

January "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that for the first time in school history, we have two MHSAA Scholar-Athlete finalists this year? Carson Vestergaard and Sara Condra are two of the 120 finalists selected from approximately 1,700 applications. Congratulations!!

LEGACY

Legacy High School has 22 new students enrolled for the 2nd semester. This school continues to be a strong entry point for students from surrounding school districts to seek a Hartland education and diploma. Kudos to our Board of Education and District Administration for having the strong vision to create and support such a positive educational facility like Legacy High School.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS teacher Patti Roberts creates weekly video announcements with a group of eighth grade students? Take a look at the week of January 19th's announcements: http://youtu.be/b_v8QeqQNwk

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms Student Leadership students have been working diligently this year to help out the community? Our Leadership students have organized many activities for the students at Farms Intermediate but they have not stopped there! So far this year, they have raised \$713 for one of our teachers, Mrs. May, who is battling cancer; \$340 for our Adopt-A-Family; and they have collected 54 pairs of pajamas for our Pajama Drive for needy families. For 2015, they are already organizing and planning many other fundraisers and fun activities at Farms. Thanks to our sponsors, Mrs. Briskey and Mrs. Naughton, and to all of our Leadership students for their hard work!

Creekside Elementary School

As part of our Martin Luther King, Jr. day activities, Mrs. Brangan's 3rd grade class presented the play "Martin Luther King Jr." The play focused on the life and experiences of young Martin and how he grew up to be a man of conviction and bravery. Her students did an amazing job performing and sharing an important message that fits perfectly with our school motto - Reason, Respect and Responsibility.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that we provide a variety of supports for our students at Lakes Elementary beyond the classroom and with the help of others in the community? For example, we have paired up with Big Brothers Big Sisters for years and they sponsor two programs at Lakes. One is Lunch Buddies, which is a program that matches up a student with an adult (the Big) who comes in to have lunch and play games with their student (the Little) twice a month throughout the year. The other is Rockin' Readers, which matches individual Hartland High School students with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student at Lakes to practice their reading skills. The Bigs come in every week for 30 minutes to read with their Littles. The benefits of these activities include building positive friendships and increased self-esteem in our students. All participants in both programs are interviewed and approved by the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization and a facilitator is at the school for every meeting.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary was selected as one of 138 schools in the state to receive a free music assembly from the "Troubadours"? Made up of a string quartet and storyteller from the Flint Institute of Music, the group brought to Round students important curriculum and character education lessons in a fun, music-filled half hour. The Troubadours incorporated lessons about core subjects like geography, writing and social studies into their program. Children were transported to different countries, learning about the customs and music of other cultures. It was one of the best assemblies we have had and our students learned a lot about other cultures.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Mrs. Butzier and Mrs. Meier, 1st grade teachers at Village Elementary School, are involved in CASL training as part of a district initiative? Mrs. Butzier and Mrs. Meier are the only elementary school teachers involved in the program and once they complete their training, they will train other teachers at Village and district wide. The training involves looking at the new math standards, breaking them down and examining the best approach to teach each standard. Both teachers have been doing an outstanding job, and they have been working diligently to complete all aspects of this mission. We are fortunate to have teachers step up to these leadership roles to provide the best instruction for all students in the Hartland school district.

Community Education

Did you know that Hartland Community Education will be hosting their 26th Annual Valentine Dances (Mother/Son and Father/Daughter) on the 11th and 12th of February respectively? Bring your sweetheart and be part of the fun!

Hartland Community Education's Gymnastics Academy is hosting a gymnastics meet on February 7th and 8th here at the HESSC. Many of the Hartland students will be "flipping" for gold!

Lastly, Hartland Schools is hosting the OLHSA Walk for Warmth (25th walk-a-thon) at the HESSC on February 21st. People who benefit from Walk for Warmth are residents of Oakland and Livingston Counties. They access the Emergency Utility Assistance program, which is funded by contributions from Walk for Warmth, when faced with a utility shut-off notice. Funds are used throughout the year, but many people associate utility emergencies with the cold winter months.

People who participate in Walk for Warmth are volunteers, stakeholders, elected officials, individual donors, corporate funders, event sponsors, community partners and community members, past and current clients, and vendors. People are invited to participate as individuals or by forming teams.

Hartland Administration Building

In the interest of promoting better health and habits, 28 employees at the HESSC, including staff from Central Office, Community Education, Technology, Legacy, the Senior Center, Student Nutrition, and Maintenance, have all undertaken the Biggest Loser Challenge! For the next 16 weeks they will be adjusting their diets, exercising, and sharing weight loss strategies, recipes, and fitness tips as they work toward their individual goals and attempt to lead their team to victory and bragging rights! (All in the interest of good health, of course!)