

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update March 31, 2024

*Happy Easter! School Closed April 1 through April 5*

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## Solar Eclipse - Monday, April 8

On Monday, April 8 (the Monday after Spring Break), we will experience a partial solar eclipse here in New Jersey.

- Begins at 2:09PM
- Maximum eclipse at 3:24PM
- Ends at 4:35PM
- <https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/@5101760?iso=20240408>

There has been much in the news about schools across the country and some in NJ canceling classes to mitigate the risk of students looking into the sun during the eclipse during school hours. Others are using the eclipse as an opportunity to host watching parties.

Hardyston's position is this: It is important to create age-appropriate lessons to explain what the eclipse is, how it works, why it works, when it works...and also the dangers of looking at the sun. Explain that looking at even a partial view of the sun can cause permanent eye damage. The safest way to view the eclipse is on television.

Hardyston Schools will **not** host watching parties, nor will we purchase or distribute eyewear to facilitate the watching of the eclipse. Parents will be responsible for this, should they choose to have their child(ren) observe the eclipse. The reasoning behind this decision is that there are far too many variables at play for us to safely take responsibility for purchasing the correct eyewear and the proper wearing for all 600 students. It is the school's responsibility to educate about the science behind the eclipse and the dangers associated with viewing the eclipse.

Thank you.

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## Upcoming Events:

4/12 Trep\$ Marketplace, MS - 6:30 - 8:30 PM

4/17 SEPAG-Raising Confident, Competent Children, 7pm MS

4/18 Literacy Night at HES - grades K-4. 6 pm. Pizza provided

4/19 Report Cards Posted in Parent Portal

4/24 BOE Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing

5/30 7th Grade trip

6/3 8th Grade trip

6/6 Band and Choir trip

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## PARAPROFESSIONALS needed

Hardyston School District is in need of paraprofessionals for this school year. Please contact Dr. Maffia at [gmaffia@https.org](mailto:gmaffia@https.org) if you are interested in learning more.

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## WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER needed for the 2024-25 school year

Please email resume and questions to Superintendent Michael Ryder at [mryder@https.org](mailto:mryder@https.org)

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# In April WE WEAR BLUE FOR AUTISM

On April 10th please join us in  
celebrating Autism Acceptance Month  
by wearing BLUE



The Autism Society of America shares April was previously known as Autism Awareness Month, but since 2011, the title was changed to Autism Acceptance Month because acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong support system. Awareness is knowing that somebody has Autism. Acceptance is when you include a person with Autism in your activities.

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HARDYSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

# TREPS\$ Marketplace 2024

Come ready to shop at 36  
businesses spearheaded by 50  
young entrepreneurs.

Student-run Businesses!  
Cash Only, Please bring small  
bills.  
Be sure to bring your shopping  
bags!

**April 12th**  
**6:30PM-8:30PM**

183 Wheatsworth Rd, Hamburg, NJ 07419






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*Elementary School - Every Kid Healthy Week*

IN HONOR OF "EVERY KID HEALTHY WEEK"

# EVERY KID HEALTHY WEEK

## 2024 SCHEDULE

APRIL <b>22</b> MINDFULNESS MONDAY	APRIL <b>23</b> TASTY TUESDAY	APRIL <b>24</b> WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	APRIL <b>25</b> THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY	APRIL <b>26</b> FAMILY FRIDAY
CHILD HEALTH FOCUS				
Social Emotional Health 	Nutrition Education 	Physical Activity 	Risk Prevention and Education 	Family Engagement 

### FAMILY YOGA NIGHT

APRIL 26TH FROM 6-7 PM IN THE GYMNASIUM  
GRADES K-4

**PLEASE ONLY ONE ADULT PER HOUSEHOLD**

**CLASS LIMIT IS 40 STUDENTS**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND**

**(ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD)**

**PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT**

[Family Yoga Night - click HERE to register](#)

### 8th Grade Dance Wish List

The Dance Committee has been busy planning a memorable dance for the 8th Graders. We have an Amazon Wishlist that contains items we need for the dance. This is a great way to donate if you can't donate time!

# Adventure Theater - Middle School

Please complete this form if your student is interested in participating in Middle School Adventure Theater this year!

Auditions for this year's musical will be coming up and we would like to gauge student interest.

