

December 3, 2009

# Hardy Herald



## CALENDAR

**Dec. 8, 9 & 10:**  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences – **Early**  
Release **11:15 a.m.**

See the full calendar  
on the Hardy website:  
[www.HardySchool.com](http://www.HardySchool.com)

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Deborah D'Amico**  
Principal  
**Linda Garrity,**  
Secretary  
781-316-3782

**Claire Lewkowicz,**  
Nurse  
781-316-3788

**Todd Morse, HASP**  
781-316-3734

**Safe Arrivals**  
Call 781-316-3780  
or  
e-mail:  
[Safe@HardySchool.com](mailto:Safe@HardySchool.com)

*to report your child's  
absence, tardiness or  
dismissals before 8:30  
a.m.*

## Massachusetts Book Awards

### Hardy Kids Participate in Massachusetts Children's Book Awards for the First Time

Recently, big cardboard boxes arrived in the fourth and fifth grade classrooms at Hardy. It looked like the holiday season had arrived early—and in a way, it had. The boxes contained books—brand-new and plenty of them. This year, for the first time, Hardy students will participate in the **Massachusetts Children's Book Awards**, a program sponsored by Salem State College, to encourage reading in the intermediate grades.

Unlike the Caldecott and Newbery book awards, which are chosen by a board of librarians, the MCBA is selected by another picky group of readers—kids themselves! The MCBA program provides a master list of book titles to fourth, fifth and sixth graders throughout the state. After reading five of the books, students vote for their favorite. The awards are announced in the spring.

“The fourth and fifth grade teachers were so excited when I presented the idea to them,” said Clare Blumenfeld, reading specialist, who is helping to organize the project. “This is an opportunity to give students a voice.”

Classroom teachers will read aloud two books and incorporate at least one title into their guided reading lessons. Lory Nichols, Hardy's library assistant, will read aloud one to two books. And the children can choose titles for their independent reads as well. When the students complete a book, they give a quick book talk to spark interest among their classmates.

To see the master list of this year's book titles, visit the MCBA web page at <http://www.salemstate.edu/academics/schools/3698.php>

And ask your fourth or fifth grader what they've been reading lately . . .

**If you have missed any issues of the Herald, you can read them online  
on the Hardy website:**

<http://www.HardySchool.com/herald.html>

The Hardy Herald is published every other week on Thursday, taking vacations into consideration. The deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday, two days before publication. The Herald will be distributed via Hardy Parents e-mail group AND available on the Hardy website.

Please submit your article in the text of an e-mail to:  
Herald@hardyschool.com  
If you don't get a reply that it's been received, please re-submit!

Next Deadline:  
**Tuesday, December 15**

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Find the entire APS  
2009/2010 school  
calendar at:  
[http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/09-10schoolcalendar\\_redirect.asp](http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/09-10schoolcalendar_redirect.asp)

## **Holiday Gift Idea**

Looking for a meaningful, enduring gift for a favorite somebody this holiday season? Consider donating a book to the Hardy Library in honor of someone you appreciate through the Another Chapter program. **Book order forms should appear in your child's take-home folder this week!**

You can also download an order form and review the Another Chapter book list online at [www.hardyschool.com/anotherchapter.html](http://www.hardyschool.com/anotherchapter.html).

Please contact parent volunteer Margaret Muirhead at [muirhead.reiss@rcn.com](mailto:muirhead.reiss@rcn.com) if you have any questions.

## **H1N1 Vaccine at Hardy**

The Arlington Health Department and the Arlington Public Schools are planning an H1N1 vaccination clinic for children at Hardy on **Wednesday, December 9**.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please return the form found on the Hardy website **by Thursday, December 3**. (The form will also be sent home in your child's backpack.)

If the consent form is received after the deadline, vaccine availability for your child cannot be guaranteed.

Festive and FREE Family Event Hosted by Hardy Parent Lauren Hefferon

**Join The 13th Annual Jingle Ride &  
Open House Holiday Celebration**  
*brought to you by*  
**Ciclismo Classico and MassBike**

**Two Great Events to Celebrate the Season**

*If you can't make it to the ride, please join the party afterwards!*

THE JINGLE TRADITION CONTINUES!

'Escape the malls, the hustle and the hassles of the holidays... 'Tis the season to simplify so hop on your bikes and savor yuletide Boston! Join Santa, Rudolph, the Ciclismo Classico Reindeer Riders and dozens of colorfully costumed cyclists as we ride slowly (and sing loudly) through the streets of Arlington, Somerville, Cambridge and Boston... it's history, tradition and non stop good cheer in the making!

On what has become our most colorful, cheerful and musical ride of all, donations collected at this year's ride will benefit The Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition. MassBike promotes a bicycle-friendly environment and encourages bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and advocates for better bicycling across the entire state.

**Need a great costume?**

Check out Eastern Coast Costumes, 329 Moody Street, Waltham, Massachusetts, 1-800-924-6836.

We'll provide free coffee, treats for kids and a repertoire of Christmas Carols to sing. We'll stop for hot toddies and other goodies along the way. Don't forget jingle bells for your booties and remember those layers!

When: Sunday December 13

Time: 10:30--3:30

Location: Jamin Java in Arlington Center to Boston and Back. Families with young kids can go to Harvard Square and back or just come to the Jammin Java start and watch us roll out of town

**Warm Up at the Post-Ride Party**

Please join us at the post-ride party at 3:30pm at Lauren Hefferon's house for warm and tasty food and drink, celebrating great rides and good friends in with true Ciclismo and Italian hospitality!

*Please join the party even if you can't make it to the ride!*

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