

## **April "Did you know?"**

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School Drama Club will be performing Disney's "Tarzan" on April 26 & 27 and May 3 & 4? Hartland High will be the first school in Michigan to perform "Tarzan" and the musicians and actors have worked extremely hard preparing the show. We hope to see you there!

### LEGACY High School

Did you know that the Michigan Alternative Education Organization recently named Legacy High School the "School of the Year"? Congratulations to the staff, students and the leadership of Hartland Consolidated Schools for earning this prestigious honor.

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS has started a Peer-to-Peer mentoring program? Cortney Pronishen, who provides Student and Teacher Support at HMS, supervises the program. The guidelines for the program are below:

What is Peer-to-Peer?

Peer-to-Peer is a class that counts as an elective that gives 8th graders the opportunity to serve as mentors to their peers. This means working together to complete assignments and projects, and also becoming a person that the student can count on.

Who can be a mentor?

Anyone can apply to be a mentor! The applications can be filled out by both 7th and 8th graders. Even though we are only having 8th graders be mentors this year we are encouraging all students that are interested to fill out a form so that we have students to pick for next year's program.

What will a week as a mentor look like?

You will be with the student that you are mentoring an hour a day four days a week. One day a week will be with your teacher, Ms. Pronishen and you will be doing in class activities during that day.

How will I be graded?

This class will be graded by reflections, observations and daily participation points.

### Farms Intermediate School

In 2010, Farms became a Title 1 Targeted School. Because of this, Farms was able to provide our most at-risk student population with reading and math intervention. Margaret Bandkau is the Title 1 teacher at Farms and supports thirty-five 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in their deficit areas. Mrs. Bandkau provides small group instruction for students 3-5 days a week. We have been thrilled with the progress of our children and the commitment Mrs. Bandkau has made in bringing our most at-risk students to grade level. Thanks, Mrs. Bandkau, for all of your hard work and dedication to our students!

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside teachers are using the latest technology to improve student reading and writing? Our teachers utilize RAZ Kids, an online source for grade level books and interactive quizzes. Students access the RAZ Kids site at school and at home to read books

with support or without support, and then take comprehension quizzes. Teachers track their students' individual reading comprehension and fluency progress using the site. Our teachers also use the iPad app Confer and Google Apps to track individual reading and writing progress of their students. The Confer app allows our teachers to better individualize their reading and writing instruction to the specific needs of their students. Their skilled use of these technologies has helped our students improve their literacy skills. Many thanks to our district tech support team and our PTO for providing us access to these technologies.

#### Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary would like to recognize our Essentials teachers for all that they do to support the classroom teachers and students with the core curriculum and a positive school culture, by integrating their areas (art, music, physical education, and media) with concepts being taught in the classroom. Mrs. Russano (art teacher) does a puppet play project with second graders where students make their own Paper Mache puppets and work with their sixth grade reading buddies to write plays to perform with their puppets around themes using the Core Democratic Values. Mrs. Mehmed (PE/health teacher) works with all grades to provide a fun cooperative game to practice math facts while incorporating movement. Mrs. LaPointe (media teacher) posts many of the common academic vocabulary words that our students need to learn across subject areas, and uses them as much as possible in her media lessons. Mr. Eaton (music teacher) is currently working with fourth grade students as they research and write an essay about music composers, at the same time that the fourth grade teachers are teaching units on non-fiction reading and writing. This is just the tip of the iceberg as to how Lakes' Essentials teachers work closely with the classroom teachers to reinforce and support the important learning going on around the building!

#### Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary School held a PTO sponsored Celebrity Auction last month? The event raised over \$8,500 for the PTO, students and teachers at Round. A great spaghetti dinner was followed by a live auction, classroom raffle baskets, and a silent auction with great prizes. Teachers came up with prizes for which parents and students could bid to spend time with their favorite staff member after school hours. The PTO did a wonderful job organizing the event and a great time was had by all.

#### Village Elementary School

Village Elementary attained "emerald" green school status this year, which is a step up from our previous status of "green school." We are proud of this recognition and thank everybody who contributes the concept of staying green.

Village Fun Fair was the Saturday before spring break. This is a community event sponsored by our PTO to share fun and games with all of Hartland. I appreciate the Village PTO for all of their efforts to share our school activities with the community in such a positive and healthy manner. This event requires cooperation from our entire school staff and the PTO, and because of such great cooperation, the Fun Fair was a huge success. I thank our PTO, the Village staff and

all those who turned out to make this years activity another positive school/community relationship.

Mrs. HB (Horrocks-Boehmer) filled in as principal at Village during my surgery and did a fantastic Job! The transition was very smooth; the building was in great hands; parents, school staff and our PTO felt very comfortable with Mrs. HB and will be sad to see her go. We are fortunate to have such caring, competent leaders available when such issues present themselves. All of us at Village thank Mrs. HB for everything she has done for our children, school and community.