Additional information will be coming soon!

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

\* Indicates required question

Email \*

Your email

Please join us for this wonderful event and support our students!

Hardyston PTA Presents

## A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS FAMILY DANCE

*The Hardyston PTA Presents  
A Night Under the Stars Family Dance  
Dress to Impress if you choose.*

*Friday, May 3, 2024  
Hardyston Middle School  
6-8 PM*

**A night out for grades PreK through 8th**

*Refreshments, Family Craft, Dancing and a night your family will never forget!*

**PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY APRIL 19, 2024!!!**



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER via google forms  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DODwojyF9PZRNEWt9FSLIW1OZMxEaENkTXTEpVFftnw/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DODwojyF9PZRNEWt9FSLIW1OZMxEaENkTXTEpVFftnw/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Any questions can be directed to the Hardyston PTA at [hardystonpta@gmail.com](mailto:hardystonpta@gmail.com)

## 7th Grade Trip to Bronx Zoo

Please click the button above for information regarding the 7th grade trip and fill out the google form by April 29.

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## Elementary School Field Day Shirts

All students have the opportunity to order a field day t-shirt. Cost is \$5 per shirt (XXL is \$7). Cash or check made payable to Hardyston School District can be sent to your child's homeroom teacher. You must fill out the form above to choose a size.

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## Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

Please click for important information relating to preschool and kindergarten registration.

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*Wednesday, April 17*

# Hardyston SEPAG Welcomes



Project Self Sufficiency Presents  
**Raising Confident, Competent Children**

**This program is open to  
parents, caregivers and  
professionals working with  
youth today!**

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 17TH  
7PM - 8PM  
Hardyston Middle School  
183 Wheatsworth Road  
Hamburg**



**Children are welcome!! The YMCA will provide fun activities  
on site at the middle school for the children of any adults  
attending this seminar. Registration is required.**

## Triple P Program Details and Registration



### Raising Confident, Competent Children

*In this seminar you will be introduced to six core building blocks for  
children to become confident and successful at school and beyond!*

- Showing respect to others
- Being considerate
- Good communication and social skills
- Self-Esteem
- Being a good problem solver
- Becoming independent



SCAN QR code or  
EMAIL US TO  
REGISTER

*Pizza and refreshments will be served!!! Register Today. Hope to see you!!!*

Questions? Tara Codner taraweak@yahoo.com or Meg Demsak mdemsak@gmail.com

**Click HERE to register**

Raising Confident, Competent Children  
April 17 from 7 - 8 pm at HMS

*Thursday, April 18*



# Family Literacy Night



for Hardyston Elementary School students & their families in grades **K - 4**  
Join us at **6:00 on April 18, 2024** at Hardyston Elementary School to share a campfire dinner,  
story time, crafts, and fun– all FREE!

**Don't forget to bring your sleeping bag and/or lawn chair if you have one!**

Please register to attend by completing the form below and handing them into your main  
office!



**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT.**

Family Literacy Night is a program of Project Self-Sufficiency. For more information please visit [www.projectselfsufficiency.org](http://www.projectselfsufficiency.org)

**Click [HERE](#) to register for Literacy Night**

Click here to register to attend literacy night on 4/18 at 6 pm. Free pizza for your family.

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# "Sister-to-Sister" Prom Shop!

Journey Family Success Center @ Project Self-Sufficiency

## New and Gently-Used

- Prom Dresses
- Shoes
- Wraps
- Purses
- Accessories

**FREE!**



**No Appointment Needed!**

**FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER**  
JOURNEY

Sponsored by the Journey Family Success Center at Project Self-Sufficiency with the assistance of the Family Success Center Parent Advisory Board.

**April 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 3-7pm**

**April 5 & 12, 3-5pm**

**April 6 & 13, 9am-1pm**

They got their dresses at the "Sister-to-Sister" Prom Shop—and you, can too!



Project Self-Sufficiency—127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ, 07860-973-940-3500

## Cafeteria Food Menu

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

\*\*There were some changes made to February's menu, please click the link\*\*

## 2024 - 2025 School Year Calendar



**Please make sure to  
click on the PTA tab  
to check out events  
and volunteer  
opportunities.**



**PTA NEWS**

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

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# Girl Scout Summer Camp

*where girls thrive in the great outdoors*

July 1 – August 16, 2024



Get ready for outdoor adventures and a ton of summer fun at our beautiful Jockey Hollow Day Camp in Mendham and Lake Rickabear Day Camp in Kinnelon! At our all-girl camps, you'll learn new skills, build confidence, and make life-long friendships.



