

March “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Hartland High School had a tremendous winter sports season including many championships and incredible performances! This winter season saw the following accomplishments:

Wrestling: Team State Championship, one Individual State Champion, 11 Individual State Qualifiers, and KLAA Association Champions.

Hockey: KLAA Association Champions, Regional Champions, State Semi Finalist, and five All-State winners.

Boys' Bowling: KLAA Association Champions and one State Qualifier.

Boys' Boarder Cross: State Champions for fifth straight year!

Pom Squad: 6th at State Competition.

Ski Team: Three All-State Second Team Selections in Slalom and two All-State Honorable mention selections in the Giant Slalom.

Swimming: Five swimmers qualified for State Meet.

Boys' Basketball: District Champions.

Congratulations to all our winter athletes for their participation this winter and for representing our school so well.

LEGACY

Legacy High School has partnered with Cromaine Library on a “Great Stories Club” grant from the American Library Association. The theme is “Hack the Feed: Media, Resistance, Revolution.” Students in Mrs. Waske’s 6th hour have been working with Carolyn McCullough, Cromaine’s teen librarian, to explore three books: FEED by M. T. Anderson, The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins and MARCH: Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell. Goals of the “Great Stories Club” grant include engaging youth facing difficult circumstances with powerful works of young adult literature, encouraging empathy through peer-based discussion groups, establishing important connections among at-risk youth, their public library, and their local librarian, and contributing to improved literacy and changed, positive attitudes toward reading.

Additionally, Legacy teachers Ms. VanHoorelbeke and Mrs. Waske have received full funding for two classroom projects through Donors Choose that will support environmental science and technology.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that the HMS STAND (Students taking a New Direction) Club and EBCE (Experience Based Career Education) classes are spearheading many charitable and educational projects? Students work with sponsors and teachers Peggy Storey and Denise Terry on many events and projects, including the following:

STAND Projects/Activities and Agency Collaboration, Summer Workshop – Character building and planning for upcoming school year, Registration & Parent Information Packet – Hartland Coalition, Run Against Drugs – Livingston County Community Alliance & Catholic Social Services, STAND Kick-off Event at the Middle School – Student Leadership Services, Waterford, Red Ribbon Week – National Family Partnership - Drug Awareness & Student Pledge, The Giving Tree - benefits the Hartland Teen Center and The Connection in Howell, Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap – Fundraiser for STAND, Custodian & Bus Driver Gifts, Teacher birthday packages – Employee appreciation, Walk for Warmth – OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency), Blankets for Hospice – Providence Hospital Hospice program, Military Care Packages – community service, Heavenly Hats fundraiser – Heavenly Hats Foundation - hats for cancer patients, Pop-tab collection – Ronald McDonald House, Pinwheels for Prevention – LACASA’s Child Abuse Prevention Council, Mover’s for Mom – LACASA – Aid to abused women in local shelters at Mother’s Day, Ice Bucket Challenge – ALS Association – funds to local man & ALS Assoc., Above the Influence – Key Development & AbovethelInfluence.org,

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Legend of Sleepy Howell – Key Development, McTeachers Fundraiser – Hartland McDonald’s, United Way Art Contest – United Way, Parents Who Host Lose the Most – Drug Free Action Alliance & Key Development, Most Campaign – Livingston Community Prevention Project & Family Resource Center, Zumba for Pets – Horses Haven, Humane Society, Pets in Peril, Safe Pet Place LACASA, Kick Butts Day – Karen Bergbower & Associates & Kickbuttsday.org, Meal on Wheels – Livingston Co Senior Nutrition Program, Digital Citizenship Awareness Week – Digital Citizenship for Kids, Anti-bullying campaign – STAND4Change, Autism Awareness – Autism Society

