

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update October 22, 2023

## Upcoming Events:

10/23-10/27 Red Ribbon Week

10/24 ES Book Fair Family Night 4-6:30 PM

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

10/28 Hardyston Township Spooktacular and Trunk or Treat - *see flyers below*

10/30 - 11/15 Annual Food Drive

10/31 ES Halloween Parade, 2 PM - *more info next week!*

11/1 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Rehearsal @ 6-8:30 PM @ Vernon 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

11/7 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Rehearsal @ 6-8:30 PM @ Vernon MS

11/9-10 **School Closed**

11/13 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Rehearsal @ 6-8:30 PM @ Vernon MS

11/14 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Rehearsal @ 9AM -1 PM @ Vernon MS

11/15 Sussex County Junior Honors Band/Chorus Concert @ 7:00 PM @ TBD

## RED RIBBON WEEK 2023




Hardyston School District

October 23rd– October 27th


### Monday: "Wear Red for Red Ribbon Day"

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear red to bring awareness to drug abuse.
- Let's show our support of making healthy choices. By staying drug free you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community and your future.


### Tuesday: "CRAZY" hat day!

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear their craziest hats to "put the CAP on drugs!" 
- Let's show our individuality – we are all different! We do not have to follow the crowd, especially when it comes to peer pressure and bad decisions.

### Wednesday: "TEAM Up against Drugs!"

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear sports team apparel 
- Keeping away from harmful substances and negative influences is always a good idea. Let's show everyone how committed we are to making wise decisions as a team!

### Thursday: "I'm Too Bright to do Drugs!"

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear NEON colors. 
- Let's make the "bright" decision to keep away from harmful substances.
- "Plant the Promise" - Red Tulips planted by our 4th graders at Hardyston Elementary School to bloom in the spring.

### Friday: "SOCK-IT to Drugs!"

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear their craziest socks!
- Let's finish this week strong by saying NO when necessary and helping others do the same!

## ES Scholastic Book Fair - this week!

Students will be shopping one day next week with their class. Flyers were sent home last week. Family night is Tuesday, 10/24 from 4 - 6:30 pm.

## Flu Shots for Preschool 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!



HARDYSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**HAUNTED**  
DANCE  
**27**  
**OCTOBER**  
6-8PM  
OPEN TO ALL  
STUDENTS IN GRADES  
5-8  
TICKETS \$3.00  
\$5.00 @THE DOOR  
BUY TICKETS DURING  
LUNCH  
PLEASE USE EXACT  
CHANGE  
COSTUMES WELCOME  
QUESTIONS [KKERVATT@HTTPS.ORG](mailto:KKERVATT@HTTPS.ORG)

Halloween Parade

The ES annual Halloween Parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31 at 2 pm. More information about parking will be in next week's blast.

## Calling All 4th Graders - Come join the Heart of a Hornet Club!

**What:** 4th grade students in this club will focus on skills learned in Second Step lessons across the grade levels. Together we will create video presentations about the skills, which will be shared with all the students and teachers in the school. Club members will also create posters to display around the school about each skill. To be a great club member, students must have a knowledge of Second Step lessons, be creative, want to be videoed, and display Second Step skills regularly.

**Who:** 4th grade students

**Where:** Room 20, 3:45-5:15pm

**When:** On Wednesdays--

11/15, 12/13, 1/10, 2/7, 2/28, 3/20, 4/10, 5/1, 5/22, 6/5

**How:** [Respond to the Google Form survey ASAP!](#)\*

There are no buses for this club! Students must be picked up promptly at 5:15 pm.



\*There is a 20 student limit.  
Students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. You will be notified if they are accepted.

## Heart of a Hornet Club

[Click here to join!](#)



**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?

- All Hardyston students take the beginning of the year, middle of the year, and end of the year assessments in ELA & Math. We do this to identify weaknesses & help students improve.
- Hardyston Middle School students will begin having choice in "Flex" beginning this week- but to have that choice you need at least a 75 in all classes. Take advantage of Flex and get the help you need!
- Our two Retired Police Officers (RPOs) completed their first week on duty last week. Please say hi to Rob Codner and Don Peter when you see them!

## 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](#)

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)



# 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!





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ON THE PTA TAB  
FOR NEWS AND  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE  
BOOK FAIR,  
GLO STICKS  
SALE,  
THE DEVILS  
GAME AND  
MORE!**





# 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!

## 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](#)

 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ, USA

 [admin@htps.org](mailto:admin@htps.org)

 973-823-7000

 [htps.org](https://htps.org)