

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update March 29, 2026

Happy Passover!

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## Calendar of Events:

3/31 PTA Spirit wear sale ends

4/1 5th Grade Trip

4/2 Spring Sports/Club Pictures

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

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

4/28 BOE Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing, 7 PM @ HMS

5/8 PTA Tricky Tray @ HMS: doors open at 6 PM; calling starts @ 8 PM

5/12 BOE Meeting, 7 PM, HMS

5/14/26 HES Spring Concert, Grs. 3 & 4, 6 PM @ HMS

5/22 **EARLY DISMISSAL DAY**

5/25 **SCHOOL CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY**

6/9 7th Grade Trip

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NJSLA Testing is coming up soon - check out dates below!

### HES Testing

ELA Testing May 13th and May 14th

Math Testing May 19th, May 20th, May 21st

### HMS Testing

Science Testing April 29th and April 30th

Math Testing May 11th, May 12th, and May 13th

ELA Testing May 18th and May 19th

Testing Tips for Success

1. **Get plenty of rest** - *Stick to bedtime routines and limit television viewing and video games during the week of testing*
2. **Eat a good breakfast** – *Whether it is at school or at home, it is important for students to eat something prior to testing. Plan your morning ahead of time to prevent issues that may put you behind schedule*
3. **Be on time** – *Attendance is always important but especially important during testing days. Please avoid scheduling any outside appointments on these days*
4. **Follow directions** – *It is important to listen to your teachers as they explain the directions for your test*
5. **Relax and take a deep breath!** – *Do your best! **WE BELIEVE IN YOU!***

## Paraprofessionals Wanted!

Paraprofessionals are needed for the remainder of the school year. Please send all inquiries to Dr. Gulay Maffia at [gmaffia@https.org](mailto:gmaffia@https.org)  
Thank you!



**TOPSOCCER**



**SPRING 2026**

April	15
April	22
April	29
May	06
May	13
May	20
May	27

US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based recreational sports program for young athletes with disabilities organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl who has an intellectual, emotional or physical disability. TOPSoccer provides people with diverse abilities an opportunity to play soccer in a structured environment that is safe, fun, supportive and inclusive.

Each player is paired with a "Buddy" who assists them one on one performing soccer-themed tasks while a coach helps coordinate the activities.

*Registration is now open! Join our team and expect to have tons of fun!*

**Who can play?:** Any child with a disability from the age of 5 to 19

**When:** Wednesdays 5:30p-6:30p

**Where:** Hardyston Middle School Gym 183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg NJ

**What to bring?** Sneakers and a bottle of water

**Guardians:** A guardian of athlete must be present during TOPSoccer sessions

**Cost:** FREE! Thanks to US Youth Soccer and local sponsors

**Questions:** Coach Rob [wvrstopsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:wvrstopsoccer@gmail.com) or 914-310-2000

**You must register your child on Walkkill Valley Recreation Soccers website.**

[www.wvrecsoccer.org](http://www.wvrecsoccer.org)

➔ [Register Here](#)

## Sussex County Miners

The Sussex County Miners are proud to partner with our school and over sixty others to encourage strong reading and study habits. Students who read an average of 100 minutes per week for any three-week period in March or April (about 20 minutes per day, five days per week, outside of school) will earn **two free tickets** to a Miners game at Skylands Stadium. A special summer weeknight game will celebrate participating schools and reunite students, faculty, and staff. **To participate, a parent or guardian must complete the form below.**

