

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update May 17, 2026

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## Calendar of Events:

**5/18 & 5/19 HMS ELA Testing**

**5/19 & 5/20 HES Math Testing**

**5/21** Red, White, and Blue Day - *see flyer below for more details*

**5/21** 5th Grade L.E.A.D. Graduation, 8:30 AM @ HMS

**5/22 EARLY DISMISSAL DAY**

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

**5/28** HMS Spring Concert, 7 PM @HMS

**6/9** 7th Grade Trip

**6/19, 22, 23** Early Dismissal Days

**6/22** 8th Grade Graduation, 7 PM, HMS

**6/23** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

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

### **HES Testing**

ELA Testing May 13th, May 14th, and May 15th

Math Testing May 19th and May 20th

### **HMS Testing**

Science Testing April 29th and April 30th

Math Testing May 11th and May 12th

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!***

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## 2026 Educators of the Year / Educational Services Professionals of the Year



**Congratulations to our Educators of the Year!** Hardyston's recipients were honored on May 8th, along with other county winners, at a luncheon held at Perona Farms. From left to right: Interim Superintendent Monica Rowland, teacher John Torppey (middle school), Marianne Petronella, nurse (middle school), Executive County Superintendent Gayle McCarrick, teacher Lisa Napovier (elementary school), and Amy Vierzchalek, Child Study Team secretary (elementary school).

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# RED, WHITE & BLUE

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Hardyston Township School District

[gigo.org/teams/Hardyston-Middle-School](https://gigo.org/teams/Hardyston-Middle-School)  
Visit the team page to donate online



Access our fundraiser from your smartphone!

Participants donate to the GI Go Fund & wear Patriotic Colors to help Vets with:



EMPLOYMENT  
SUPPORT



BENEFITS  
ACCESS



HOUSING  
ASSISTANCE

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

**GI GO  
FUND**

The GI Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization  
To learn more, contact us at (866) 389-4446 or [rwb@gigo.org](mailto:rwb@gigo.org)

## Red, White, and Blue Day - Thursday, May 21

The Red, White, and Blue Program is a dress-down day held to benefit the GI Go Fund, which helps veterans with employment support, benefits access, and housing assistance. They have been hosting this program honoring our military men and women across America since 2011.

Hardyston School District will be wearing patriotic colors on **Thursday, May 21**, to show our support for our military veterans during their greatest time of need.

If you are able, please consider donating to their organization through our school link below.

[Donate - Red, White & Blue Day](#)

Thank you for your support.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade L.E.A.D. Graduation

*(Law Enforcement Against Drugs)*

*You are invited to celebrate with us on  
Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:30am  
at the Middle School*

*The presentation will be led by members of the  
Hardyston Township Police Department*



Hardyston Middle School  
183 Wheatworth Road  
Hamburg, NJ 07419



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## Important Message from the PTA

We've recently seen scammers commenting on our posts, and sending private messages to people, claiming to sell tickets or provide "correct" links to purchase tickets for PTA events. Please be aware these are not legitimate. The PTA will NEVER sell tickets or solicit money through comments or direct messages. Any information about our events will only be shared via posts from our official [social media page](#), [our website](#), emails, or the weekly blast. Our events are free unless clearly stated otherwise in advance such as the Tricky Tray, and only PTA officers communicate on our behalf. If you ever have any questions or are unsure about something, please send a message to our official [Facebook page](#) or email us directly at: [HardystonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:HardystonPTA@gmail.com).

Stay vigilant and thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

The PTA Officers

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## A Special Message from the Nurse's Office

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.

Please remember to send your child in with refillable water bottles, especially as the weather gets warmer.

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## 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](#)

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### **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!

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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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**8th Grade Dance 2026**

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  
PAYMENT CAN BE VENMOED OR SENT IN 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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# WALKKILL VALLEY YOUTH WRESTLING



## SUMMER CAMP '26



### Event

Walkkill Valley High School Wrestling is providing an opportunity for Boys and Girls of all ages to participate and strengthen their wrestling skills.

