

February “Did You Know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School was accredited by AdvancEd during the month of February? An external review team comprised of seven individuals from all over the state visited HHS for two and a half days. They visited classrooms, conducted interviews of staff, parents, and students, and analyzed our high school data/artifacts. The team noted that HHS is a "home" to students and that “Reason, Respect, and Responsibility” are reflected in our students, who are respectful and prepared to learn. They also noted that some of our "Powerful Practices" relate to the use of our college data, our commitment to Standards-Based Grading, the governance and leadership within the district, and resource allocation.

LEGACY

This past week LEGACY students competed in a basketball tournament hosted at the school. Students from Asher, Allendale, and LEGACY competed in a tournament style competition. These athletic competitions are extremely important for the students at LEGACY as they provide the opportunity to represent the school and show school pride and spirit. The team was fortunate enough to be coached by their physical education teacher, Scott Lemay, and a returning alumna who competed in previous years and wanted to give back to the school. The athletes, students, and teachers take great pride in representing LEGACY and everyone had a great time throughout the day.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS collected 38 cases of individual water bottles and 16 larger containers (2+gallons) for the Flint Water Drive? This drive was part of the HEA Community Outreach. The Art Van in Howell, which is a drop off point for local water donation efforts, noted that our donation was the largest water drop off so far.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms raised \$364 to assist the Flint Area Schools during the Flint Water Crisis? Farms families also collected over 62 gallons and 141 cases of water to donate to the Flint community. One of Farms’ students, Andrew Marinelli, used his own money to purchase 500 bottles of water. We also had students who volunteered to load the truck with water, and Chris Miller, a parent at Farms, took the water directly to Flint for us! Thank you to all of our students, staff, and parents who donated money and bottles of water to help the Flint community.

Creekside Elementary School

Second grade student, Everett Wright was recently honored by State Representative Hank Vaupel as Representative for a Day. Everett won Representative Vaupel’s Summer Reading contest and was able to meet Governor Snyder and visit the House Chamber as a special guest.

Creekside second grade students recently celebrated the 101st day of school with a “101 Dalmatians” theme. In addition to fun themed activities, the kids brought in 101 coins to count and donate to the Humane Society in Howell. They collected a total of \$342.16 in coins to contribute to the Humane Society!

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes IC team supports classroom teachers in applying best practices in instruction and assessment? The idea is to create student success within the general education classroom by improving instructional support practices. The team has been trained in assessments and research-based interventions. Lakes Elementary currently has 17 active members on the IC team. They have also received 19 "Requests for Collaboration" so far this year.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that the Round Elementary third graders write a newspaper call the “Pet Pet News”? The team of third graders is led by Jacob Whitney and Caroline Gerwolls. The newspaper includes a section for Round Elementary news, narrative stories, technology, fun facts, a coloring contest, and more. These students have taken notes on the

playground and interviewed students about sports, games, and important events. Our third graders enjoy reading this creative newspaper!

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary third grade students and staff created a "Pennies for Paws" campaign to support our "Green Schools" initiative? Last school year students were hoping to adopt one animal from the Howell Nature Center until they had realized that they brought in over \$500.00 just by collecting change. Because of such generous support, Village students adopted five endangered Michigan animals last year, and we hope to meet or exceed that number again this year. This activity fits nicely into the third grade curriculum, our Green Schools commitment, and our value system of protecting our planet. I am very proud that, through Mrs. Thering's and the Village staff's leadership, our extraordinary students and families are working so hard for such a worthy cause. Great job Village Students, and GO GREEN!

Community Education

Did you know that the Hartland Community Education Annual Mother and Son, and Daddy and Daughter Valentine Dances were the biggest and best they've ever been? The memories being made will last a lifetime! Due to the popularity of the dances, Community Education will be hosting a Family Spring Fling Dance on Friday, April 22nd. For \$25, families will dance the night away; enjoy pizza, drinks, and our famous cookies, capture their funny poses in the photo booth, and most importantly have fun as a family. Please call to register [810.626.2150](tel:810.626.2150).

Hartland Consolidated Schools' Preschool Teachers study and practice ETM - "Education Through Music" is the study of artful teaching and the process of learning through song and play. ETM activities build the imaging system and symbolization process through the synergy of language, song, movement, and interactive play, thereby laying the foundation for the building of intelligence," (from richardsinstitute.org). Simply stated, we intentionally play song experience games with our children to facilitate rapport, encourage social interactions, and to develop a love of song and language.

Student Nutrition

Did you know that one lucky Hartland High School student won a HP Chromebook as part of our six- week smoothie promotion? During a six-week period, every student that purchased a smoothie breakfast on Tuesday or Thursday in the cafeteria was eligible for a weekly drawing and the grand prize. Thanks to a generous grant from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, 12 students won \$15 Amazon gifts cards and one student, Benden Tulpa, won a brand new HP Chromebook. Students at HHS can purchase healthy fruit and yogurt smoothies every day for breakfast or lunch! The students have been enjoying the new smoothie option. Since the start of the school year, we have seen a dramatic 87% increase in breakfast participation. Eating a healthy breakfast has been proven to increase concentration, academic performance, and better behavior. Congratulations to all of our students who choose to eat a healthy breakfast and start the school day off right!