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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the conclusion of the 2016/2017 school year, I request that you carefully review the following information regarding important dates and the assessment of students' academic progress. In addition to the information presented, I encourage you to regularly visit the parent portal and our district website which lists school activities. On the reverse side of this letter you will find the school calendar for the 2017/2018 school year.

Last Day of School/Early Dismissal Days

The amended 2016/2017 school calendar for the remainder of this school year is as follows:

- Last day of school for **Middle School** students Monday, June 19
- Last day of school for **Elementary** students Tuesday, June 20 (**Early Dismissal**)
- Early dismissal days for all students June 15, 16, and 19

The elementary school will dismiss at 1:15 PM and the middle school will dismiss at 12:35 PM on the early dismissal days. We remind you that elementary students will not be left at a bus stop without an adult present.

Eighth Grade Graduation

Graduation is scheduled for **Friday, June 16 at 7:00 PM** in the middle school gymnasium. Each graduating eighth grader will be allocated **6** tickets. Eighth grade parents will be receiving a letter regarding this event from the middle school.

Eighth Grade Dance

This event is scheduled for **Friday, June 9**, in the middle school cafetorium from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Additional information will be forthcoming. Students **must be** in attendance until 1:00 PM.

Eighth Grade Presidential Awards Program

The eighth grade Presidential Awards program and continental breakfast for students will be on **Monday, June 19**, at 8:15 AM.

Fifth Grade L.E.A.D. Ceremony

The fifth grade L.E.A.D. ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, May 31**, from 10:53 AM to 12:06 PM in the middle school cafetorium.

Fourth Grade Promotion Ceremony / Fourth Grade Orientation

The fourth grade promotion ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 14**, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, in the Elementary School Gymnasium. A reception, provided by the PTA, will immediately follow in the all purpose room. At 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, the students will travel to the middle school for orientation and will return to the elementary school for regular dismissal. A parent/student incoming grade 5 "back to school" night will be scheduled September 5, 2017 at 7 PM. More information will be sent home during the summer.

Sports Physicals

The annual sports physicals will be held at the middle school on **Tuesday, June 6**, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Please have all forms **completed** when you arrive. All students must have a current physical on file to participate in any sport activity, including ski club and intramurals. Forms may be obtained at either school; please call Mrs. Burdzy or Mrs. Forenback if you have any questions.

On or about the end of February 2017, parents were notified of possible retentions in grade level due to lack of sufficient academic progress. Second letters regarding retention will be mailed to parents the beginning of May and final letters will be mailed the first week of June.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Michael Ryder
Chief School Administrator

**HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL CALENDAR
2017/2018**

September 4	Monday	Labor Day (Closed)	
September 5, 6, 7	Tuesday-Thursday	Teacher In-Service	
September 8	Friday	First Day of School for All Students	16 Days
October 9	Monday	Columbus Day – School Closed	21 Days
November 9 and 10	Thursday-Friday	NJEA Convention – School Closed	
November 22	Wednesday	Early Dismissal Day	
November 23 and 24	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed	18 Days
December 22	Friday	Early Dismissal Day	
December 25 – 29	Monday-Friday	Holiday Recess – School Closed	16 Days
January 1	Monday	New Year’s Day – School Closed	
January 2	Tuesday	School Resumes	
January 15	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Teacher In Service <i>(School closed for students)</i>	21 Days
February 19-20	Monday-Tuesday	President’s Day/Winter Recess – School Closed	18 Days
March 30	Friday	Spring Recess – School Closed	21 Days
April 2-6	Monday-Friday	Spring Recess – School Closed	16 Days
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day – School Closed	22 Days
June 15	Thursday	Last Day of School for Students- <i>Tentative</i>	11 Days
June 26	Monday	<i>Last Day of School with 7 Emergency Closing Days</i>	<i>(17 Days)</i>
			<u>180 DAYS</u> <i>(187 Days)</i>

The above calendar reflects 180 school days (ending on June 15) plus an additional 4 days for teacher professional development. **If necessary an allowance of 7 emergency closing days are added (June 26).** In the event additional emergency closing days are needed, they will be taken away from either the Spring Recess or added on after the last day of school (June 26). This decision will be at the sole discretion of the Hardyston Township Board of Education.

NOTE: The last three days of school in June are early dismissal days for all students. The last two days of school prior to the official last day of school are early dismissal days for teachers. The last day of school for teachers will be the day following the last day of school for students.

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