



Hardyston School District

Weekend Update October 5, 2025

Calendar of Events:

10/6 8th Grade Class Trip permission slip and payment due
10/6 - 10/10 Week of Respect - *see flyer below for more information*
10/13 Teacher In-Service day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
10/14 BOE Meeting @ HMS, 7 PM, cafeteria
10/16 PICTURE DAY - HES and HMS
10/17 PTA Family STEM Night for Grades K-5, 6-7:30 PM @ HES
10/17 TREP\$ Workshop - *see flyer below for more information*
10/27-10/28 PTA Glow Stick Sale @ HMS
10/28-10/30 PTA Glow Stick Sale @ HES
11/6 & 11/7 **SCHOOL CLOSED**
11/10 1st Marking Period ends
11/11 BOE Meeting @ HMS, 7 PM, cafeteria
11/12 HES Hornet Hustle
11/13 Make-up Picture Day - HES / HMS
11/14 HMS Hornet Hustle
11/17 Reports Cards posted on portal
11/26 Early Dismissal Day
11/27 & 11/28 Thanksgiving Recess - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Universal Screening - attention parents of Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade students

As we begin the new school year, Hardyston Elementary School would like to introduce you to our early literacy universal screening process for students in kindergarten through grade three. This screening is a crucial part of our literacy program and is designed to help identify students who may benefit from targeted literacy support early in their education.

Early literacy universal screening involves assessing students' reading skills at least twice a year, as required by New Jersey law. These assessments help us gather valuable information about each child's reading development and guide us in providing appropriate support. It's important to note that this screening is not a diagnosis or indication of a disability; rather, it is a tool we use to promote each child's success as a reader.

We will use the mCLASS DIBELS 8th assessment. The assessment will be administered by a teacher or staff member during class.

After the screening is complete, we will provide you with a Family Report detailing your child's literacy screening results, including how they compare to grade-level norms. It will also provide information about the various support services available in the district, including reading intervention programs, to help your child succeed.


We believe that universal literacy screening is an essential step in ensuring every child has the opportunity to become a successful reader. Thank you for your continued partnership, and please feel free to reach out with any questions about the screening process.


Week of Respect - October 6 - 10


Week of Respect 2025, October 6-10




October 6-10 marks "Week of Respect" in the Hardyston School District and in schools throughout New Jersey. Hardyston School District will observe this special week by providing activities that focus on respecting others. Through this effort, our teachers and staff will continue to foster and sustain a positive school climate that promotes student learning in a safe and secure environment.

 **Monday, October 6th: "BLUE SHIRT DAY"** – All staff and students are asked to wear a **blue shirt**. Blue Shirt Day, World Day of Bullying Prevention is a national initiative held on the first Monday of October. "Blue up" even further by wearing a blue hat, blue shoe laces, blue tie, blue sneakers ... etc. You could even dress your pets in blue! Don't forget your blue nail polish!

 **Tuesday, October 7th: "PAJAMA DAY!"** – Staff and students encouraged to wear a pair of **pajamas**. Let's get cozy and show that respect starts with kindness and comfort! Wear your favorite **school appropriate pajamas** as we "dream of a world where everyone treats each other with empathy, understanding, and respect. It reminds us that feeling safe and comfortable- just like when we wear pajamas, should be something everyone experiences at school and in life!

 **Wednesday, October 8th: "HERO Day"** – Ask students and staff to dress up as their favorite **super hero**. Students will be encouraged to write thank you letters to the local police, firefighters, and EMTs, to thank them for their service!

 **Thursday, October 9th: "Mismatched Day"** – **Show Off Your Uniqueness: Students and staff encouraged to sport their most mismatched clothing!** Everyone is Unique! Today is a day to celebrate that with a reminder about self respect!

 **Friday, October 10th: "Stand Up Against Bullying"** – **United we stand! Team up against bullying by having everyone wear their school spirit-wear.** Encourage students, staff and community members to take the pledge to create a world without bullying through kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

**HARDYSTON
MIDDLE SCHOOL
TREP\$
NEEDS
YOU!**

**TREP\$ AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS:
10/17, 11/14, 11/21 & 12/5 PICKUP
PROMPTLY AT 4:30PM.**

**TREP\$ MARKETPLACE: 12/12/2025
6:30PM-8:30PM**



**GOOGLE REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON
THE SCHOOL'S BLAST OR THE ABOVE QR CODE.
REGISTRATION CLOSSES ON 10/9/2025**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE REACH TO
HARDYSTONTREPS@GMAIL.COM**

COMING SOON - HORNET HUSTLE!!!!!! 



Parents/Guardians of our 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, scan or 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.

HARDYSTON SEPAG
Special Education Parent Advisory Group

PARENT MEETING

MONDAY
20
OCTOBER



SEPAG works to ensure parents have a voice in shaping programs and services that support students with disabilities. Together we can identify what's working, what's not, and how we can advocate for positive change in our schools.

