

November “Did You Know?”

Hartland High School

During the week of October 26th-October 30th, Hartland High School seniors participated in the second annual College Application Week program. The goal of this week is to give every senior the opportunity to apply to a post-secondary educational program. Although it is called “college” application week, students are encouraged to apply to community colleges, trade schools, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and the military as well. High School counselors worked with every senior to help them complete and submit at least one application by the end of the week. This year Hartland High School’s 440 seniors completed 419 applications during College Application Week and have completed 1,148 applications this fall. Through staff-run programs, contests, informational videos, and college-awareness activities, all students were encouraged to think about and explore their post-high school plans. This year, with the creation of a district-wide College Awareness Day, activities were expanded to encompass students in grades 4-12. Counselor Erica Empie, along with the entire HS counseling department, did a tremendous job in this effort.

Legacy Alternative High School

The students at Legacy have the opportunity to be part of Dale Carnegie teen course. The course content focuses on five key areas that are critical for future success: Building Self-confidence, Enhancing Communication Skills, Interpersonal Skill Development, Teamwork, and Leadership Skills. The teen program curriculum was developed with feedback from students. Students receive a high school English credit for taking the course, and also have the opportunity to gain college credit for the course as well.

Students at Legacy competed in the MAAA Flag Football State Championship at Alma College on November 6th. The team earned a second place finish and numerous compliments about their play and behavior from administrators and teachers watching the games. The team is coached by Scott Lemay and Randy Pomeroy.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that many HMS teachers are participating in "No Shave November" to raise money for the American Cancer Society? The participating male teachers are growing beards and female teachers are not shaving their legs! The teacher collecting the most money through November 30th will get a buzz cut (male) or get a wacky color hair dye (female). Students are donating money to support the charity and to have some fun on November 30!

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms Intermediate received recognition as an Evergreen School in 2015? This is the highest designation possible under the State’s Green School Program. We received this honor because of the numerous programs that our staff and students participate in throughout the year. To name just a few of the programs going on at Farms: we have an active ‘Green Team’ of 5th and 6th graders who recycle paper and compost; a 6th grade ‘Salmon in the Classroom’ program; a partnership with General Motors Corporation in which each spring 5th graders work alongside GM engineers to learn about aerodynamics and its relationship to fuel efficiency. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff!

Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary hosted the first Family Literacy Night titled, “Eat, Read, and Grow” on the evening of November 4. Over 20 Lakes families with K-2nd graders were treated to dinner by the Lakes PTO and then students were treated to storytelling and crafts by several Lakes teachers. The parent portion began with Mrs. Shawn Howell explaining our purpose- schools only have the children for 12% of the time. It is vital to create partnerships with families so that learning can continue while at home. While students were out enjoying these activities, a representative from Cromaine Library spoke to parents about all of the resources and activities offered through our community library. Next was a quick presentation with a great question and answer session with Mrs. Yvonne Mato, Reading Recovery teacher, and parents about encouraging parents to read at least 20 minutes each night to their child. Other Lakes’ staff members also shared strategies and information on the importance of being read to outside of school. Lastly, students returned to the media center and were treated to a special story by Mrs. Mato as parents watched and listened. Mrs. Mato modeled using an engaging "story teller’s voice" and using "engaging questions" before, during, and after the story. Each family received a free children’s book as they left. Parents filled out a survey and all of the feedback was tremendously positive! Thank you to all of the Lakes families and staff members who made this a wonderful event!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round students raised over \$13,000 during the fall Fun Run event hosted by the PTO? Students collected pledges and ran with parents and teachers on a course that included a line of scarecrows representing each staff member. As a reward for surpassing their goal, Mrs. Selix, Mrs. Chinn, Mr. Kromer, Mr. Waske, Mr. Hrit, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Putman, Mrs. Way, Mrs. Bosley, and Mrs. Watters all ate student-created “puppy chow” at the Fun Run Assembly. The winning class was presented with a large trophy to keep for the year. In addition, the top fundraiser, Elliot Sorg, was awarded Mrs. Selix’s scooter. We would like to thank our PTO and Round School family for the wonderful ongoing support they provide every day!

Village Elementary School

Did you know the Village PTO is providing at least \$2,400 for Guided Reading for the fall semester? Further, the PTO stands ready to fund additional initiatives all through the school year depending on specific needs as we progress through 2015-2016. The Village PTO consistently supports academic efforts through donations of time and talent. The \$2,400 is above and beyond the \$200 that all staff receives for curriculum support each year. We are grateful to our PTO for the incredible support they provide Village Elementary School.

Community Education

Hartland’s Community Education office is sponsoring a “Trash to Treasure Sale” beginning November 18th to help raise money for holiday gifts for our Legacy students. Please stop in and check it out – lots of “treasures” for great prices!