January "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School sponsors an event for freshmen called "Cocoa and Cram"? It is held the week before exams and it is an opportunity for the freshmen class to study for their first round of mid-term exams at the high school. Approximately 200 freshmen came to this year's event where they were able to pick up special study guides from their teachers, drink hot chocolate, and study with their classmates. Final exams can be stressful the first time around and this event is designed to take the edge off of the experience. A special thank-you to the freshmen teachers and LINK leaders who participated, as well as Mrs. Szabo and Mrs. Schingeck for organizing this popular event.

LEGACY

Over the last semester, Cyndi Ernst, the art teacher at LEGACY, and some of her students have worked hard to make gifts for Board Appreciation week. The students have taken recycled glass bottles, melted them into a mold, and decorated them. The new product serves as a candy dish, cheese plate, or a cooking utensil holder. Each board member received a repurposed bottle with candy as a gift from the students of Legacy.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that nine Hartland High School basketball players chose Hartland Middle School faculty members as "a Hartland Consolidated Schools Staff Member that has made a difference in his educational and athletic endeavors"? We are proud that so many students recognize and value the hard work, compassion, and dedication shown by our teachers each and every day.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that every year Farms Intermediate School partners with local agencies (United Way, LACASA, Heartland Foundation) to provide a variety of services for our students' social and emotional growth and support? For example, this year we have had over 40 students participate in small student support groups that focus on managing stress, feelings, and making friends. We will run a second session of student groups later this winter and will be able to provide this support to nearly 90 students by the end of the school year. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with our local agencies to enhance our students' educational experience.

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside Elementary holds music informances for kindergarten and 2nd grade classes? A series of eight informances (one for each class) are held during the school day and parents are invited to learn and participate as students are taught music and movement. This amazing experience helps parents to understand and appreciate the music education that Creekside students are receiving and how it benefits their children. Parents have a great time as they take part in the program with their kids!

Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary once again has partnered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for the Rockin' Readers program. Select 1st-3rd graders who are developing readers are paired up with a Hartland High School student or other adult reader to read together 30 minutes once a week from November through March. Nearly 20 students from Lakes are participating in the program this year.

Lakes Elementary is also working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for the Lunch Buddies program again this year. Each student in the program is matched up with an adult mentor from Big Brothers/Big Sisters who has lunch with the student one day each week from October through May.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that the Round Elementary fourth graders designed the yearbook cover each year? All fourth graders are invited to join the yearbook cover contest. This year the drawing had to represent "the thing students love most about Round Elementary". The top five drawings are selected by the fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Selix and Mr. Waske. The 2015-2016 yearbook cover finalists were Ella Herrington, Keira Breger, Whitney Lobbestael, Dylan Lawrence, and Mila Davis. Ella Herrington's design won and will be featured on the cover of the 2015-2016 Round Elementary Yearbook. The other finalists will have their designs printed on the back cover. Congratulations to these Round Elementary artists!

Village Elementary School

Did you know that all of the students at Village Elementary took part in Hour of Code activities? Students used various activities to learn how to program computers during their scheduled Media classes as part of Computer Science Week. Students in grades 2-4 worked with "Minecraft", while students in Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade used a program called "The Foos". Everyone had a great time and learned new problem-solving skills!