

## February "Did you know?"

### Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland Wrestling team recently won their 14th consecutive MHSS Regional Wrestling Championship? Coach Todd Cheney and his boys will be competing on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, for a chance at a State Championship. We are so proud of our team, which is an extension of our community! Coach Cheney has built a legacy of excellence for our wrestling program. His hard work and dedication are such assets to our school district, both on the wrestling mat and in the classroom. Congratulations to our wrestlers, coaches, and their families!

### LEGACY

The teachers and staff at Legacy HS recently created and hosted an Honors Assembly for their students. The assembly was intended to recognize and celebrate the many academic successes from the first semester. The ceremony took place on the big stage at the HESSC, so the students could be recognized in front of their peers. The teachers followed the lead of math teacher, Lizzie Nash, in "raising the bar" for students to accomplish academic success! A huge "shout out" to the staff for going above and beyond!

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS music teacher Joe Guarr participated in a musical collaboration with his choir and eighth grade band? Some students from Go like the Wind (GLTW) Montessori School in Ann Arbor got in touch with us asking for recordings of several different types of sounds to go along with a story that the GLTW students had written. Our HMS student musicians came up with sounds to represent light, thunder, darkness, and love. The GLTW students then took our recordings and mixed them together in a "soundscape". Students from both schools participated in an online session through Google Hangouts, and HMS students were able to hear the final project. Follow the link below if you would like to hear more.

<http://goo.gl/etMJYB>

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know The Farms band program has over 375 students this year? The 6th graders have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Letovsky each morning during our band sectionals to get specialized instruction for their instrument. Many students performed in small like-instrument ensembles at our concert in January. This smaller group instruction has helped these students become leaders in their band classes. The 5th grade students have had the opportunity to work with some local professional music educators who are beginning band specialists. This has allowed the students to build a strong foundation with their instruments, as well as allowing students who need extra help to get the attention they need while the class continues to move forward. Thanks to Mrs. Laibly and Mr. Letovsky for their hard work and dedication to our students!

### Creekside Elementary School

Creekside presented our first ever theatrical production "Aladdin Kids" for the school and community in February. The K-4 all-student cast, directed by Maria Usher and Kelly Swims, did an amazing job entertaining their fellow students during a school presentation, and parents and the community during their weekend performances. Many thanks to our high school student and parent volunteers, and our PTO for sponsoring this wonderful event!

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Mrs. Jagusch's third grade students donate personal care items to send to our troops stationed overseas each year? As a Valentine's Day project, this year's class sent the items collected to Liberia, Africa where Mrs. Jagusch's son Kevin is stationed to help with the Ebola crisis. The soldiers greatly appreciate these gifts, and it is a wonderful community service opportunity for our Lakes students.

### Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary made a big effort this year to teach our students the importance of giving back? Staff, students, and parents all dedicated themselves to helping those less fortunate and agencies that do the same. Round started the school year by collecting 200 pounds of food for Gleaners during the holidays. Next, we donated food and toys for the Humane Society shelter. That was followed by collecting items for the Howell Nature Center in honor of Wrangler's birthday. For Valentine's Day, Round decorated 500 lunch bags for Meals on Wheels and included a homemade Valentine card made by students. Teaching the importance of giving is something we focus on at Round Elementary.

### Village Elementary School

Did you know that the students and families raised over \$12,000 for the American Heart Association with our Jump Rope For Heart campaign? Ms. Striz, P.E. teacher at Village Elementary, worked with the Village Staff, PTO, and community to orchestrate this incredibly successful event. Ms. Striz works tirelessly to make this event spectacular every year. I am proud of Ms. Striz, the Village students, the Village staff, and this great community for giving so much to such a worthwhile cause.