

March 11, 2010

# Hardy Herald



## CALENDAR

**Mar. 14:** Daylight Savings Time begins

**Mar. 16:** School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

**Apr. 2 – No School –**  
Good Friday

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.*

## News from the Garden Committee

The Kindergarteners bulbs planted in the fall are beginning to sprout which is a sign that spring is around the corner.

From now on the garden committee will be extremely busy coordinating students planting and activities in the garden. This will be the first season that our students will have a chance to experience the new addition to the school.

Within the next two weeks Kindergarteners, 3rd and 4th Graders will be starting indoor seed planting with the help of new grow-lights donated by the School PTO.

This way the seedlings will grow stronger and have a better chance to survive when transferred outside.

The garden committee with the help of the PTO has purchased high quality seeds from Johnny Seeds, an employed-owned company who specializes in seeds adaptable to our climate/zone. They also do not buy, grow or sell genetically engineered or modified seeds or plants. And they gave the school a 25% discount on our order.

So you know your kids will be gardening with the best possible seeds available to us. The committee tried to concentrate in heirloom, when possible and Native American seeds as well.

So we are all set with growing materials however, we need some tools and supplies for the garden.

Due to our tight budget we are asking the community for garden related donations.

We need:

- \* A couple of shovels and rakes
- \* 10 shovels
- \* 10 trowels
- \* 1 hoe
- \* 1 hand hoe
- \* 2 or 3 handle cultivator
- \* 1 Hedge Shears
- \* 1 pruner
- \* Buckets
- \* Watering cans

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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, March 23**

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)

### **NEW**

The 2010/2011 APS calendar has been posted online:

[http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/10-11schoolcalendar\\_redirect.asp](http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/10-11schoolcalendar_redirect.asp)

- \* String
- \* Row markers
- \* Garden stakes (plant support)
- \* 1 Wheelbarrow
- \* Kids garden gloves
- \* 2 water hoses
- \* 3 bird feeders
- \* 1 bird bath
- \* Some kind of container to store the tools and equipment

There will be one large cardboard box on the front hall where you can leave your donations and you can also check the garden page at the Hardy School website under "Classrooms".

Thank you very much,  
The Garden Committee.

You can contact Cristiana Navarro at: 781-646-3922 or cris.ndec@gmail.com.

## Hardy International Festival



Desserts needed for the International Festival on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>

We need bakers! Would you be interested in bringing an international dessert to the International Festival on April 8<sup>th</sup>? Please contact Heather Smith at harchersmith@yahoo.com or at 781-643-7393. Thank you!

## Ottoson Open House for current 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents

Ottoson Middle School will hold an Open House on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2009, 7:00-9:00pm in The Wood Gym. This open house is for current 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians.

See:

<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/news/pdfs/omsopenhouse5thgrparents03-25-10.pdf>  
for details.

## Book Drive for Hardy & Thompson

Girl Scout Community Service Project Book Drive for Hardy and Thompson School Libraries

A local Cadette Girl Scout will be collecting gently used books, books on tape (either CD's or cassette tapes), educational, American Girl and sport magazines, etc. to help stock the school libraries. Please bring your donations to the Hardy, Thompson or Fox Library where there will be drop boxes at each location clearly marked in the lobbies. Please do not bring the books into the libraries. This project will run now till the end of school year of June 2011. Thank you!

## Hardy student walking for March of Dimes

Third Grader Joe Perry will be walking again with his mom Lee in the March of Dimes preemie walk. He was a 26 week preemie. Please help us -- just use the web address below. Thank You!

Event: Boston, 100 David Mugar Way/Storrow Drive

Boston, MA

Date: 5/8/2010 12:30:00 PM

Time:12:30 PM

<http://www.marchforbabies.org/lylymom>

## Menotomy Beer & Wine supporting Hardy

Pair Your Easter or Passover Meal with the Perfect Wine While Supporting Hardy

Support our school by making your wine purchases at Menotomy Beer and Wine at 80 Broadway in Arlington. The friendly staff can recommend wines that will complement your Easter or Passover meal and offer suggestions for everyday wines as well. Menotomy will donate five percent of all wine sales to the Hardy School, but remember, you have to mention that you would like the proceeds to go to Hardy when you make your purchase. (Sorry, beer is not included in this special offer.) Menotomy also offers free wine tastings every Saturday from 4 - 7 p.m. For more information, visit [www.menotomybeerandwine.com](http://www.menotomybeerandwine.com).

