

March “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that the HHS DECA students had the opportunity to go on a legislative day and visit with legislators and Governor Snyder? They were able to advocate for business education and the Hartland DECA students were even mentioned on the Michigan Senate floor.

LEGACY

In 1982 Hartland High School counselor Jo DelVero started a small program to help at-risk students stay in school and graduate. In the spring of 1983, the first class of Legacy High School graduated. Ms. DelVero knew that a need existed and she was able to convince then high school principal, Jack Poley, to launch her idea for an alternative high school. Thirty years later, the students of Hartland and over a dozen surrounding communities have Legacy High School as an educational option for at-risk students to achieve success. The Hartland Board of Education and administration continue to support this educational option.

In recent years the program has quickly grown to over 150 students with the new Hartland Virtual Academy running parallel to Legacy HS. The climate of education is ever-changing and we are able to keep stride with the demands of our customers here in Alternative Ed. The staff at Hartland Alternative Ed is an amazing team of caring professionals. Both at Legacy HS and Hartland Virtual Academy, the staff is connected to the students. All students can be successful in a culture of caring & learning!

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that every year HMS teacher Tami Cain organizes a “March is Reading Month” walking field trip to Creekside and Village Elementary Schools? Approximately 950 seventh and eighth grade students accompanied by 45 faculty members visit elementary classrooms and read with students. This continues a long tradition of middle school students partnering with elementary students to celebrate reading.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that every student that goes to Farms has an opportunity to win the National or Presidential award for physical fitness? Students test twice a semester to try to reach the standards set by the Presidential Fitness Committee. In order to receive the National Physical Fitness Award, students must score in the 50th percentile or higher in all five fitness tests based on their gender and age. To obtain the Presidential Physical Fitness Award, students must score in the 8th percentile or higher in all five areas (curl ups, sit and reach, pushups, shuttle run, one mile run).

This year Farms saw many award winners. For the 5th grade, there were 108 girls who participated (31 Presidential and 26 National), and 116 boys (39 Presidential and 39 National). In 6th grade there were 92 girls who participated (27 Presidential winners and 40 National) and 112 boys (18 Presidential winners and 49 National). We are looking forward to testing the next semester of students! Their effort and dedication are an inspiration to all of us. Way to go!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know Creekside teachers served over 720 servings of ice cream (36 gallons!) at our recent Science/ Book Fair and Ice Cream Social? Creekside students walked away with over 1000 books for their reading enjoyment. Sixty students presented a fascinating array of science projects to parents and community members. Many thanks to all of our hard working teacher and parent volunteers, and participating students, for their help in making this event such a great experience.

Lakes Elementary School

Under the direction of Lakes Gym teacher, Mr. Matt Conway, and with the help of Lakes students, staff and families, we are proud to announce that our Jump Rope for Heart campaign this year was a huge success... bigger than ever before! We raised \$14,606 for the American Heart Association. We had two days of jumping by grade levels and an all-school assembly on Friday, February 28th. Although there were many incentives offered along the way (including the shaving of Mr. Conway's head and Mr. Foster's beard, Mr. Eaton dying his hair purple, Subway lunch with Mr. Conway, and many other prizes), the true reason for this fundraiser was explained at the assembly... raising money for research to help those with heart disease. We were lucky enough to be visited by two young people who have had heart surgery, former Lakes student Rylee Jones and Mr. Conway's nephew Jacob Bollo, who may have benefitted by money raised through the Jump Rope for Heart Programs. We are so proud of our students and want to thank our staff and families for their generous contributions.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary's media center was recognized by the State of Michigan as a high performance Michigan School Library? The state recognizes the performance of K-12 libraries across Michigan. Our media center qualified for this recognition by meeting statewide benchmarks for quality service, learning, environment, and leadership for our students by our entire staff. Congratulations to our media specialist Barb Benford for her efforts in gaining this awesome recognition for Round Elementary School.

Village Elementary School

Village Elementary 2nd grade students now participate in a technology/keyboarding curriculum as part of their school day. Through the cooperation of our 2nd grade team, all of our support teachers, and Mrs. Dennis, our media specialist, we were able to create a 50-minute block for technology and literacy enrichment. The program is outstanding and we believe we will be able to expand next year to allow all grade levels to participate.

Community Education

Did you know that over 1,000 guests attended Hartland Community Education's Annual Valentine's Dances this year? We had our best turn-out ever!