

January 28, 2010

Hardy Herald



CALENDAR

Feb. 2: Budget Forum, 5-8 p.m.

Feb. 10: Winter Concert, 9 a.m.

Feb.15-19: School Vacation- No School

See the full calendar on the Hardy website: www.HardySchool.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Call 781-316-3780
or
e-mail:
Safe@HardySchool.com

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

School Budget Forum

FEBRUARY 2, 2010 at 6 - 8 PM - Hardy School

Please plan to attend this important meeting, sponsored by the Hardy PTO, to get updated on the town's severe budget crisis and learn how this will affect our children's education. Many of our elected officials will be attending to provide a budget update and to listen to questions and concerns. With the possibility of teacher layoffs, large class sizes, and many other possible cuts, now is the time to get informed and get involved. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Enrichment News

Made possible through financial contributions by Hardy parents--and with the support of the PTO--160 students from grades 3-5 attended a performance by Jeff Davis on Wednesday, January 20th. The artist, winner of the Parent's Choice Award, presented his program "American Sampler" in which he invited students to relive the nation's heritage through songs and storytelling. Jeff accompanied himself on a myriad of instruments, from fiddle to banjo, from Native-American flute to the mouth harp. Students joined in the fun by learning to play found instruments such as spoons, and participated by hoisting an imaginary ship's main sail. The performance was a great success- "We loved it!" said students when leaving the gym.

Future enrichment programs this semester include the Museum of Science Weather program and--for the lower grades--puppetry and marionette presentations.

Frans Rijnbout
Co-Chair Enrichment Committee

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, February 9

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 15-Feb. 19: No School - February Vacation

Find the entire APS 2009/2010 school calendar at:
http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/09-10schoolcalendar_redirect.asp

Hearts, Hands & Voices

You are invited to the Hardy School Winter concert on Wednesday, February 10, at 9:00 a.m.

We will bring you music from many cultures and traditions, reflecting the joyous spirit and talent of the Hardy students.

The children should plan to dress up as part of their concert experience.

Fifth grade chorus will wear black bottoms, white tops, and one special item of any color such as a tie, scarf, festive necklace or headband. Be creative!

We hope to see you there!

The Hardy International Festival is coming...

Do you come from another country or have any special interest in or connection to a foreign country? We're planning a fun, multicultural event to be held in the spring (date to be determined) and we need people from many different countries or with international roots (and that basically includes everyone in the US!).

Please let us know if you can provide some input and/or if you know of someone from another country that might be able to help!

Please contact Heather Smith at harchersmith@yahoo.com or call 781-526-7929.

Hardy parent collecting clothes for Haiti...

I am starting a children's clothing drive for the Children of Haiti. If non monetary donations are still not being accepted by spring all donations will be in a yard sale for Haiti. But from what I have read non monetary donations will be accepted sometime in February.

Ly Perry
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Garden News

Thinking ahead: getting ready for Spring!

Hello Hardy Community,

Although Spring is not quite around the corner yet, some of us are thinking about the Hardy School Garden necessary steps and preparations before planting time.

The garden will need some tools and equipment to help us get ready for the children's planting and use of the garden. Basically, we'll take anything garden related such as:

- * Adult size shovel and rack
- * Kids size shovels
- * Kids gardening gloves
- * Water hose
- * Wheel barrow
- * "old shed" where we could store all this stuff
- * Pruners
- * Seeds
- * Seedlings
- * Spring bulbs
- * Grow lights
- * Rubber hammer
- * Regular hammer
- * Screw drivers
- * Or anything garden related

We understand that it's a bit early in the season to think about gardening but some of us take this time of year to clean up our basements (I'm in the middle of a major chaotic enterprise at home), sheds, garage, yard etc.

Please remember the school garden before you throw away anything that we might be able to use. Tools don't have to be in perfect shape, as long as they get the job done, we'll love them!

And remember, the more material donations we get, the more money we save for the fun stuff!!

Cristiana Navarro
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Seeking a new Herald editor

Seeking a new Hardy Herald editor for the 2010–2011 school year.

As my daughter will be starting her 6th and final year at Hardy in September, and I've been editing the Herald for 4 years, it's time for new blood to take over. Since the Herald is primarily e-published now, anything goes. I'm hoping someone can take the Herald in a new direction, continuing to inform the Hardy community of news and events both within the school and in the surrounding community.

This is a great way to volunteer for someone who can't always be at the school, and it's a fairly minimal time commitment – maybe an hour or so every two weeks.

Please contact me, Thea Frost at trsf@frostbytes.com, and I'll be happy to give you the guidelines and basic information you'll need to get going. I know it seems early, but time goes by quickly and I'd like to have someone in place before the end of the school year.

Election Day Bakesale – Thank you!

Thanks to all the PTO volunteers and bakers, and Suma Greenwald for coordinating the Election Day Bakesale.

The PTO received a little over \$600 on the sale of baked goods and about \$250 donations in a jar collecting for Haiti relief.