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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends:

This holiday season is made even more joyful by music, especially the music we hear from our talented students. Both the elementary and middle school holiday concerts were filled to capacity and I believe that everyone who listened left more joyful. Both Mr. Joseph Rizzolo and Mrs. Elizabeth Curcio did an outstanding job directing the performances and demonstrating to our community the important role music plays in education.

By this time, parents of students in grades three to eight should have received their child's individual score report from PARCC. To assist you in interpreting these scores we have scheduled a parent meeting for January 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school. The PTA meeting will follow; I hope you will be able to attend both.

Please remember that December 23 is an early dismissal at both the elementary and middle schools; and, January 3 is the last day of our holiday recess. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to continued academic success in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Corbett, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

DATES TO REMEMBER

12/02	PTA General Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
12/08	BOE Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
12/08-12/11	Holiday Bazaar, ES
12/14	ES Holiday Concert, 7:00 PM
12/15	<i>Snow Date: ES Holiday Concert, 7 PM</i>
12/16	MS Holiday Concert, 7:00 PM
12/17	<i>Snow Date: MS Holiday Concert, 7 PM</i>
12/23	Early Dismissal: MS- 12:35 PM ES- 1:15 PM
12/24-1/01	SCHOOL CLOSED: Holiday Recess
1/04	SCHOOL REOPENS
1/05	BOE Reorg Meeting, MS, 7:00 PM
1/06	PTA General Meeting, ES, 7:00 PM
1/12	BOE Meeting, MS, 7:00 PM
1/15	TGIF (Grades 3-4), ES, 7:00-9:00 PM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

I wanted to take this time to wish all of our Hardyston School families a happy and safe holiday season.

I always find myself reflecting on the past year during the holidays. I am reminded of all the things I have to be thankful for in my life. One of the great positives I am blessed with is to be the Principal of a wonderful school with so many great students and a staff that works tirelessly to help them reach their potential. I am also grateful that the community we serve places a high value on education and supports our school's efforts. I am very proud of our school community team!

The holidays are also a time when I reflect on those who are currently struggling. Our students have always been generous in supporting those less fortunate. During this holiday season, our school will be participating in our yearly food and toy drives. I would ask everyone to consider participating in our drives or contributing to a cause within the community. If everyone does a little the result is a big difference.

I hope to see many of our families at the upcoming Elementary School holiday concert and at our classroom holiday parties.

Again, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The 5th grade class went on a trip to see the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra perform a concert at Sussex Technical School. The show was an interactive concert where the conductor involved the students in identifying instruments of the orchestra and styles of music. The students enjoyed experiencing a great performance!

The Middle School Winter Concert is Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. Members of the bands and choruses are asked to meet in the music room at 6:00.

"BEE" GIVING

Here at Hardyston the staff and students know just how to BEE giving. Two teachers have chosen to be giving in their own special way by celebrating No-shave November. Hardyston teachers, Mr. Castner and Mr. Graham have been growing their Handlebar mustaches for the month of November to create Cancer awareness. These teachers have not only decided to donate their faces to create awareness, but also their money to create change by donating to the PCF (Prostate Cancer Foundation). This particular type of Cancer hits close to home for these teachers; as both of their families have been affected by it personally. Their donations to PCF foundation will help in part to fund some of the most promising prostate cancer research and pursue the ongoing purpose of finding better treatments and hopefully someday a cure.

If you would like to join in the fight against Prostate Cancer you can make a donation to www.pcf.org.



MS SPIRIT DAY

December is GIVING
December 18
Ugly Sweater Day



HAPPY UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY!

FIRST GRADE

November was a busy month in **first grade**. We celebrated Veteran's Day with a memorial wall display. We got to learn a lot about "owls" thanks to our wonderful PTA and The Avian Wildlife Center. We learned all about the Pilgrims, the Native Americans, and their first Thanksgiving feast... **November was a special month in first grade!**



PTA CORNER

Happy Holidays from your PTA!!! We hope that everyone is staying healthy and having a wonderful holiday season! So many wonderful things happening with your PTA...

Wendy's Night was a great success! Thank you for coming out to support your PTA. A BIG THANK YOU to Sue Testino for organizing this wonderful evening.

Our 2nd annual Mother/Son Fun Night was another huge success! The boys had such a great time with their moms. Thank you to Minerals Spa for hosting this event and a BIG THANK YOU to Erica Lamphear and Amy Beck for organizing such a fun evening.

The middle school hosted our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Grades 5 through 8 visited the book fair in the library during their Language Arts period. Parents visited the book fair during evening conferences; everyone enjoyed the large selection of books. Thank you for your support! And a BIG THANK YOU to our librarian, Sue Ploch, and her co-chairs, Barbara Putrino and Christine Smith, and everyone else who volunteered. We appreciate our volunteers more than you know!

December 8th – 11th is our Holiday Bazaar! This is a special event that the PTA hosts every year. The kids love to shop for their friends and loved ones. Be sure to check your child's backpack for the flyer and wish list, they will be coming home soon!

If you have not joined the PTA, we hope you join us now! We have several events that still need chair people and co-chairs, and events that need more volunteers. We appreciate any time you can offer to our events, and your kids LOVE to see you there!!! Download the membership packet at www.hardystonpta.org or www.htps.org. Just click on PTA Membership Packet.

Thank you to everyone who attended our General Meeting on December 2nd. I hope to see you at our next meeting on Wednesday January 6th 2016!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a safe, happy and healthy new year!

Peggy Van Ginneken
PTA President

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Wow The Health Office cannot believe that it is already December! We are trying to keep all of our students healthy by encouraging hand washing, covering coughs and remaining home when ill. It is very important that students remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours and we thank you for abiding by that health office guideline. That being said, it is also our job to recommend the yearly flu vaccine. In fact, the first week in December is "National Influenza Vaccination Week"!

