

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update October 15, 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 20, 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.

**Hardyston School District Preschool Registration!**

**Children who turn 3 years old on or before October 1, 2023 are eligible to register for our full day preschool program!**

**Please present ALL necessary documentation in order to complete registration:**

- Original Birth Certificate (with raised seal)
- Custodial/Guardianship Papers (if applicable)

**Proof of Residency** You will need to present **TWO** documents.

**Acceptable proof of residency includes:**

- Deed or Mortgage Statement, or Rental/Lease Agreement
- Current Utility Bill

*This requirement MUST be met for ALL incoming students, regardless of whether your child is already registered for half day preschool, or a sibling is already registered in the district!*



**The following medical information must be completed:**

- ✓ Physical check-up form dated before January 2, 2024  
*(Please note: Physicals expire after one year of check-up date)*
- ✓ Doctor's record of immunization for the following:
  - **DTaP, DT, Td** – A minimum of four doses, with one dose given on or after the child's fourth birthday or any five doses.
  - **Polio** – Three doses with one dose given on or after the child's fourth birthday.
  - **MMR** (Measles, Mumps & Rubella combination vaccine) - Two doses, one dose given on or after the child's first birthday. Second dose given at the child's fourth birthday.
  - **Hepatitis B** – Three doses.
  - **Varicella** (Chicken Pox) - One dose after the child's first birthday or documentation indicating your child had the disease.
  - **HIB** – One dose is required on or after the child's first birthday.
  - **PCV** – One dose is required on or after the child's first birthday.
  - **Influenza Vaccine** – Must be administered by December 31, 2023

**Pre-registration on our website opens on Monday, October 2, 2023!**

**Please scan the QR Code to begin pre-registration. Our registrar will call you within a few days to set up an appointment to complete the registration process.**

If you have any questions, please call our registrar  
Peggy Van Ginneken at 973.823.7000 ext. 1020  
or email [pvanginneken@https.org](mailto:pvanginneken@https.org)



## Flu Shots for PK Students

In order to comply with New Jersey Law N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School, every student attending Pre-K (6 months through 59 months of age) must have received a Flu/Influenza Vaccine between September 1st and December 31st of this school year.

Once your child has received their vaccine, please forward the documentation of that vaccination to Mrs. Stoffels, the school nurse, so that records can be updated in anticipation of the state audit. You may fax the proof of immunization to 973-827-6845 or scan and email a copy to [wstoffels@https.org](mailto:wstoffels@https.org).

The State Health Department is closely monitoring these vaccination records and **will mandate that we exclude your child if this required vaccine has not been received. Please have proof of immunization to the school nurse by December 31st.** Flu shots are available now. Protect your child early.

## WANTED!

- Paraprofessionals

Please send an email to Dr. Gulay Maffia, [gmaffia@https.org](mailto:gmaffia@https.org) if you or someone you know is interested!

## Upcoming Events:

10/17 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Auditions @ 4:30 PM @ Jefferson MS

10/26 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Rehearsal @ 6-8:30 PM @ Vernon MS

10/27 MS Dance - Grades 5-8, 6-8 PM

10/30 - 11/15 Annual Food Drive

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**

HARDYSTON FAMILY  
**Thanksgiving**  
**FOOD DRIVE**

SHOW THANKFULNESS BY FEEDING THOSE IN NEED, ALL FOOD COLLECTED GOES TO HARDYSTON FAMILIES.

FOOD ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM  
 OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 15, 2023

MIDDLE SCHOOL ITEMS  
 Grade 8 - Pasta  
 Grade 7 - Cans of Fruit/Cranberry/Applesauce  
 Grade 6 - Pasta Sauce/Canned Meals  
 Grade 5 - Cans of Vegetables

**FAMILIES ARE IN NEED OF FROZEN TURKEYS, GIFT CARDS AND PB&J**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MRS. PETRONELLA  
 MPETRONELLA@HTPS.ORG**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ITEMS  
 Grade 4 - Gravy, Canned Meats  
 Grade 3 - Cans of Soup  
 Grade 2 - Hand Soap  
 Grade 1 - Mac N Cheese  
 Kindergarten - Ramen  
 Pre-K/MD--Crackers

## 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?

- Last year's 8th Grade increased their NJSLA test scores from the previous year in ELA by 29%! Last year's 4th Grade increased by 25%!
- Last year's 6th Grade increased their NJSLA test scores from the previous year in Math by 26%!
- Last year's 8th Grade increased the NJSLA test scores from the previous year in Science by 9%!

## Cafeteria Food Menu

This link brings you to the ES and MS lunch menus.

### Snack for grades 3 and 4

Grade 4 can buy on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Grade 3 can buy on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

### 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](#)

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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)

# Hardyston Township's Halloween Spooktacular 2023

Saturday, October 28th

1:00 pm

Wheatsworth Pavilion

Trunk or Treat (with prizes),  
costume contest, crafts,  
refreshments & more!

- 1:00 PM Costume Contest & Parade
- 1:30 PM Trunk or Treat Begins
- 2:00 PM Dance Expressions Performance
- 3:00 PM Event Ends

Hayrides, refreshments, pumpkin craft  
& photo op backdrop available  
throughout the event.

Free to Hardyston residents, \$5 per family for  
non-residents

Email [recreation@hardyston.com](mailto:recreation@hardyston.com) to register  
your trunk by 10/14/23







**Hardyston Township's  
Halloween Spooktacular 2023  
Saturday, October 28th at 1:00 pm  
Wheatworth Pavilion**

**WE NEED YOU!**



We are looking for participants (trunks) for our Trunk or Treat. There will be prizes awarded for Most Original, Scariest and Funniest decorated trunk.

If you are interested in participating, or if you would like to make a candy donation, please send an email to [recreation@hardyston.com](mailto:recreation@hardyston.com).

**THANK YOU!**

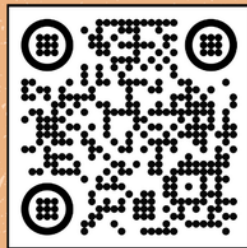
COME AND JOIN

# PACK 90 CUB SCOUTS

50 Washington Ave  
Franklin, NJ 07416

Cub Scouts is an active program for children  
(both boys and girls) in kindergarten  
through fifth grade and their families that  
encourages learning, friendship, and most of  
all getting out and having fun

**JOIN NOW!**





## 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)

## YMCA is HIRING!



## **CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION**

Presentation by Juliet Bannister

Health Educator, Sussex County Health Department

**Friday, October 20, 12 PM**



**SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA**  
15 Wits End Road Hardyston, NJ 07419

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT.

## **2023-2024 Student/Parent Calendar and Handbook**

Please review for important school information.

## **2023 - 2024 School Year Calendar**

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## HTPS Contacts

### [Mental Health Resource](#)

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 973-823-7000

 <https.org>