Click [HERE](#) to participate

## 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

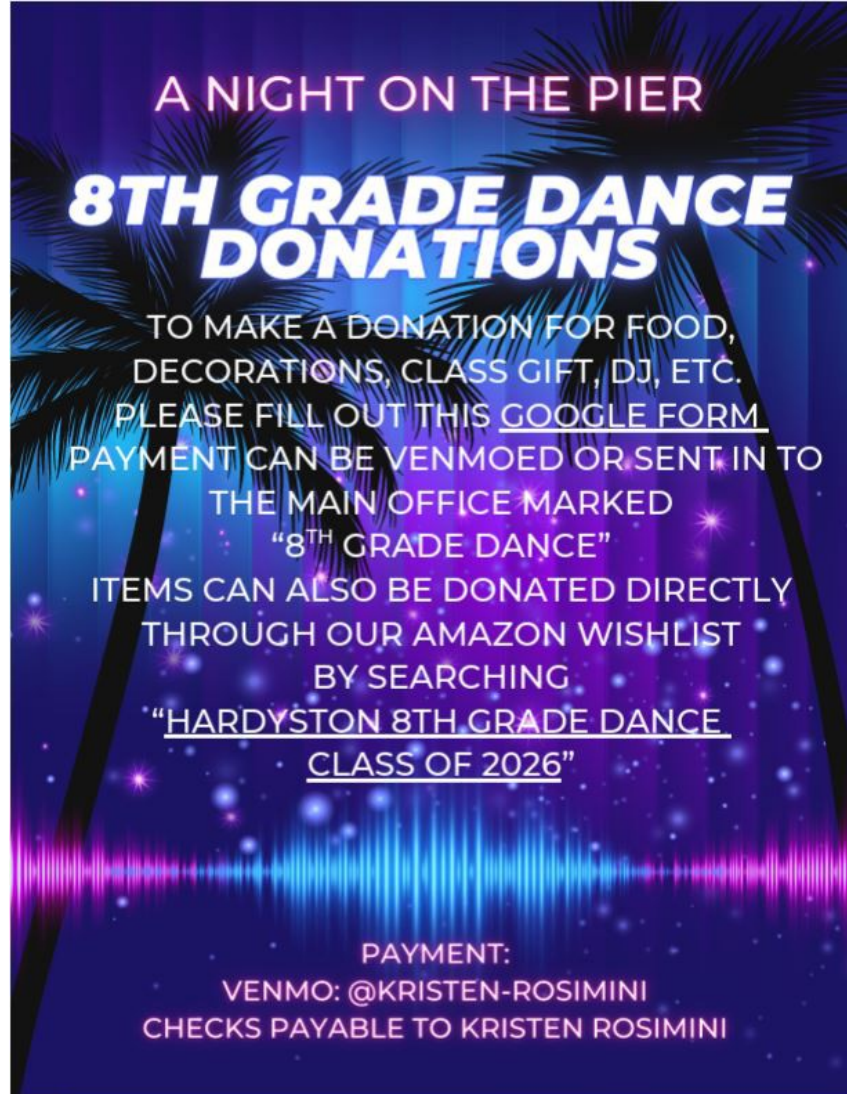
*If you are living with a Hardyston Township resident, the owner must complete an "Affidavit of Residency" form and provide a copy of their deed AND a current utility bill. This application will need to be notarized. Please contact Peggy Van Ginneken at [pvanginneken@htps.org](mailto:pvanginneken@htps.org)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

## Order your HES Field Day Shirts

Click [HERE](#) to order



## 8th Grade Dance 2026

### 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).

### Sparta Summer Arts Workshop

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 Sparta Summer Arts Workshop! This is a workshop providing classes in fine art, music, STEM, cooking, and sewing for

students entering grades 5-12 in the 2026-2027 school year. The workshop will run from **Monday, June 29th to Thursday, July 16th**, with our Final Arts Evening taking place on **Wednesday, July 15th at 6PM**.

Below you will find links to the registration form as well as our website, where you can see the updated course offerings for this year. Many of our most popular classes will be offered again, and additionally, we are thrilled to welcome our new orchestra director at Sparta Middle School, Mr. William Thoman, who will be teaching our strings classes, as well as a new guitar studio and composition class.

[2026 SAW Registration Form](#)

[2026 SAW Course Offerings](#)

A vertical poster for the Annual Hardyston Pageant. The background is light blue with floral illustrations of white and blue flowers. A central white box contains the text. At the top, the title 'Annual Hardyston Pageant' is written in a cursive font. Below it is a silver crown. The date 'FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026' is in a bold, serif font. A list of categories and age groups follows: MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 17-21, TEEN MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 13-16, JR. MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 8-12, LITTLE MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 4-7, and LITTLE MISTER HARDYSTON - AGES 4-7. The location is listed as HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 149 WHEATSWORTH ROAD, 7:00PM. Below that, it says APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE: WWW.HARDYSTON.COM. Then, COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15TH. At the bottom, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 973-823-7020.