## Outdoor Adventures

In a technology-free outdoor setting, you'll enjoy...

- Archery (for Grade 2+)
- Ziplining (for Grade 4+)
- Hiking
- Nature Exploration
- American Red Cross Swim Lessons
- Pickleball
- Pony/Horse Programs (optional)
- Gaga ball
- Basketball
- and more!



## More Fun Activities

- Outdoor Cooking
- Arts & Crafts
- Low Ropes Challenge Course
- Trading Post
- Tie Dye
- Songs & S'mores
- Campfires
- Dip Netting
- Spirit Days & Theme Weeks
- Yoga
- Girl Scout Badge-earning



To learn more about our summer camp programs and to register, visit [www.gsnnj.org/Camp](http://www.gsnnj.org/Camp)

Free convenient busing near you.

Financial assistance for camp fees is available (deadline: 4/2/24).



Sussex County Rail-Club Meetings

YMCA is HIRING!

Join the YMCA



2024  
**YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP**

**FREE!**  
GRADES  
8-12

- ✓ INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- ✓ GAIN LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- ✓ MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**APRIL 13TH, 2024**  
10-5:30PM  
**FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMP**

SPECIAL GUEST:  
LINDSAY MEYER TEEN INSTITUTE

APPLICATIONS DUE BY  
**MARCH 15TH, 2024**

QUESTIONS?  
EMAIL [CFPCHEALTH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CFPCHEALTH@GMAIL.COM)

SCAN ME

THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE & COMMUNITY  
EMPOWER  
NJ Health  
New Jersey Department of Health  
ti  
Lindsay Meyer Teen Institute



**FREE!**

# 2nd Annual WATER SAFETY FAIR

**May 5, 2024 | 1:30 - 4:30 PM**

Bring your family and friends for a hands-on day of water safety, games, boating & fishing safety, water activities, and lots of fun!

**Sponsored by the Stillwater Recreation Commission**

Join us for this **FREE** event at Fairview Lake YMCA Camps! Please RSVP at [fairviewlakeymca.org/community](http://fairviewlakeymca.org/community)



**FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS**  
1035 Fairview Lake Road  
Newton, NJ 07860  
973.383.9282 | [fairviewlakeymca.org](http://fairviewlakeymca.org)



THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT



1035 FAIRVIEW LAKE RD  
NEWTON, NJ 07860

**June 23 - August 24**

ENTERING GRADES 2-11

## FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS



**ONE, TWO, THREE OR MORE WEEK SLEEPAWAY PROGRAMS!**

Open Houses are a great way for you and your child to get to know camp a bit better, ask questions in person, and feel more comfortable about camp! While at an Open House, you'll be take a tour of our beautiful facilities and meet our directors and staff.



**February 18, 2-4 pm**  
**March 24, 2-4 pm**  
**April 7, 2-4 pm**  
**April 28, 2-4 pm**



**Kindly RSVP: [www.fairviewlakeymca.org/openhouse](http://www.fairviewlakeymca.org/openhouse)**  
This is not a school sponsored program or event.



On the campus of Blair Academy  
2 Park Street, Blairstown, NJ

June 24 - August 9

Entering Grades 4-10

# LAKE IN THE WOODS

## 5-DAY A WEEK SLEEPAWAY CAMP



**MONDAY - FRIDAY AND HOME ON THE WEEKEND!**

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**100%**

of 2023 camper families would recommend Lake in the Woods their friends.

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Entering Grades K-8

# LAKE IN THE WOODS

## DAY CAMP



**DAY CAMP AT BLAIR ACADEMY**

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## 2023-2024 Student/Parent Calendar and Handbook

Please review for important school information.

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### HTPS Contacts

[Mental Health Resource](#)

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

Website: [www.htps.org](http://www.htps.org)

Location: [183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ, USA](#)

Phone: [973-823-7000](tel:973-823-7000)



**Hardyston Schools**

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