

HARDYSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Weekend Update February 15, 2026

SCHOOL CLOSED FEBRUARY 16 AND 17 – PRESIDENTS' DAY AND WINTER RECESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 2/16-17 School Closed - Winter Recess**
 - 2/19** Sussex County Book Mobile visit to HMS - *details below*
 - 2/24** BOE Budget Workshop Meeting, 7 PM @HMS
 - 2/26** Superintendent Search Session, 5:30PM @HMS - *details below*
 - 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
 - 3/13** PTA Teen Canteen - *details coming soon!*
 - 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**
 - 5/14/26** HES Spring Concert, Grs. 3 & 4, 6 PM @ HMS
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Random Acts of Kindness Week
February 18-20, 2026

"Warm Someone's Heart"



Hardyston School District will participate in celebrating the national "Random Acts of Kindness Week." The goal of this day is simple: to show that one small act of kindness can warm someone's heart and create a ripple effect of positivity. Whether it's a high-five in the hallway, a thoughtful note of encouragement, or helping a classmate, our students are learning that even the smallest gesture can brighten someone's day and make our school community stronger. Throughout the week, students across all grade levels will participate in various age-appropriate activities and lessons designed to foster compassion and connection within our schools.

Wednesday: "Stars, Stripes, & Kindness Day" 🇺🇸

- Show how you can be a leader in spreading kindness throughout our school.
- All students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue

Thursday: "Cozy Up with Kindness" 🧦

- It may be cold outside, but we can make Hardyston the warmest place to be by being kind to one another.
- All students and staff are encouraged to wear your fuzziest socks, warm sweater, or a cozy winter hat/beanie.

Friday: "The Spirit of Kindness" 🐝

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear **blue and gold** to show school spirit and unity.

Home Connection:

We encourage you to keep the "warmth" going at home! Ask your child tonight: "Whose heart did you warm today?" Small acts at home—like helping with dinner or thanking a sibling—help reinforce the lessons we are learning at school.

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>

#MakeKindnessTheNorm #RandomActsofKindnessDay #RAKDay

Superintendent Search

Good Morning,

On Tuesday, February 10th, during our Regular Board of Education Meeting, we approved Ms. Kathy Helewa to guide the search for our new district leader. Ms. Helewa provided the Board and the community with a thorough presentation detailing the "Optimal Search Process" for our district.

Her presentation is [shared here](#). Our Board remains committed to a transparent process where community input will be gathered and valued.

Enjoy the Long Holiday Weekend,

Brian Drelick

President

Hardyston Board of Education

Superintendent Search Community Session – February 26

The Hardyston Township Board of Education invites all parents, staff, and community members to participate in an important community input session as part of the superintendent search process.

This session will be facilitated by Ms. Kathy Helewa and will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their perspectives on the qualities, leadership characteristics, and priorities they believe are important in Hardyston's next superintendent.

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Hardyston Middle School Cafeteria

Your voice is an essential part of this process, and we strongly encourage community participation.

HES KIDS HEART CHALLENGE IS ON NOW

Will you join our school for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge? We can't wait to get started this year and reach our goal to keep more hearts beating strong.

Together we can make a difference!

[Click HERE to sign up](#)

HMS TRACK AND FIELD SIGN-UPS ARE NOW!

Please click on this [LINK](#) if your student is interested in participating for the spring HMS Track and Field season. Any questions, please contact Marianne Petronella, nurse, at mpetronella@https.org.

HMS WIFFLE BALL AND VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UPS ARE NOW!

Please click on this [LINK](#) if your student is interested in participating in either Wiffle ball or volleyball. Any questions, please contact Marianne Petronella, nurse, at mpetronella@https.org.

Sussex County Book Mobile is coming to HMS!

The Sussex County Bookmobile will visit Hardyston Middle School on **February 19**. Students will have an opportunity during their lunch period to browse and select a book.

Please note: **only students with a library card may check out books**. If your child would like to participate, you can sign them up for a library card using the link below.

<https://sussexcountylibrary.org/school-visit-library-card-form/>

Do you like **games, puzzles, or building things?**
Do you like **to code, create, and have fun with friends?**

Come Join Us for the





KIDS WHO CODE CLUB

this club is sponsored by Girls Who Code and uses their research-based curriculum, with additional engaging coding activities.

Who can join?

All Grade 3 students — everyone is welcome!



-  Create games and animations
-  Solve fun coding challenges
-  Learn how computers think
-  Work together and share ideas

Club will meet **Tuesdays 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19**
and **Thursdays 3 / 5 , 4/16, 4/30, 5/28**

Mrs. Romahn's Room (Rm 29)

3:45- 5:15

Please RSVP and sign up with this [Google Form link](#) by 2/27/2026

HES Kids Who Code Club- Join here!

Attention HMS Grade 5 Parents!

On Wednesday, April 1 the 5th grade will be going to the **Liberty Science Center**. Please see the link below for more information and the permission slip to be completed for the trip.

<https://forms.gle/hWXPgQi4qe5iK6gC6>

The permission slip and payment are due no later than **Tuesday, March 10th**.

Attention HMS Grade 6 Parents!

On Wednesday, March 11, the 6th grade will be going to the **Museum of Natural History**. Please see the link below for more information and the permission slip to be completed for the trip.

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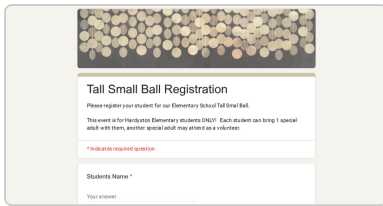
The permission slip and payment are due no later than **Monday, February 23rd.**

Thank you!

Attention HMS Parents!

Reading & Writing Club Sign Ups

[Reading & Writing Club Sign-Up Form](#)

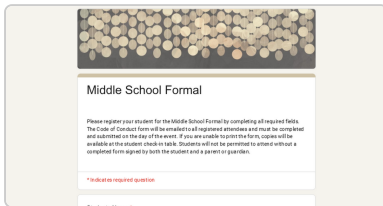


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WALKKILL VALLEY
Performing Arts presents...

SHREK The MUSICAL

MARCH 6-8, 2026

03/06/26
7PM
SHOWTIME

03/07/26
2PM & 7PM
SHOWTIME

03/08/26
3PM
SHOWTIME

TICKETS:

Adult: \$15.00

Student & Seniors: \$12.00

For tickets: [Ticketpeak.co/Walkkill](https://www.ticketpeak.co/Walkkill)

SHREK
The Musical

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Music by Jeanine Tesori

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
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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 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 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!



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:



JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISER

Monday, February 16th • All Day



Good goes beyond the sub! **Visit our store or order on our app using promo code *JMGIVES* on February 16th All Day**—and we'll happily **donate 50% of your sale** in support of **The Weekend Bag Program Inc.** Enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause.

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Valid in app with promo code JMGIVES or mention this fundraiser in store. 4484



Registration is OPEN!!!

<http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/wallkillvalleyll>

T-Ball Division: Ages 4-6 years old

Coach Pitch Division: Ages 6-8 year ld

Minors Division: Ages 9-10 years old

Majors Division: Ages 11-12 years old

Intermediate: Ages 12-13 years old year old

Juniors Division (60/90): Ages 13-14 years old

****Division based on date of birth ** Please
contact us if your not sure****

Registration is Open Now

CLOSES March 1st, 2026

Any questions or concerns please reach out to the league:

wvllbb@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook @Wallkill Valley Little League

ORDER YOUR HES FIELD DAY SHIRTS

[Click HERE to order](#)



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.



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@htps.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

2026 - 2027 School Year Calendar Approved 2-10-26

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!

Call 973-940-3500 to Register or
Register Online,
www.projectselfsufficiency.org/parenting-classes

A program of the Journey Family Success Center

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



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

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



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

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



Hardyston Schools

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