three and</u> <u>four year old children</u> 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.

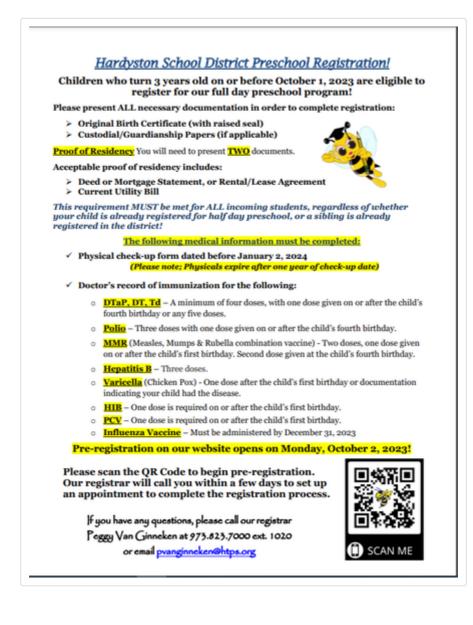
Students reaching age 3 on or before October 1, 2023 are eligible to register. Registration will be open from October 2, 2023 through November 16, 2023. If more than 60 students register, a lottery will take place at 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2023. Only applicants who provide proof of residency and the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

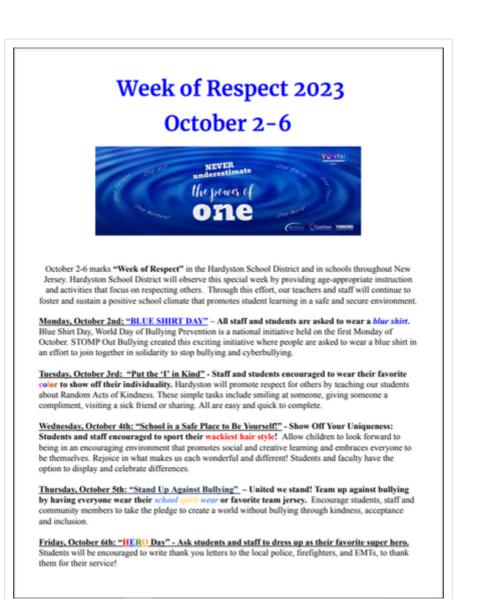
Once you are pre-registered, Mrs. Van Ginneken will contact you to set up an appointment to complete the registration process. *Please do not come to the middle school to register unless you have an appointment.*

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



Upcoming Events:

10/2-10/6 Week of Respect - spirit days all week. See flyer below.
10/6 MS Progress Reports - on Parent Portal
10/9 School Closed - Teacher In Service Day
10/10 BOE Meeting, 7 PM, MS
11/5 Daylight savings time ends - turn clocks back 1 hour
11/6 Picture Retakes ES/MS - NEW DATE
11/6-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences - more information to follow
11/6-8 Early Dismissal days
11/9-10 School Closed



Snack for grades 3 and 4

Beginning this week, the cafeteria will be selling snack for students in grades 3 and 4.

Doritos and Cheetos - \$1.25 Kettle cooked chips - \$1.50 Rice Krispie treats, pop tarts, and fruit roll ups - \$1.25

Ice cream cones, cotton candy screwballs and monster melon silly tubes - \$1.75 Strawberry/choc. scooters, ice cream sandwiches, fruit punch bars and sour apple bars - \$1.25 Fresh baked cookies - \$.75

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

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!



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!

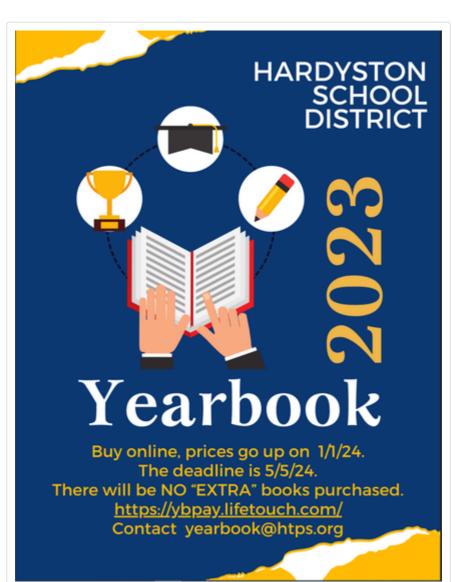
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Pink Pumpkins for Brea @PinkPumpkins	For details and/or questions email <u>jcurving@gmail.com</u> Thank you for your support of our Girl Scout Troop 97317, the Ashton Family, and this project!

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Did you know that students who purchase yearbooks are 800% happier than their nonyearbook-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





2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar

PTA NEWS

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





YMCA is HIRING!





Presentation by Juliet Bannister Health Educator, Sussex County Health Department Friday, October 20, 12 PM



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