The flu vaccine can reduce flu illness, doctor visits, missed work and school and protect high risk individuals. People at high risk for complications of the flu include young children, pregnant women, those with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung disease and anyone over the age of 65. If you have not received your flu shot yet please consider protecting yourself by getting one, they are readily available and covered by most insurance. If you do not have insurance please contact the County Public Health Nurses Office at 973-579-0570 for assistance.

In the meantime it is important to use everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.

Avoid close contact with sick people.

When sick, limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Keep children home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone.

Remind children to cover their nose and mouth with tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Remember hand washing is the first line of defense.

Teach children to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated.

As always when in doubt consult with your primary physician if you have any questions or concerns. For more information visit www.cdc.org.



PEANUT ALLERGY INFORMATION

When sending in any food products to school, parents and guardians need to pay close attention to nutrition labels. In order to provide the safest environment for all of our students with food allergies, we are asking that you follow a **VERY STRICT, NO PEANUT OR TREE NUT** policy when sending in foods that **are to be shared**. Every food item that is made at home must also be accompanied by the labels of the ingredients that you used in your food preparation. Please make sure that there are NO PEANUT / TREE NUT INGREDIENTS in any food products that you send in. If either peanuts or tree nuts are part of the ingredients, the food item will not be sent to the classroom and will have to be sent back home. Also, please be sure to look for any disclaimers that state "This product may be manufactured in a plant that also processes peanuts or tree nuts."

CLEAN HABITS FOR STAYING HEALTHY

Washing hands thoroughly and often is your best defense in staying healthy. Always wash hands:

- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After using the bathroom
- Before and after preparing or eating food
- Before and after changing a diaper
- Before and after any contact with someone who is sick or injured
- After touching an animal or animal waste
- After household chores or yard work

Good hygiene makes good sense...it helps everyone stay well!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE'S OFFICE

**Due to Medical and Privacy Issues
The School Nurse will NOT be available for
Ingredient checks and Consultation from
8:40am through 9:10am
and
2:45pm through Dismissal**

REMINDERS

STUDENT ABSENCE

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent for any reason, you need to call the school nurse on the day of the absence. **Upon your child's return to school he/she must bring in a written excuse as to the reason for his/her absence.** (973) 823-7000

Elementary School Nurse: Amy Kohut, 8220

Middle School Nurse: Elizabeth Burdzy, 1010

DELAYED OPENINGS

In preparation for the upcoming winter months, we would like to remind you about school procedures regarding **delayed openings** or **early dismissals**. Please listen to any of the local radio stations, WSUS (102.3 FM), WNNJ (103.7 FM), WHCY (106.3 FM) and WNNJ (1360 AM) and local television channels (ABC, News12, NBC, Fox5), for reports of delayed openings, early dismissals or school closures. Our parent notification system will also be activated. Please visit our website for more information and please be certain to let us know of any change in contact information.

In the event of a **delayed opening**, school will begin ninety (90) minutes after the normal opening time. Therefore, for a delayed opening the Middle School will open at 9:30 AM and the Elementary School at 10:10 AM.

NOTE: STUDENTS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE THESE TIMES.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Early dismissal time due to inclement weather may vary depending on the circumstances that may surface at those times. Early dismissal time is 12:35 PM at the MS and 1:15 PM at the ES for the normal pre-approved scheduled half days for holidays, conferences, etc. Again, AM and PM pre-school students are to follow the schedule that was sent home previously. Please be reminded that no elementary school student will be dropped off at a bus stop without a parent or guardian present.

BUS STOPS

Many of our bus stops are contained areas where students and parents do not have many options of where to stand. As a result, we are asking our parents not to smoke at the bus stops. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

LITTELL COMMUNITY CENTER

December 2015

- Middle School Dance (grades 5-8), December 12, 7:00-9:00pm, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$10.00 non-residents
- After School at the Movies, December 9, 4:00pm, Showing, "Home", \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Family Holiday Celebration, December 12, 12:00-2:00pm, Free/F/H/H residents, \$5.00 non-resident Families
- Open Play (ages 1-4), Thursdays, 11:00am-12:00pm \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$4.00 non-residents
- Music and More (Ages 1-4), Thursdays, 9:30-10:10am & 10:20-11:00am, \$5.00/F/H/H residents, \$8.00 non-residents. * No classes 12/3 or 12/10 *
- Happy Walkers, Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am Littell Center Gym. Strollers Welcome)
- Senior Movie Bunch, December 9, 1:00pm \$1.00/F/H/H residents, \$2.00 non-residents
- Senior Exercise Group, Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$3.00 non-residents
- Senior Leisure Group, December 11, 11:00am-1:00pm, \$2.00/F/H/H residents, \$3.00 non-residents

Littell Community Center
Franklin/ Hardyston/ Hamburg Joint Recreation
10-12 Munsonhurst Road
Franklin, NJ 07416
Phone: 973-827-9734

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please be advised that our Asbestos Management Plan is located in the business office for your review. Our program coordinator is Carl Platvoet. If you have any questions regarding this please call Mr. Carl Platvoet at 973-823-7000, extension 5000

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS



We have brought back our Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection! Please send in your Campbell's Soup Labels. For a list of participating products visit:

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to keep sending in your Box Tops for Education! You can now find box tops on specially marked Avery products such as binders, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, labels, etc. Remember to look for box tops on Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Ziplock, Hefty, General Mills, Nestle, Kimberly Clark, S. C. Johnson and Huggies items.

