



# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update January 25, 2026

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## **A Message from the Board of Education President**

As you are likely aware, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of our Superintendent, Dr. Michael Ryder, at our January 6 meeting. On behalf of the Board, we extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Ryder for his authentic investment and steadfast commitment to Hardyston families over the past ten years. His guiding principle of “doing good things for kids” was evident in every decision he made. We wish him continued success in his professional journey, and we will always value the positive impact he has had on our district.

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of a smooth, timely, and transparent process for selecting our next district leader. To that end, we will engage a third-party educational consultant to help establish the criteria and professional qualifications for the position. The consultant will meet with the full Board during a public meeting to present an outline of the process and an anticipated timeline. In the coming weeks, she will also facilitate input from a broad range of stakeholder groups to ensure meaningful and inclusive community participation. Our primary goal is to appoint the most qualified candidate for our district, with plans to have the new district leader in place by Summer 2026.

In the interim, the Board will interview and appoint an Acting or Interim Superintendent to serve our district following Dr. Ryder’s departure. Additional information will be shared with the community as it becomes available. I encourage you to attend our monthly Board meetings to stay informed and provide feedback as we move through this important and exciting period for our school community. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 10 at Hardyston Township Middle School.

We remain deeply grateful to our administration, faculty, and staff for their continued dedication and care for our students.

Best wishes, and enjoy the snow!

Brian Drelick  
President  
Hardyston Board of Education

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## Calendar of Events:

2/3 Report Cards posted on portal

2/10 BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ HMS

**2/16-17 School Closed - Winter Recess**

2/24 BOE Budget Workshop Meeting, 7 PM @HMS

2/27 STEM + Family Math Night, 6 PM @ HES - *details below*

3/6 HMS Progress Reports posted on portal

3/8 *Daylight Savings Time begins*

**3/9 School Closed - Teacher In Service Day**

3/11 8th Grade Gown/Spring Pictures

3/17 BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ HMS

4/2 Spring Sports/Club Pictures

**4/3 Good Friday - School Closed**

**4/6 - 4/10 School Closed - Spring Recess**

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## Vision Screening Grades PK, K and 1

As part of the health services program, students are screened for vision with the school nurse per N.J. Admin. Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:16-2.2(l)(2). We are making it easier this year by working with the Lions Club who uses the SPOT vision screening tool. This will take place on January 28th during school hours. This is for pre-k to 1st grade only. The screening takes no more than 1-2 minutes per child. **We strongly recommend consenting to this screening by signing the permission slip that was sent home last week.** Please check your child's backpack for the permission slip and return it by January 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Stoffels, the school nurse, at 973-823-7000 X8220 or email [wstoffels@https.org](mailto:wstoffels@https.org). Thanks.

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## Gymnastics Coming Soon!

Hardyston Gymnastics Program will be starting up in late February this year. Sign up information will be coming soon!

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## 2026-2027 School Year Registration Information

***\*Attention Hardyston Residents\****

\*If you have a child turning three years old by October 1, 2026 you may register them for Preschool.\*

\*If you have a child turning five years old by October 1, 2026 you may register them for Kindergarten.\*

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration will be held at the *Hardyston Middle School* the week of ***February 2nd through the 6th between the hours of 10am and 2pm***. For your convenience, there will be evening hours on Thursday, February 5th from 6pm until 8pm.

**\*Please be aware that there is LIMITED SPACE in the preschool program; be sure to register early!**

In an effort to streamline the process, please go to our website [www.htps.org](http://www.htps.org) then click on "Student Registration" to pre-register your child, or click on this image and it will bring you to the registration page.

When you come in to register, you will need to present the following:

- 1) Child's original birth certificate with raised seal
- 2) Current immunization records
- 3) Copy of a physical dated after September 5, 2025
- 4) Two forms of proof of residency.

Acceptable proofs of residency include:

- property tax bill, deed, lease agreement
- mortgage statement and utility bill

*If you are living with a Hardyston Township resident, the owner must complete an "Affidavit of Residency" form and provide a copy of their deed AND a current utility bill. This application will need to be notarized. Please contact Peggy Van Ginneken at [pvanginneken@htps.org](mailto:pvanginneken@htps.org) if this applies to you.*

Please pass this information along to any Hardyston resident you know that this may apply to. Thank you!

*We look forward to seeing you in February!*

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## Hardyston Schools STEM + Families Math Night

February 27, 2026, 6:00-7:30 PM

Hardyston Elementary School Cafeteria

For: All Hardyston students in grades K-5

Please RSVP by Wed. 2/25/26 on [Google form](#)

PLEASE NOTE: All children MUST have a caregiver with them. *STEM + Families* is meant to engage families *together* in fun STEM experiences. Join us and enjoy a free night of interactive math games with your child!

*Sponsored by the Hardyston Township PTA in partnership with:*



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**Order your HES Field Day Shirts**

**Click [HERE](#) to order**

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**Help the Weekend Bag Program - donations needed!**

# 100th Day of School Hygiene Fundraiser

Theme: Try to purchase the items listed by grade spending no more than \$1 or 100 pennies for each item!

