

## October "Did you know?"

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School will be administering the 9th grade Social Studies MEAP in an online format this year for the first time ever? HHS is one of only a few schools across the state that has been selected as a pilot. The testing will take place from October 16- November 1.

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School has a faculty book club called the TAPER group? TAPER stands for "Teachers As Professional Education Readers". The goal of these TAPER discussions is to develop "individual expertness and foster the development of shared knowledge among members of the group." We meet once a month or so to discuss the latest group-selected educational book. Approximately 10 - 15 faculty members attend each meeting. After reading and discussing, we share with the entire faculty through e-mail or at faculty meetings. The group has covered 14 books to date and our current selection is "Opening Minds" by Peter Johnston.

### Farms Intermediate School

The Farms Leadership Club organizes school-wide events and fundraisers each year for a variety of organizations. Led by Cristal Briskey and Rose Naughton, this group of students does an excellent job each year of involving the entire student body and staff in different activities. Over the past three years, Farms has had over 250 students participate in Leadership Club. An even more impressive fact is that our Leadership crew has raised over \$13,000 for local charities. We are very proud of our Leaders!!! Thanks for all that you do!

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside Elementary kindergarten teachers participate in Great Start, Michigan's state-wide initiative to foster school readiness and life success for young children? Our teachers have been trained by county personnel to assess kindergarten students' skills and abilities upon entrance to our school. Data collected from this assessment, as well as other local assessments, helps teachers provide educational content tailored to their students' specific needs. This will help ensure that all of our kindergarten students get off to a "great start" at Creekside.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes PE teacher, Mr. Matt Conway, is challenging our students (K-4) to live a more active lifestyle, with his "Do it at Home" PE Fitness Calendar? The goal is to encourage students to choose one (or more) of 99 suggested aerobic, muscular strength, endurance and flexibility fun activities to do at home each day for at least 30 minutes. Combined with recess time at school, this promotes the concept of getting out to "play" for 60 minutes every day. Mr. Conway has provided students with a fitness calendar to record their activities and turn in at the end of each month. When they return their calendars, they get to sign the fitness board and those who turn in every calendar (October-April) will receive a Fitness Champion T-Shirt! Lake parents are reporting that their children are so excited about this challenge, they are forgetting to ask for TV and video game time at home, and instead are opting from the list of outdoor activities. Congratulations to Mr. Conway for helping our students to develop a love of being fit and healthy!!

### Round Elementary School

Did you know that all Round grade levels are piloting Common Core Math units this year? The District Math Project Committee has been working hard developing a new math curriculum that is transforming what we teach into a more critical thinking and deeper meaning curriculum for our students. Each of Round's grade levels is participating in the pilots to help our district move toward a meaningful math curriculum. The units, taken from Engage NY and Georgia Performance Standards range from shapes and numbers in Kindergarten to multiplication and division in 3rd grade. Round is proud to be part of this initiative.

### Village Elementary School

Did you know that Brett Furge built a paver patio in our courtyard as his Eagle Scout project, making the courtyard accessible to an entire class at a time? His work was excellent and it will be used and appreciated by many Village students to come.

### Community Education - "Community Life"

Did you know that, with the October Issue, "Community Life" celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary? Congratulations to Editor Nadine Cloutier for the countless hours she spends putting together this vital news source for the Hartland Community.