

April 8, 2010

Hardy Herald



CALENDAR

**Apr. 19-21: NO
SCHOOL – April
Vacation**

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

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

Enrichment News

On Wednesday, March 10th, The Museum of Science Educational Program presented: "Weather: Wind, Water & Temperature" for grades 3-5. Students observed how atmospheric phenomena interact with each other to create weather. They looked at demonstrations of cloud formation, precipitation, and the collision of warm and cold fronts. A big roar went up when students watched a hot air balloon lift off inside the Hardy gym. Students also participated in pressurizing a tank to create enough wind to power a cannon, and witnessed clouds form inside a cloud chamber.

K-2 grades had the pleasure to attend a performance by "Tanglewood Marionettes" on Wednesday, March 31st. Through the presentation of "The Fairy Circus" the students learned about various forms of puppets, from the simple glove puppet to the sophisticated marionette. Featuring over twenty beautifully handcrafted marionettes, "The Fairy Circus" showcased puppets that danced, played instruments, juggled, contorted, transformed, and flew through the air with the greatest of ease, this all to beautiful music. Some of the kids favorites were the ballet dancing marionettes and a flower puppet that sprayed water. Who needs Broadway if you have the Hardy gym!

A thank you to teachers and administrators, and also to parents who, through PTO contributions, make such enrichment programs possible.

Frans Rijnbout
Co-Chair Hardy's Enrichment Committee

Lost & Found Reminder...

Please remember to check the Lost & Found at the Hardy School cafeteria, near the stage, for any of your children's clothing items. Now that the kids are shedding layers, the bin can fill up quickly. The Lost & Found will be emptied and any items remaining will be donated to Goodwill on Friday April 16th (before Spring Vacation). Usually the items are donated at the beginning of each month. On Fridays, the lunch staff lays out the items for the children to check, but a parent's eyes usually sees more! Drop in at drop-off, pick-up or when you pick-up from After School.

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, April 27

Find the entire APS 2009/2010 school calendar at:
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

Garden News

Hello Hardy Community,

Thank your generosity with garden related tools and items. We've received lots of good stuff but we're still in need of:

1 wheel barrow
1 more adult size shovel
1 more adult size rake
1 or more bird feeders
bird food
bird bath
bird house

You may have some of these in your back yard not being used. We'll gladly accept anything as long it's working.

Another cool project is to have your children make something for the garden (wood, clay, metal sculpture)? Be creative and have fun with them!

We also now have a great grow-light structure that accommodates 4 lights that was built by a Hardy parent. Right now we have 2 lights that were donated hanging and we have 3 more attached to some kind of left over structure in the ESL room on top of the science closet. If anyone can spare some time to get the lights so we can attach them to the structure that is in Mrs. Pielech's class? That would be great!

Thank you all for your support,
Cristiana Navarro de Carvalho.

Teacher Appreciation

The Hardy School will celebrate Teacher Appreciation on Monday, May 3rd to Friday, May 7th. The Hardy School PTO and parent volunteers will be treating the teachers to special events all week!!

Anyone interested in helping should contact Sarah Kelly at sarahkelly@verizon.net.

We would also like to encourage all students and families to be involved. On Wednesday, May 5th, the teachers will be presented with a special treat as they arrive to school in the morning. Please have your child bring a homemade letter, poem, drawing or card for his/her teacher on this day.

Nothing says "thank you" better than a gift from the heart!!

Your Shopping does double-duty for Hardy

Your participation in the PTO's shopping fundraisers continues to help Hardy, bit by bit. For instance, between October and March, those registered in Stop and Shop's A+Rewards program raised \$145.19 for our school just through everyday grocery shopping. And Menotomy Beer and Wine, which donates 5% of wine sales to us as long as our school name is mentioned at check-out, has donated a total of \$191.28 to Hardy since September alone. Visit <http://www.hardyschool.com/give.html> for other shopping programs that help Hardy and watch this space for new opportunities as well.

Ottoson School visit

Get Your New School Spirit and Support the Ottoson Library and Media Center!!!!

The week of April 12-16th when the 5th graders come to visit, they will be able to pre-order Ottoson Middle School T-shirts with the new OMS "Otto the bulldog" logo. This is a chance for them to take pride in their new school and to support the OMS Library and Media Center. The boys T-shirts are short sleeved light sport grey with the maroon bull dog and logo (the school colors), and the girls' t's are short sleeved in the grey with maroon, or light pink with maroon. Girls may also purchase a tank in light grey or light pink. (They should know that OMS only allows tanks to be worn at school if there is another shirt either over or under it.) All of the T's are \$15, and all proceeds will benefit the OMS Library and Media Center with many new books for the students and teachers! We will have order forms that week and the kids can pay in cash or bring a check for \$15 made out to OPAC Media Fund. After we receive all of the printed Ts, we will bring the orders to each of the elementary schools for distribution.



Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School Informational and organizational meeting Tuesday 4/13

Do you like to walk and bike to school with your children? Interested in learning more or helping out with Hardy's Safe Routes to School program and our upcoming Bike and Walk month?

Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday 4/13 @ 8:30 AM. At this 30 minute meeting we will talk about Safe Routes to School Best Practices, what the program entails at the Hardy and what we need to make it a success this year as well as how to grow the program in the future

If you cannot make this meeting yet are interested in learning more, email me Lauren@ciclismoclassico.com

Looking for a bike to borrow

Hardy teaching assistant Lauren Harper is looking for a bike to borrow for a few months while she trains for and competes in a triathlon. She is looking to borrow a road bike, and is willing to lend her commuter bike in exchange.

If you are able to help, please email Lauren at lharper@arlington.k12.ma.us.

Thank you!

Reminder – New Herald Editor starting in May

Just a reminder that a new editor will be starting in May, so when you send submissions, be sure to use the Herald@hardyschool.com e-mail and check the website for publication deadlines. Archived issues of the Herald, with all this information, is available here <http://www.hardyschool.com/herald.html>

Thanks again to Brett Miller, Kidergarten parent, for taking over as editor!