This parent led meeting is intended for Hardyston school district parents and caregivers of students who are classified and in general education.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Share Resources
- ✓ Discuss important information

Light refreshments will be served! If you have any questions email us at taraweak@yahoo.com or mdemsak@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!

6:30PM
Hardyston Firehouse
Station 1
7 Colson Terrace
Stockholm



Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Please click above to view HES and HMS breakfast and lunch menus

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

HES Breakfast Order Form

HES - snacks for grades 3 and 4

Beginning this week, snacks will be available for purchase for grades 3 and 4. Snacks cannot be charged.

Monday and Wednesday - grade 4

Tuesday and Thursday - grade 3

Chips \$1.25 or \$1.75

Ice cream cones and cotton candy twisty cups \$1.75

Ice cream cup, sandwich or on a stick \$1.25

Scooby Doo gummies \$1.00

Cookies \$.75

HMS Basketball and Cheerleading Sign Ups Happening Now!

Please complete the google form for Cheerleading sign ups for 5th-8th graders and Basketball sign ups 6th-8th graders by **October 17**.

Thank you!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for HMS Basketball and Cheerleading!



The poster features a black and white photograph of two young wrestlers in a dynamic pose. The background is dark with white text and graphics. At the top, it says 'Registration Open'. Below that is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is the Wallkill Valley Rangers Wrestling logo, which is a star inside a circle with the text 'WALLKILL VALLEY RANGERS WRESTLING'. Below the QR code and logo, the text 'Wallkill Valley Youth Wrestling K-8 Sign-Ups' is prominently displayed. Underneath this, it says 'Registration Closes 11/1/25'. At the bottom left, there is a list of bullet points. At the bottom right, there is a smaller photograph of two young wrestlers in a different pose.

Registration Open

Wallkill Valley Youth Wrestling K-8 Sign-Ups

Registration Closes 11/1/25

- Practices at Wallkill High School
- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00
- All skill levels
- Grades K-8
- Target Start Date 11/18/25
- Discipline and strong work ethic
- Mental toughness and resilience
- Confidence and self-reliance
- Teamwork and accountability
- Problem-solving under pressure

Questions - Contact Us
(201) 452-4742
craighannigan@hotmail.com

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/39440>

2025-2026 Governor's Educator of the Year and Educator Services Professional of the Year

Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the

Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing the nomination form template by November 21st!

[Nomination Form](#)

HMS 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to announce that the 8th-grade class will be attending *The Outsiders* musical at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theater in New York City on **Thursday, May 14**. This trip is a great opportunity to experience a live theater performance based on the classic novel by S.E. Hinton. The show will allow students to connect their classroom reading with a real-world artistic performance. Please click the link below to review the details of the trip and to authorize your child's participation.

<https://forms.gle/kKEA1S8YE3BD63uB9>

All permission slips must be submitted and payment sent in by Monday, October 6th.



Glow-Sticks are only \$0.50 each and come in a variety of colors!



Click on the image above to register!

The Hardyston Township PTA presents:

Family STEM Night: A Revolutionary Adventure

Step back in time and celebrate America's 250th with a night of hands-on discovery—exploring the people, inventions, and events that shaped the Revolutionary War!

Hardyston Township Elementary School

Friday, October 17, 2025

6:00– 7:30

for students in grades k-5



Please note: This is a fun event for families, all children must have a caregiver attending with them.
Pre- registration is required to attend.

Please RSVP by 10/15/25

[RSVP link](#)

Help for Fathers!

24:7 Dads Parenting Course
Hosted by Project Self-Sufficiency



- Discuss the five characteristics of a 24:7 Dad!
- Improve knowledge, behavior, and skills.
- Learn how to be more involved with your children.
- Strengthen the whole family.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays,
6:00 p.m.**

October 7, 9, 14, 16, 21,
23, 28, 30;
November 4, 6, 11, 13

Childcare
Available
Upon
Request



Free!

Call 973-940-3500 to Register or
Register Online,

www.projectselfsufficiency.org/parenting-classes

A program of the Journey Family Success Center

Project Self-Sufficiency, 127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860 973-940-3500 www.projectselfsufficiency.org

Also available by Zoom!



Get a gift card for attendance –
learn more in class!



2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar

Hardyston PTA Website

Become a PTA member TODAY

Free fun for the whole family



TRUNK OR TREAT



OCT 25th
5 PM - 7 PM

195 ROUTE 519
WANTAGE, NJ 07461

 **KRAPF**
SCHOOL BUS

Questions? Call
973-875-4677



PIG ROAST & COMMUNITY HARVEST DAY!

OCTOBER 5 | 1-4:30 PM



AGES 15 & UP: \$21;
AGES 5-14: \$11;
AGES 4 & UNDER: FREE

BBQ AND DELICIOUS FOOD!
ARCHERY - AXE THROWING
CANDLES - CLIMBING
TARGET SPORTS - HIKES

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS

1035 FAIRVIEW LAKE RD - NEWTON, NJ 07860

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

fairviewlakeymca.org/community



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SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA
15 WITS END RD., HARDYSTON

KIDS THRIVE AT THE Y! KIDS NIGHT OUT!

AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY Y

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 5-8PM

AGES 3-12

POOL PARTY

Is your child ready for a pool party? At Kids Night Out children will participate in swim, games and recreational activities while being supervised by our trained child care staff. Drop-off is from 5:00-5:30 PM in Room 3. Pizza is provided. Children must be fully toilet trained. Children should come in a bathing suit and bring a towel and change of clothing.

metroymcas.org/sussex

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SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA

School Age Child Care



MONDAY - FRIDAY
7 AM TO SCHOOL START
SCHOOL DISMISSAL - 6 PM
EARLY DISMISSAL TOO!

GRADES
Pre K*-6

Hardyston, Franklin, Blirstown, Ogdensburg, Stillwater,
Florence M. Burd (Andover), Merriam Ave School (Newton),
Lafayette, & Hamburg

*Pre-K not available in all locations. Children must be fully potty trained.

METROYMCAS.ORG/SUSSEX



Homework Time
Healthy Snacks



Educational and Recreational Activities
Flexible Schedule - choose the days you need!

For more information contact Melissa De Leon
mdeleon@metroymcas.org



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YMCA FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

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LEADERSHIP & ADVENTURE RETREAT



DEC
12-14
2025

Grades 6-12 \$118

Teens from all around NJ and PA unite to build incredible friendships and leadership skills. The weekend will include food, accommodations, team building, a service project, climbing, archery & ax throwing and so much more! Participants will be divided into groups based on grade. Break-out sessions will focus on the

YMCA's core values and how they apply in a leadership setting.

YMCA Teen Leaders & Achievers Clubs Welcome!

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS

Activities

	Climbing & High Ropes		Leadership Workshops
	Hiking & Exploring		Service Project
	Team Building		Archery & Ax Throwing

Learn More & Register
www.fairviewlakeymca.org/youth

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SCHOOL VACATION CAMP

OCTOBER 13
7:30AM - 6PM
3- 12 YEARS OLD

School's Out? We're in!

When school's out and summer camp isn't in session, we've got the ultimate solution for your child care needs — School's Out Vacation Camp! Kids will spend the day laughing, playing, and making memories in a safe, supervised environment led by our awesome YMCA school-age child care staff. Think games, friends, and adventure all rolled into one exciting day!

Children must be potty trained.



Register online!
metroymcas.org/sussex

SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA
15 Wits End Rd
Hardyston, NJ



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SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA
MIDDLE SCHOOL
INITIATIVE
GRADES 6-8



POSITIVE VIBES ONLY

TWEEN WELLNESS NIGHT

OCTOBER 17 | 6-7:30 PM

Come hang out, sip on a smoothie you make yourself, and fill a jar with good vibes (aka your own positive affirmations). It's a chill night to reset, recharge, and feel supported by our mental health team. You'll leave with a happy heart and a jar full of reminders that you've got this.

I am
BRAVE

I am
enough

I am
CAPABLE

I am
LOVED

I am
the
best

I am
strong

I am
helpful

I am
kind



SCAN ME

<http://bit.ly/4nPhe1t>

Sussex County YMCA | 15 Wits End Rd, Hardyston

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SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA

MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE GRADES 6-8



LEARN MORE

Join our FREE program for Sussex County 6th, 7th & 8th graders designed to support & encourage youth to live healthy lifestyles & make responsible choices. Activities include: wellness training, swimming, group classes, basketball & more.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION

Middle School participants & their Guardian must attend one in-person session prior to enrollment.

Saturday 9/27: 1pm

Tuesday 9/30: 6:15pm

Tuesday 10/14: 6:15pm

Wednesday 10/22: 7pm

Saturday 10/25: 1pm

REGISTER ONLINE - [METROYMCAS.ORG/SUSSEX](https://metroymcas.org/sussex)

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SUSSEX COUNTY YMCA

MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE GRADES 6-8



SQUAD GOALS: VOLUNTEER @ THE Y

Want to do something new this year? Come volunteer at the Sussex County YMCA! You'll get to help out at cool programs and events, earn service hours, and meet new friends along the way. It's fun, it feels good to give back, and YOU get to be part of making the Y a better place for everyone. Ready to jump in? The Y needs you! ❤️

Family Fall Fest: October 24 | 6-7:30 pm

Flapjacks & Fun: December 13 | 9:30-11 am

Winter Carnival: January 11 | 11am-2pm

**WANT TO HELP? CONTACT CHRYSTINA KEPREOS
CKEPREOS@METROYMCAS.ORG**

Sussex County YMCA | 15 Wits End Rd, Hardyston

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HTPS Contacts

[Mental Health Resource](#)

Email: admin@https.org

Website: www.https.org

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

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

Twitter: [@hardyston_csa](https://twitter.com/hardyston_csa)



Hardyston Schools

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