## Pre K

Toothbrush

## Kindergarten

Tooth Paste

## 1st grade

Bar Soap

## 2nd grade

Pocket Tissues

## 3rd grade

Conditioner

## 4th grade

Shampoo

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# 100th Day of School Hygiene Fundraiser

Theme: Try to purchase the items listed by grade spending no more than \$1 or 100 pennies for each item!

## 5th grade

Conditioner

## 6th grade

Travel Tissues

## 7th grade

Shampoo

## 8th grade

Deodorant

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# Wallkill Valley Girl Scouts

IS STARTING

## A NEW DAISY TROOP

THAT WILL MEET ON

THURSDAY EVENINGS

FROM 6PM TO 7PM.

This year, events that Wallkill Valley Girl Scouts have already held are **CANDY BAR BINGO**, **WICKED: FOR GOOD MOVIE DAY** & **CRAFTING CAMPOREE** as well as our

## COOKIE KICK-OFF!

The New Daisy Troop will be meeting next

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 at

The Franklin Library

Main Street, Franklin, NJ



Support Girl Scout adventures and help girls gain a lifetime of leadership, friendship, fun memories and success!

Call Molly @ 973-862-1333 to reserve a spot. There is a limit of 12 girls for this initial meeting due to the capacity of the room. There will be a concurrent meeting for their parents in a second meeting room to review the Daisy calendar and collaborate on events.

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A NIGHT ON THE PIER

# 8TH GRADE DANCE DONATIONS

TO MAKE A DONATION FOR FOOD,  
DECORATIONS, CLASS GIFT, DJ, ETC.  
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS GOOGLE FORM AND  
RETURN IT WITH PAYMENT TO THE MAIN OFFICE  
MARKED

“8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DANCE”

ITEMS CAN ALSO BE DONATED DIRECTLY  
THROUGH OUR AMAZON WISHLIST  
BY SEARCHING  
“HARDYSTON 8TH GRADE DANCE  
CLASS OF 2026”

PAYMENT:

VENMO: @KRISTEN-ROSIMINI

CHECKS PAYABLE TO KRISTEN ROSIMINI

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## Recycle!

Calling all NY eligible recyclables. If you have recyclable materials, glass bottles, plastic or cans that can be redeemed in NY for a refund, and that you would normally discard in your weekly pick-up, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hardyston is collecting those items and redeeming them as a fundraiser. So please give them your garbage.

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## Reminder - Please review your contact verification

Please log into the parent portal and review your child/children's contact information. You are able to make changes on the portal which will be reviewed and approved within a few days.

You can also indicate which emergency numbers you would like to designate for any notifications sent out during the course of the school year. \*Please note that these notifications are for emergencies such as school closings/delays, changes in sports games/practices, not for those who can pick your child up from school\*

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Peggy Van Ginneken at [pvanginneken@https.org](mailto:pvanginneken@https.org).

**Hardyston Hornets Spirit Shirts and Apparel...New Items!**

# Breakfast and Lunch Menus

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

## HES Breakfast Order Form

# 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.**  
January 20, 22, 27, 29;  
February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17,  
19, 24, 26

Childcare Available Upon Request



**Free!**

Also available by Zoom!

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

Call 973-940-3500 to Register or Register Online,  
[www.projectsselfsufficiency.org/parenting-classes](http://www.projectsselfsufficiency.org/parenting-classes)

A program of the Journey Family Success Center

Project Self-Sufficiency, 127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860 973-940-3500 [www.projectsselfsufficiency.org](http://www.projectsselfsufficiency.org)



Project Self-Sufficiency

# Parenting Classes

**ACT Raising Safe Kids Program**

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. • January 20 – March 10

Developed by the American Psychological Association – Completion Certificate Available



Convenient – Offered via Zoom!

Learn How To:

- Use Positive Parenting Techniques
- Manage Anger
- Prevent Behavioral Problems



**Call 973-940-3500 to Register**



**Project Self-Sufficiency**

127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860 – [www.projectsselfsufficiency.org](http://www.projectsselfsufficiency.org)

**2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar**

**Hardyston PTA Website**

Become a PTA member TODAY



# FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS FEBRUARY FAMILY CAMP

FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026

This fun-filled weekend is the perfect way to connect, create special family traditions, and make the most of the winter season. Whether you're speeding down snowy hills on a sled, gliding through peaceful trails on skis, or trying your hand at ice fishing, there's something for every family member to enjoy.

FAMILIES WILL STAY IN OUR YEAR-ROUND CABINS, WHICH HAVE HEAT AND BATHROOMS. MEALS ARE SERVED IN OUR DINING HALL, AND ACTIVITIES ARE LED BY OUR TRAINED STAFF.

**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENROLLED IN  
Y SCHOOL AGED CHILD CARE SAVE 50%**

**USE CODE METROSACC AT REGISTRATION**

Can not be combined with any other offer



**FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS**

[WWW.FAIRVIEWLAKEYMCA.ORG/FAMILY](http://WWW.FAIRVIEWLAKEYMCA.ORG/FAMILY)  
973.383.9282 | [FAIRVIEWLAKE@METROYMCAS.ORG](mailto:FAIRVIEWLAKE@METROYMCAS.ORG)

1035 FAIRVIEW LAKE RD, NEWTON, NJ 07860

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## HTPS Contacts

[Mental Health Resource](#)

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

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

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

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



**Hardyston Schools**

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