

Hardyston School District

Weekend Update April 5, 2026

Happy Easter!

Spring Recess - School Closed - Week of April 6 - 10

A Special Message from our Interim Superintendent

Hello Hardyston Families! I joined the district on April 1st and will be serving as the Interim Superintendent while the Board completes the search for a new, permanent Superintendent. I am very excited to work with our students and staff to close out the school year and I hope I am able to meet many parents as well. If I can ever be of assistance, please let me know. Have a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break!

Monica A. Rowland
Interim Superintendent
Hardyston Twp. Public Schools

Calendar of Events:

- 4/6 - 4/10 School Closed - Spring Recess**
- 4/17 PTA 4th grade Carnival - *see flyer below for more details*
- 4/28 BOE Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing, 7 PM @ HMS
- 5/7 HES Gymnastics Show, 6 PM @ HES
- 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

A Special Message from the Nurse's Office

Dear Parents/Guardians,

If your child has a fever of 100.0°F or higher, is experiencing vomiting, diarrhea, drainage from one or both eyes, or is showing significant signs of illness, please do not send them to school.

In the event that your child becomes sick or injured during the school day, please ensure that arrangements are in place for timely pickup.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy school environment.





Heat
Up
The
Mat!!

Join us for this
year's Gymnastics
Show!
Thursday, May 7th
at 6pm in the
Elementary School
Gymnasium

HMS 7th Grade Field Trip Information

[7th Grade Trip Permission Slip](#)

The seventh grade class will be taking a field trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 9th.

Please click the link below for more information. Due date for the permission slip and payment is Friday, May 1.

[7th Grade Field Trip](#)

HMS Band and Choir Trip Information

[Band & Choir Trip Permission Slip](#)

Our Band and Choir members will be participating in a class trip to High Note Festivals and Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania on **June 4th**.

Please click the link below for more information. Due date for the permission slip and payment is Monday, April 27.

[Band & Choir Trip](#)

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!***

Introducing HMS Gifted and Talented's HARDYSTON HERALD!

Mr. Lombardo is proud to present volume one of the "Hardyston Herald" as completed by our amazing Gifted & Talented students! Look for a second volume later this year.

[Hardyston Herald](#)

Paraprofessionals Wanted!

Paraprofessionals are needed for the remainder of the school year. Please send all inquiries to Dr. Gulay Maffia at gmaffia@https.org

Thank you!



TOPSOCCER



SPRING 2026

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.

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

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 or 914-310-2000

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

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 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

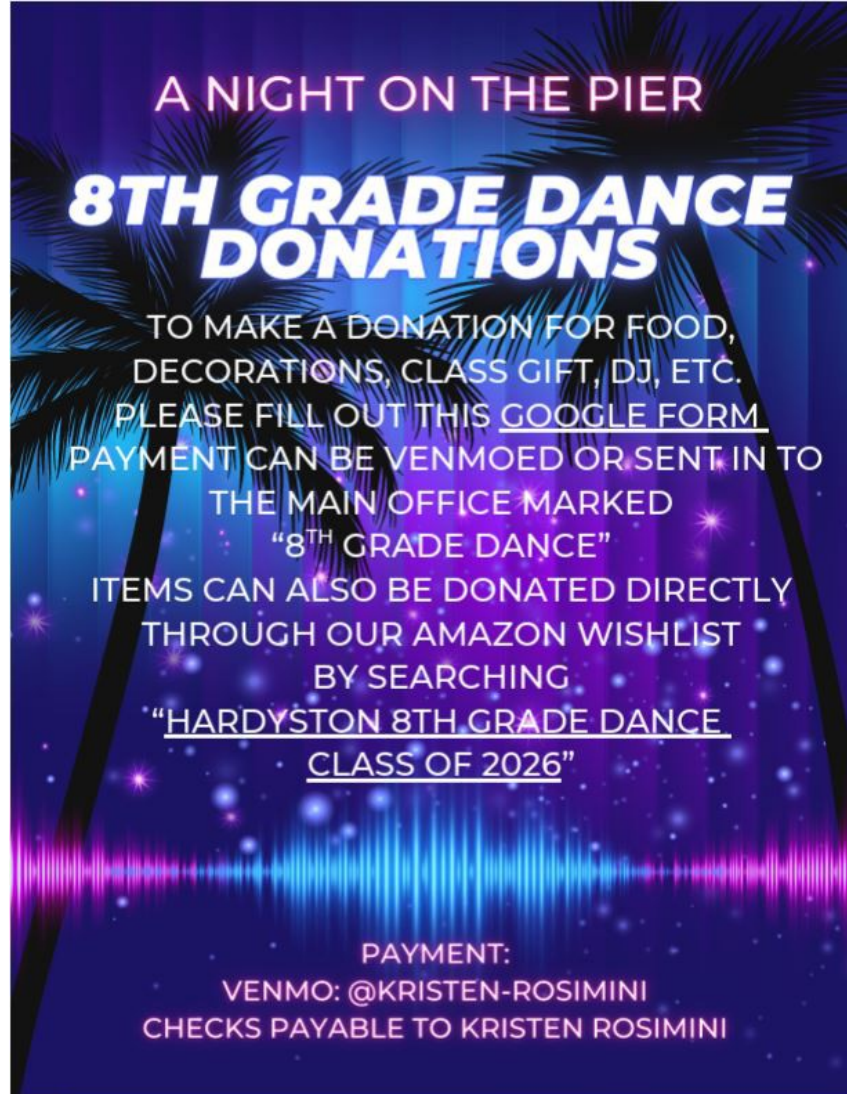
If you are living with a Hardyston Township resident, the owner must complete an "Affidavit of Residency" form and provide a copy of their deed AND a current utility bill. This application will need to be notarized. Please contact Peggy Van Ginneken at pvanginneken@htps.org if this applies to you.

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!

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.

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 faint floral patterns. At the top, there are illustrations of white and blue flowers. The title "Annual Hardyston Pageant" is written in a cursive font. Below the title is a silver crown. The date "FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026" is in a bold, serif font. Below the date is a list of categories: 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. Below the list is the location: HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 149 WHEATSWORTH ROAD, 7:00PM. Below the location is the application information: APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE: WWW.HARDYSTON.COM, COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15TH. At the bottom, it says: FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 973-823-7020.

*Annual Hardyston
Pageant*



FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

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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 for the printable form.

Forms are also available at the Municipal Building



WINTER4KIDS PRESENTS...

SUMMER4KIDS OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 18TH

10AM-12PM



OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

CREATIVE
EXPRESSION

STEM

SPECIAL
EVENTS



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

06 JULY 2026 - 14 AUG 2026



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

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

\$250 through April 30th!



the Y | 175TH YEAR 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 | 973-383-9282

Easy Payment Plans | Financial Assistance
Norwescap/Childcare Subsidy Accepted

Convenient Bus Routes | Before & After Care

Register Online Today! bluemountainymcacamp.org

Not a school sponsored program



the Y | 175TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



LAKE IN THE WOODS YMCA DAY CAMP

THE
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PLACE



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

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

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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

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

Follow HES on Instagram

HTPS Contacts

[Mental Health Resource](#)

Email: admin@htps.org

Website: 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