*Annual Hardyston  
Pageant*



**FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026**

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# SAFETY TOWN



August 3rd—August 7th from 9am-12pm

Graduation is August 7th at 12pm

Safety Town will be held at the Wheatsworth Road Pavilion

**Our Safety Town Program is open to children entering  
Kindergarten in 2026**

**Safety Lessons will include Bicycle, Bus, Fire, Water & Stranger  
Danger**

**Registration Fee: \$30 per child (Hardyston, Hamburg, Franklin)  
\$40 for non-residents.**

**Registration form is due on 6/15/26.**

Space is limited to 25 participants. Priority is given to Hardyston Residents

To register, please visit [Hardyston.com](http://Hardyston.com) for the printable form.

Forms are also available at the Municipal Building



WINTER4KIDS PRESENTS...

# SUMMER4KIDS OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

10AM-12PM



OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

CREATIVE  
EXPRESSION

STEM

SPECIAL  
EVENTS



Pricing: \$275/week  
Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm

06 JULY 2026 - 14 AUG 2026

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**



- (973) 846-8250
- www.winter4kids.org
- 44 Breakneck Road, Vernon, NJ 07462

**\$250 through April 30th!**



the Y | 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



# BLUE MOUNTAIN DAY CAMP

**THE**  
Summer You'll  
Never Forget  
**PLACE**



A nature-filled day camp for kids ages 3-15, where every day is about fun, friendship, and growing strong.



June 22 - August 21, 2026  
Stillwater, New Jersey

[bluemountainymcacamp.org](http://bluemountainymcacamp.org) | 973-383-9282

Easy Payment Plans | Financial Assistance  
Norwescap/Childcare Subsidy Accepted

Convenient Bus Routes | Before & After Care

Register Online Today! [bluemountainymcacamp.org](http://bluemountainymcacamp.org)

Not a school sponsored program



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# LAKE IN THE WOODS YMCA DAY CAMP

**THE**  
Summer You'll  
Never Forget  
**PLACE**



June 22 - August 7, 2026  
Blair Academy, Blairstown, NJ

[lakeinthewoodsymca.org](http://lakeinthewoodsymca.org) | 973-383-9282

Easy Payment Plans | Financial Assistance

On the campus of Blair Academy | Before & After Care Available  
Lunch & Snack Included!

Register Online Today! [lakeinthewoodsymca.org](http://lakeinthewoodsymca.org)

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1035 Fairview Lake Rd  
Newton, NJ 07860

# FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS

## THE GREATEST EGG HUNT

March 29, 2026 | 11 AM - 1 PM  
**FREE**

**Hop on over for an egg-citing day of fun!**

We're offering THREE Egg Hunt Sessions – choose the one that works best for your schedule: 11 AM, 11:45 AM or 12:30 PM

We'll also have great camp activities for the whole family to enjoy: Crafts, Indoor Rock Climbing, Bunny Time and more!

Bring your basket, your best egg-hunting skills, and your sense of adventure; this is one springtime tradition you don't want to miss!

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[FAIRVIEWLAKEYMCA.ORG/COMMUNITY](https://fairviewlakeymca.org/community)

Not a School Sponsored Event



# OPEN HOUSE

April 4th, 2026  
12pm – 1:30pm

- Check out the facility
- Learn to play pickleball
- Meet the Staff



**RSVP HERE**

"I tried pickleball for the first time since High School... I felt welcome and had a blast and can't wait to play again!" – Emily R.



**11 Millpond Dr., Lafayette, NJ**

Not A School Sponsored Event

**the YMCA**

**YMCA Pickleball Center**  
Operated by Sussex County YMCA

# SPRING BREAK PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Our youth clinics are designed to help young players build their pickleball skills in a fun, supportive environment. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and grow each week while making new friends and enjoying the game.

**Ages 8-12, April 6th-10th**

**YMCA Pickleball Center**  
11 Millpond Drive, Lafayette, NJ

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER**  
[ypickleballcenter.org/kidsclicins](http://ypickleballcenter.org/kidsclicins)

NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED PROGRAM

MORE INFO 973.535-2651 | IG @SCY\_PICKLEBALLCENTER

## 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

## 2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar

## Hardyston PTA Website

Become a PTA member TODAY

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## Follow HES on Instagram

### 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

Hardyston is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters