

September "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School now hosts one of the largest ground-based solar array systems in the State of Michigan? The new site is home to state-of-the-art technology coupled with an educational center that will be open to all Hartland Consolidated Schools students.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that the Hartland Middle School teacher Rob Jellison coached the United States National Archery in the Schools Program team at the First Annual World All-Star International Competition in South Africa last August? The U.S. team, which won the competition, included Hartland student Chris Bee. Mr. Jellison and the Hartland archery teams have won 13 national championships at the elementary, middle and high school levels over the past six years.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that there are 69 new students attending Farms Intermediate School this year? All of these students are new to the district through "Schools of Choice", move-ins, or transfers from private schools or academies. We ended the 2012/13 school year with approximately 830 students and currently have 875! Each new family to Farms is offered a private tour, and they are invited to our New Student Orientation and Breakfast before the start of the school year. We are excited to see our Farms family growing!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside has developed an intervention effort entitled "Power Block"? Working together by grade level, teachers use student performance data from reading, writing and math assessments to group students by academic need. Grade level teachers and support staff then provide instruction that is specific to the needs of the group during our daily scheduled "Power Block". This focused approach has helped individual students make significant academic improvements. We started Power Block last year in 2nd grade and now have expanded it throughout the school. Thanks to the staff at Round Elementary for providing organizational assistance and a model to follow.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that the staff at Lakes Elementary has made it a priority to build student volume and stamina in the areas of reading and writing? Research clearly indicates that the more books a child reads (or stories they write), and the longer periods of time spent reading or writing increase their skills tremendously! In every classroom, kindergarten through 4th grade, you will see a stack of books on every student's desk that they have "shopped" for in classroom book bins. You will also see timers on the SmartBoards in Lakes classrooms that count the minutes that our students are engaged in independent reading or writing (while the teacher is conferring with individual students or small groups.) Celebrations abound as Lakes students reach various goals that they have set for themselves. After only two weeks of school, we already have first graders reading for 23 minutes!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that for the first time every Round Elementary had its Open House the week before school started? It was a tremendous success with 95% participation. Having the Open House before school gave students time to acclimate themselves to the building, meet their teachers, and meet their classmates. It took some of the stress away from parents to start the year and teachers were able to develop positive relationships with students and parents alike. It was a great way to open the 2013/14 school year!

Village Elementary School

Did you know that, led by Mrs. Bittner, Mrs. Corcoran, and Mrs. Dinsler, and in cooperation with the entire Village staff, we sent home 53 summer reading bags filled with books for students to continue to read over the summer? We are all concerned about the "summer slide", and Village teachers have put forth a tremendous effort to keep Village students reading. Without the leadership to start the program and tremendous support from all of our staff, more than 10% of our students may not have had books to read over the summer.