## SummerFun – Arlington Community Education

SummerFun for grades 1-8 with Arlington Community Education

proudly offers exciting and engaging half and full-day classes taught by certified teachers. Find programs in science, sports, fine and performing arts, culture, crafts, technology, language and more.

see more details at:

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

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## Seeking raffle prizes for Ottoson library fundraiser

I have been doing fundraising for the Ottoson Middle School Library and Media Center. We are going to be having a raffle in early May to benefit the library. We are trying to replace a lot of very old materials and also fill in a lot of gaps in materials that support the various class projects and modules, as well as providing new literature for the (over 1100) students. If anyone happens to have a pair of red sox tickets that they would like to donate for the raffle, please let me know. I would also love it if someone with a vacation home was interested in donating a weekend or long weekend (date to be arranged) for the raffle. Please contact me if you are interested.

Best,

Nancy Lowe  
Parent volunteer  
nlowe@MIT.EDU

## Seussical The Musical

Arlington Children's Theatre Proudly Presents

Seussical

By Tony-Award winning writers Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Directed by Colleen Rua

Oh the things you can think when the Cat in the Hat takes you on a magical journey from the Jungle of Nool to Whoville! Join your favorite characters Horton the Elephant, Mayzie the Bird, the Grinch and many more in this musical tribute to the beloved works of Dr. Seuss. Jojo, a little boy with a big imagination, teams up with his new friend Horton the Elephant to save the Whos from destruction. Along the way, they encounter a war-loving general, some mischievous monkeys, and the Circus McGircus. They also learn some lessons about friendship, imagination, and the importance of standing up for what's right. Help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by bringing the whole family along for this fun-filled musical adventure.

Seussical will be performed by two talented casts of local kids ages 7-18 from eighteen local towns. Performances are Friday, March 12 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 13 at 2:00 PM for the blue cast. The red cast will perform Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 PM and Sunday March 14 at 2:00 PM. All performances will be at the Regent Theatre at 7 Medford St. in Arlington. Tickets are \$15.00, available at the Regent Box Office or online. For more information visit <http://act.arlington.ma.us>.

## Stand for Children Day on the Hill

Stand for Children is hosting a "Day on the Hill" event to rally support for education. At the event Stand hopes to get at least 500 people from across the state to join in and ask our legislators to preserve funding to towns and schools and address proposals for municipal relief on healthcare costs and pension funding. These things are critical to Arlington and our town leaders need all the help that citizens and voters can provide by making sure the legislators know we want solutions. The State Issues Working Group recommends this event as a way to support three of the six issues that Al Tosti recommended we address at the third forum.

Stand for Children events like this one are open to all, even if you aren't a member. If you can't attend, you can go on-line and make a "sign" which is a simple statement in support of children, education, or important services that you fear will be cut and those of us there in person will deliver all the messages to the legislators' offices before we leave. Thousands of messages from around the state will make an impressive statement.

Register to attend the Day on the Hill on Tuesday, March 23, from 9:00 to- 12:00 at [www.stand.org/ma/DayontheHill](http://www.stand.org/ma/DayontheHill).

Send your sign to Beacon Hill at [www.stand.org/ma/signs](http://www.stand.org/ma/signs) (even if coming in person)

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Affordable Housing

Save the Date!

Housing Corporation of Arlington  
Ninth Annual Walk for Affordable Housing  
Sunday, April 11th  
1-3pm

Jason Russell Housing (corner of Mass Ave & Jason Streets)

Contact: [walk@housingcorporationofarlington.org](mailto:walk@housingcorporationofarlington.org) or 781-316-3451  
[See attached flier for more information]

This a super kid-friendly event. A leisurely walk through Arlington Center with a brass band, clowns, raffle, cotton candy...all to raise awareness for affordable housing issues in our community.

Jennifer Lewis-Forbes (mom of a Hardy 2nd grader)

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