

## November 2013 “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School Business & Marketing teacher Nathan Oake recently received the prestigious award, “Michigan Marketing Educator of the Year”? Mr. Oake is an outstanding role model and teacher for our students at the high school and the honor is much deserved!

### Legacy Alternative High School

The students at Legacy High School participate in co-curricular activities as an extension of their physical education classes. These include flag football, disc golf, co-ed basketball, co-ed volleyball and co-ed softball. These activities are run by Scott Lemay, Legacy’s physical education teacher and coach of these teams. Mr. Lemay does an amazing job and we appreciate his dedication and service to the students in Legacy. Recently, the flag football team took the state title at the championship games at Alma College. We are so proud of our students and all of their accomplishments, in and out of the classroom!

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek sponsors or participates in many charitable drives and service projects? Below is a partial list of events or projects sponsored by the HMS Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, and “Experienced Based Career Education” (EBCE) Program, Skill Building class, Life Skills class or Students taking a New Direction (STAND):

Spirit Day to benefit breast cancer research through the Hartland Relay for Life -- “Pink Out”

Red Cross Penny Drive

Canned Food Drive to support Gleaners Community Food Bank

Toys for Tots Drive in connection with the Salvation Army and the USMC

Spirit Day to support LACASA

Visits to West Hickory Haven Nursing Home to deliver books and personal care items

School Book Drive to support DEAR Day book carts for students

Field Day for Hartland Preschool

Reading with Hartland Preschool students and Village and Creekside Elementary students

NJHS students clean school computer labs and help as library aids

Visiting Village Manor Assisted Living Facility

Run Drugs Out of Town

NJHS Community Service hours

Participate with Hartland Coalition

Parent Who Host Lose the Most campaign

Donate to Livingston County Humane Society

Kids Against Hunger campaign

Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol

Service Project to clean up playground at Red Oaks

Kick Butts Day anti-tobacco campaign

Digital Citizenship week -- cyber bullying and Internet safety education

Eating Disorders Awareness campaign

Challenge Day and Be the Change Club

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that over 80 students volunteered to be a part of the Peer-to-Peer program at Farms? Peer helpers assist students with special needs in the general education classroom, resource room, and lunch room. To qualify for the Peer-to-Peer program, students must be eager to help others, be a positive role model, work well with other students, be organized and reliable, and understand the importance of confidentiality. Peers do not replace teachers or paraprofessionals, but assist students with organization, directions, understanding tasks, socialization, and independence. We are very proud of our Peer-to-Peer students and the positive impact they have at Farms!

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in a technology enrichment class? During this class they work on improving their keyboarding skills, creating and sharing Google apps, creating and using QR codes to reference their published book reviews, and learning how to use search engines. They are also learning the importance of confirming what they find by checking multiple sources and critically evaluating these sources. Technology enrichment will help Creekside students be better prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Lakes Elementary School**

Did you know that Lakes PTO is continuously coming up with new and improved ideas for supporting students, teachers and programs at our school? Lakes Fall Run was a huge success this year as we received over \$11,000 in pledges. Mrs. Smither ate lunch and led students in a Dance Party from the roof through all lunch recesses on October 28th (the students were, of course, safely on the playground) to celebrate raising over \$10,000. The PTO has already sponsored two family Movie Nights; provided two dinners for staff during parent-teacher conferences; collected costumes to offer to our families for free for Halloween; sponsored a dinner at Bagger Daves for Lakes families (15% of the proceeds from dinners served to Lakes families/friends came back to our school); and paid for a variety of presentations and field trips for our students. Our Family Fun Fest this year in March will include a silent auction and a photo booth, which are additions from past Fairs, and we will be purchasing more books for classroom libraries, including high interest narrative and informational texts. We truly appreciate the commitment and dedication of the Lakes PTO and all that they do support the education of our wonderful students.

### **Round Elementary School**

Did you know that Round Elementary School and the PTO raised over \$11,000 during the Fall Fun Run? Students collected pledges for the laps they ran on October 18. The students achieved their fundraising goal and received a special assembly during which Mr. Waske, Mr. Kromer, Mr. Hrit, and Mr. Minsker were “slimed” by the top ten fundraising students. The entire Round School family had a lot of fun with this event and the PTO raised funds that will help the students and staff at Round. Thank you to the Round PTO for their hard work and dedication to the children and staff at Round Elementary.

### **Village Elementary School**

Did you know that the Village Elementary PTO raised nearly \$15,000 for our school during the annual Hedge Hog Hustle? Ms. Striz, our PE teacher, worked with our PTO and the VES staff to set up a fun run to raise money for our school. The children collected pledges/donations for the event and, through the collaborative efforts of everybody involved, we continue to raise incredible amounts of money that go directly to our classrooms to benefit our children. The support we receive year after year is impressive and we are grateful for the generosity of our outstanding community!

### **Community Education - “Community Life”**

Did you know that Hartland Community Education’s Dynamic Expressions dancers are headed to Walt Disney World in June 2014? There are student dancers ages 9 - 16 who will dance with thousands of students from across the globe. It is truly a magical experience!

### **Special Education Department**

A group of administrators from Fowlerville spent a large part of the day at Round Elementary School the beginning of this month. They wanted to see Round’s Literacy Blocks in action. Principal Minsker did an excellent job laying out the format and explaining his vision to them.