

Hardyston School District

Weekend Update October 29, 2023

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - November 6, 7, 8

Our **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are coming!

Middle and Elementary: Monday, November 6, 6:30 PM to 8:50 PM

Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 PM to 8:50 PM

Wednesday, November 8: MS 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM; ES 1:35 PM to 4:35 PM

We will be **dismissing early** on each conference date. Early dismissal time is 12:35 PM for the middle school and 1:15 PM for the elementary school.

All conferences will be scheduled through the parent portal. Instructions for how to choose an available time slot for your conference are [here](#). As always, conferences are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the main office of either building.

If you would like to meet with your child's service provider, please email them directly. On behalf of the Hardyston faculty, we look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress. Our goal is to increase communication between parents and teachers.

Upcoming Events:

10/30 - 11/15 Annual Food Drive

10/31 ES Halloween Parade, 2 PM

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

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

Hardyston Middle School Junior Honor Society Making Senior Citizen Gift Bags!

The Hardyston Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will be putting together gift bags for senior citizens this holiday season. We set up an [amazon wish list](#) and would greatly appreciate any donations. Thank you for your support.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will begin at 2 pm. Parking is very limited. Please consider carpooling. When you arrive at the ES, our custodial staff will direct you to park. All visitors are to gather on the grass in front of the school. This will allow for a clear path for our students to parade. Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy our Halloween Parade.

Parking passes were sent home on Friday to parents who will be in the classroom before the parade. Please be sure to bring that pass with you.

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.

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 if you or someone you know is interested!

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 grade 12 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 Township School District has one of the lowest admin to student ratios in the state? This means that Hardyston has very low administrative costs.
- Hardyston students' chronic absenteeism has been high since Covid. Please make every effort to get your child to school every day. Good things happen with consistency!
- Two Hardyston school administrators have won the prestigious Dale Reinhardt Excellence in Education Award in past years- Mr. Ryder in 2012, and Mrs. Cimaglia in 2019.

Cafeteria Food Menu

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

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



COME AND JOIN

PACK 90 CUB SCOUTS

50 Washington Ave
Franklin, NJ 07416

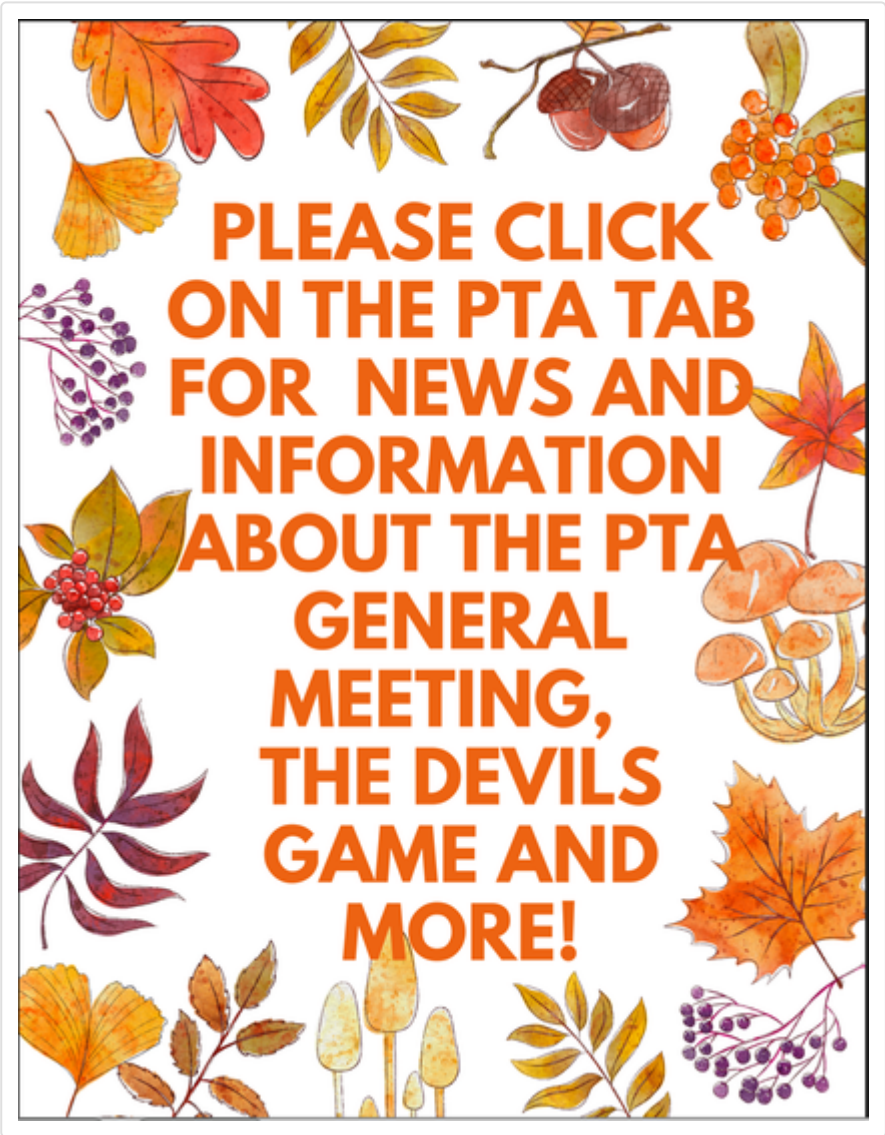
Cub Scouts is an active program for children
(both boys and girls) in kindergarten
through fifth grade and their families that
encourages learning, friendship, and most of
all getting out and having fun

JOIN NOW!



PTA NEWS

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



**PLEASE CLICK
ON THE PTA TAB
FOR NEWS AND
INFORMATION
ABOUT THE PTA
GENERAL
MEETING,
THE DEVILS
GAME AND
MORE!**

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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

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

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