Farms Intermediate School

Students in Mr. Anderson’s homeroom are competing in the Capitol Hill Stock Market Game Challenge (CHC). The CHC is a partnership between a Congressperson or Senator and a classroom. Mr. Anderson’s students are paired up with Congressman Mike Bishop. Congressman Bishop visited with Mr. Anderson and his students on March 10th to see how the students were doing with the Stock Market Challenge. During the CHC, students have to purchase stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. There are eight teams and each team consists of three students. In addition to the CHC, Mr. Anderson’s homeroom is also competing in the 1st annual “Company Face-Off” March Madness Tournament. Each student picks one company for the tournament. Using percent of return/week, each company faces off with another company and the stock with the highest rate of return for that week moves on to the next round. An additional 120 students from Farms are also participating in the 2nd annual Farms Cup Challenge. The top five students will win prizes donated by various companies. A special thanks to Mr. Anderson for all of his hard work organizing these exciting opportunities for our students at Farms!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that more than 30 Creekside students participated in the 17th Annual County Wide Student Art Show "Got Art"? Each student submitted their original work that was displayed at the Howell Opera House for the week of the exposition. Student work was selected based on creativity and the use of art concepts and standards. Congratulations to our selected students and art teacher Suzanne Knecht for their wonderful work!

Lakes Elementary School

For “March is Reading Month”, Yvonne Mato's four Reading Recovery students participated in a Read Aloud Skype session with Reading Recovery students in the UK. The children attend Ash Grove Academy in Macclesfield, which is in northwestern England. Each child was able to read aloud a book they are proud of to celebrate all of their literacy achievements and to boost their self-confidence. The children also had fun talking to one another about all of the snow we've had on both sides of the ocean, and how many more children attend Lakes Elementary (they have less than 100 students!) This was a lot of fun for all involved and we plan to participate again very soon!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round School celebrated “March is Reading Month” with visits from author Denise Brennan-Nelson and Detroit Tigers’ mascot Paws? Denise Brennan-Nelson is the author of several student favorites including “Busy the Bee” and “Willow”. Students were able to learn how they could become published authors from this famous Michigan author. “March is Reading Month” excitement peaked when Paws performed the much-loved story “Casey at the Bat” and passed out prizes to 12 lucky students!

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Village Elementary School held our Annual Literacy Night on March 10th? Families came to the school between 6:00-8:00 p.m. to see students' writing, listen to Trooper Tremmell from the Michigan State Police read stories to children, and shop at our book fair. We had hundreds of people in the building enjoying the many activities, all for the purpose of encouraging literacy. This was our 15th literacy night, and it was the most well attended event of its kind we have had thus far. Our PTO supported the event and everything except the book fair items was free, which made it a nice family friendly activity. Thanks to the Village Staff, the Village PTO, Trooper Trammell, and all of the families that participated in the awesome event. We appreciate the support and will continue to host such worthwhile events to keep education a family event.

Community Education

The Childcare Center hosted "March is Reading Month" with a new reader every day for the entire month. Our children loved all of the guest readers and their choice of books. Guest readers included Mrs. Sifferman, Mr. Scott VanEpps, Students from Ore Creek Middle School, HCS teachers, Cromaine Library staff, and folks from our Senior Center. Thank you for sharing the love of reading with our babies and the children in our daycare!

Student Nutrition

Did you know that the Student Nutrition Department served Green Eggs & Ham in celebration of "March is Reading Month"? Mother Nature and her snow days hindered our planning a bit, but with some rearranging, the elementary students were able to have their Green Eggs & Ham for lunch. The students loved it and our team is happy to support student reading!! We served over 400 servings of Green Eggs & Ham!

HCS Wellness Committee

Hartland Consolidated Schools officially formed a "Wellness Committee" to kick-off 2016 and beyond. The committee, comprised of representatives from each building and the HESSC, and headed up by Scott VanEpps and Kristy Mohr, is working with representatives from MESSA to improve the health and wellness of all district employees and help foster healthy living habits. The first "event", the "Walk around the World" walking challenge, began February 15th with approximately 250 employees from every building, including the day care program and the HESSC. Participants are logging their weekly steps using their own trackers or pedometers provided at no cost by MESSA, and the buildings & departments are competing against each other vying for who has the most steps. To date, we have logged nearly 94 million steps! Stay tuned for more updates and the announcement of the winners!