### SCHEDULE & LOCATION



**Where:** Walkkill Valley Regional High School Gymnasium.

**When:** June 24th - June 26th

**Time:** 9 am - Noon



**Participation:** All levels of experience are welcome. Wrestling shoes and headgear are encouraged but not required.

### COST & REGISTRATION

**\$30 (Registration is due by May 22nd)**

Checks payable to WVRHS. • Cash Accepted  
You may pay at the door, but please provide t-shirt size ahead of time.  
Please email Coach Kasa, [akasa@walkkillvrhs.org](mailto:akasa@walkkillvrhs.org) your shirt size.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information: Coach Kasa: [akasa@walkkillvrhs.org](mailto:akasa@walkkillvrhs.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle):  YS  YM  YL  S  M  L  XL

Cost to participate is \$30                      Registration is due May 22nd.

**TRYOUTS**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 31ST**  
Rain Date: Sunday, June 7th



[WWW.WESTMILFORDSOCCERCLUB.COM](http://WWW.WESTMILFORDSOCCERCLUB.COM)

**West Milford Soccer Club**  
**2026/2027 Travel Soccer Tryout Registrations**  
**are now open!**

**All players (Boys and Girls) for ages U9 thru U15 levels**  
**Steam Train Field**  
**Bigelow Rd., Newfoundland, NJ 07435**

**2026/2027 Age Groups**

U8 – Born Between 8/1/2018- 7/31/2019  
U9 – Born Between 8/1/2017- 7/31/2018  
U10 – Born Between 8/1/2016 - 7/31/2017  
U11 – Born Between 8/1/2015- 7/31/2016  
U12 – Born Between 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015  
U13 – Born Between 8/1/2013 - 7/31/2014  
U14 – Born Between 8/1/2012 - 7/31/2013  
U15 – Born Between 8/1/2011 - 7/31/2012

-----ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE SPRING-----

D02– Born Between 8/1/2010 - 7/31/2011  
D01 – Born Between 8/1/2009 - 7/31/2010

**Tryout Schedule**

U8/U9/U10 Boys & Girls - 9-10am  
U11 & U12 Boys & Girls - 10-11am  
U13/U14/U15 Boys & Girls - 11-12pm

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your  
scheduled time and check into the main  
table

All Players must wear proper attire and shin  
guards

Please bring water

**All Players MUST be registered in [www.westmilfordsoccerclub.com](http://www.westmilfordsoccerclub.com) for participate at tryouts;**  
**Including current players**

Registration Instructions for New Players:

1. Visit [www.westmilfordsoccerclub.com](http://www.westmilfordsoccerclub.com) to register
2. Scroll down to the "WMSC Travel Soccer Open Registrations" section on the page and click on the 2026/2027 "Register Now" button
3. Create your parent account & your child's player account with the child's legal name as it appears on the birth certificate. Please no nick names or first names omissions
4. Remember to upload birth certificate to your child's account with a recent head picture "passport style" photo. No hats, sunglasses or other people or pets on the picture
5. Click on the "event" and fill out the registration form

Once you see the "Confirmation page", your registration is completed.

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# 3rd Grade Band Instrument Try-Out Night!



**Tuesday, June 2nd at 6pm  
Hardyston Elementary School**

- This event is open to all 3rd grade students interested in joining band next year and their parents/guardians
- There will first be a performance by the Wallkill Valley High School Band where the students can hear all the band instruments and see what they can be part of one day.
- Students will then have the opportunity to try-out all the instruments and pick their instrument for next year.
- The Music Den will be at the event to help answer any questions you have about renting an instrument and help you set up your rental that evening.
- This is a great opportunity for your child to try the different instruments to see which one is the best fit!
- If you have any questions, please email Miss LaChance at [llachance@https.org](mailto:llachance@https.org)

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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).

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## 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 a light blue floral pattern. At the top, the title "Annual Hardyston Pageant" is written in a cursive font. Below the title is a silver tiara. The date "FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026" is centered. 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 website: APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE: WWW.HARDYSTON.COM. Below the website is the deadline: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15TH. At the bottom is the contact information: FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 973-823-7020. The poster is decorated with blue flowers and a tiara.

*Annual Hardyston  
Pageant*



**FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026**

MISS HARDYSTON – AGES 17-21  
TEEN MISS HARDYSTON – AGES 13-16  
JR. MISS HARDYSTON – AGES 8-12  
LITTLE MISS HARDYSTON – AGES 4-7  
LITTLE MISTER HARDYSTON – AGES 4-7

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149 WHEATSWORTH ROAD  
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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](http://Hardyston.com) for the printable form.

Forms are also available at the Municipal Building



## HAMBURG HAWKS SUMMER SELECT

PROGRAM - 8 WEEKS

BOYS & GIRLS | U8 - U17

- > 16+ PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS
  - > PRE-TRAVEL & TOURNAMENT PLAY
  - > PROFESSIONAL COACHING
  - > DEVELOPMENT-FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT
- TRAINING KIT SEPARATE

PROGRAM DATES:  
JUNE 15TH - AUGUST 8TH

- Ⓞ MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
- Ⓞ 5:30PM - 8:30PM

EARLY BIRD  
**\$250**

REGISTER EARLY & SAVE

**\$275**

NON-CLUB  
**\$350**



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

EMAIL: [HAMBURGHAWKSSOCCER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HAMBURGHAWKSSOCCER@GMAIL.COM)  
WWW.HAMBURGSOCCER.COM



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Hi! YOU'RE INVITED TO A



SUMMER CAMP

★ OPEN HOUSE ★

MAY 17 | 2-4 PM

**FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS**

[fairviewlakeymca.org/visit](http://fairviewlakeymca.org/visit)

**BLUE MOUNTAIN DAY CAMP**

[bluemountainymcacamp.org/openhouse](http://bluemountainymcacamp.org/openhouse)



1035 FAIRVIEW LAKE RD  
NEWTON, NJ 07860

Open houses include a walking tour of camp and opportunities to speak to our leadership staff.

★ ★ ★  
[fairviewlake@metroymcas.org](mailto:fairviewlake@metroymcas.org)

973-383-9282

Not a School Sponsored Program

SUMMER  
2026

**FREE!**



Fairview Lake YMCA Camps

**WATER SAFETY CARNIVAL**



RAIN OR SHINE

SUNDAY, MAY 17 2:00-4:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF WATER SAFETY AS WE GET READY FOR SUMMER!

- Fishing - Bring your rod or borrow!
- Boating - Practice safe boating and enjoy the lake!
- Water Safety - Take the phones down eyes up pledge!
- Day & Sleepaway Camp Open House - Meet the staff and take a tour!

Don't Miss Out. Sign up Today!  
[fairviewlakeymca.org/community](http://fairviewlakeymca.org/community) For More Information:  
973-383-9282

1035 Fairview Lake Rd  
Newton, NJ 07860



Registration Required | Not A School Sponsored Event

SUMMER 2026

WINTER4KIDS PRESENTS...  
**SUMMER4KIDS**



**WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS TO  
MOUNTAIN CREEK WATER PARK  
REGISTER FOR 2 WEEKS OR MORE, AND YOUR  
MOUNTAIN CREEK WATER PARK SEASON PASS IS ON US!**

**\*DAY PASS MUST BE PURCHASED IF ONLY REGISTERING FOR ONE WEEK\*  
\*TRIP DATES MAY VARY\***

**06 JULY 2026 – 14 AUG 2026**



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



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



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



# 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)

Not a school sponsored program



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## Breakfast and Lunch Menus

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

## HES Breakfast Order Form

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## 2026 - 2027 School Year Calendar Approved

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## 2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar

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## 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)



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