

April "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Hartland High School wrapped up another extremely successful World Language Week March 31 - April 4. This year's international theme was music: "Tune in, take note, find harmony." This is the 10-year anniversary of "World Language Week" and each year the goal is to promote cultural sensitivity, understanding and acceptance. This year they were joined by 17 students and two teachers from Koblenz, Germany, who arrived on April 3. Sixteen Hartland students will be traveling to Germany in June with teacher Pam Iden. They will attend their German High School for eight days and return home July 3rd.

LEGACY High School

Legacy High School receives grant money each year from Michigan WORKS through the Workforce Investment Act. This is a federal program created to provide financial support to help unemployed people with proper training and connect them with job opportunities. In Livingston County, Hartland is the only youth provider and therefore we are very fortunate to have these funds available to support our students with employment skills and job opportunities. This grant is housed in our Career Center and is directed by Ms. Sue Silver. Sue has assembled a team of professionals to assist her in supporting young people as they transition from high school to the work force. The Career Center also provides academic support, counseling and other career building skills. The students of Hartland are very fortunate to have these funds under the care and direction of Ms. Sue Silver.

Hartland Middle School

The Hartland Middle School student group "Students Taking a New Direction" (STAND) and Mrs. Storey's EBCE students recently planned and implemented a school-wide campaign called "Most Teens Don't". A survey of Livingston County high school and middle school students shows that most teens don't use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Sponsors Denise Terry, Vanessa LeBlanc, Christine Rutkowski, and Peggy Storey worked with students to publicize this throughout our school. They partnered with Livingston Community Prevention Project (LCPP) to highlight that MOST teens are making smart decisions about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Students placed posters around the school, made daily announcements, and distributed free items such as buttons and pencils with the slogan "Most Teens Don't".

Farms Intermediate School

Our Farms staff participated in our first ever Walking Challenge. Staff members wore a pedometer and formed teams to log how many steps they walked each day. As a school, we walked 6,843,193 steps, which equated to 3,422 miles. For each mile walked, Farms donated \$1.00 to Relay for Life. Our grand total was \$342.20. Congratulations to our winning team - John VanGoethem, Brad Laibly, and Kay Fountain! Thanks to the Farms staff for promoting good health and raising money for a great cause!

Creekside Elementary School

On April 30th Creekside will be holding a mini Relay for Life (Recess Relay) at our school. Recess Relay is an effort by the American Cancer Society to help students understand that a healthy lifestyle will minimize the risk of getting cancer. Students will participate in classroom activities and a Walk for Life event on the school grounds. Many of the adult volunteers at the Walk for Life will be cancer survivors. This event will help us show our support for several in the Creekside community that are currently battling cancer.

Lakes Elementary School

2013/14 has been the year of the “4 Cs” at Lakes Elementary. Courage, Collaboration, Communication, and Celebration have been our focus as we work with our students, our parents, and one another. We try to lead by example and as we work on:

- having the courage to push ourselves and our learning as we search for the best ways to enhance our instruction for our students;
- collaborating with one another to share best practices that will improve our teaching skills and ensure success for our students;
- communicating with each other, with parents and with students so that we all share the same vision for our students and our school; and
- celebrating our many successes along the way in order to build on what works well and leads to continued improvement.

Round Elementary School

Round Elementary School and their PTO raised over \$10,000 during its annual "Celebrity Auction". The Round School family shared a night of good food and prizes to raise money for our students and staff. The night started with a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. There was face painting, a picture booth, and karaoke for the kids. The night concluded with a live auction made up of items created by the Round teaching staff such as “Principal of the Day” and “Play Time at the Round”. A big thank you goes out to the businesses in Livingston County for donating the wonderful prizes. Also to the PTO for all the hard work involved in putting an event like this together. And finally to the entire Round family for another fantastic event to help give our students a great educational experience.

Village Elementary School

Every year Village Elementary hosts the annual Fun Fair, and on that day our school transforms into a wonderful carnival for the community to enjoy. This is a huge event for our school and we appreciate all the effort put forth by our PTO and incredibly supportive staff. This event brings the whole community to Village Elementary School and allows us to showcase our great facilities.

Community Education

The Hartland Community Education Child Care Center had 110 children in daycare and preschool participate in an obstacle course “walk” benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. They raised \$1,626 for this cause, \$1,000 more than last year! Even our two-year-olds participated in this worthwhile event. Thank you Hartland Child Care Center children and parents!