

## December "Did you know?"

### **Hartland High School**

Hartland High School's Optimist Club was in the giving holiday spirit by creating a "Giving Challenge" event. The student club sponsored an Adopt-A-Family can food drive to help local families in the community. During the weeklong event, students participated in a competition to see which first hour classes could collect the most cans. The top three classes received breakfast for their efforts. The Optimist Club collected more than 2,100 cans of food that were passed out to families in need in the Hartland community. There are so many awesome events at the high school that show how dedicated our students are to helping the community in which they live. Hartland High School wishes everyone a safe holiday.

### **LEGACY**

Congratulations to freshman Legacy student Aries Matney, who was awarded First Place in the Student Art Contest sponsored by the Human Services Collaborative Body in Livingston County for Homeless Awareness Week (November 13-19). The contest submissions were displayed at the Howell Opera House. Along with her 1st place ribbon, Aries received a \$100.00 gift card. With little time and formal training, Aries created and captured on paper a very empathetic work of art that will represent the plight of homelessness in our county for 2016-2017. We are very proud of Aries and the students at LEGACY for participating in such worthwhile events. You can see Aries' poster proudly displayed in the trophy case at the HESSC. Congratulations Aries!

### **Hartland Middle School**

Did you know the HMS Student Council sponsored a successful food drive for Gleaners Food Bank? We provided a donation of 890 pounds of assorted food to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and Shared Harvest Pantry. This generous gift will provide more than 740 meals to your hungry neighbors in need! The HMS National Junior Honor Society is also working to feed needy children through Kids Against Hunger. NJHS is working to raise funds to bring Kids Against Hunger back to Ore Creek this year. Our students pack tens of thousands of meals that provide relief to families in places in our country and around the world touched by natural disaster or other crises. "Show Your Team Spirit" has pledged to donate a portion of all profits earned through the link below to support our cause. Keep the link handy as the company will keep their pledge beyond the holidays. Thank you for your support. (<http://www.showyourteamspirit.com/hartland-eagles-schools/>)

### **Farms Intermediate School**

Did You Know that Farms has a Student Leadership Club? The Student Leadership Club has 46 students who volunteer their time after school two times per month. Students in this club do a lot for our school and community. So far this year, they have raised over \$1,000 for various charities and causes such as Adopt-a-Family for Christmas and Childhood Cancer Awareness. Also they, with the help of the rest of our students, collected 583 pairs of socks for LACASA. As a school, we also collected 1,463 pounds of food for Gleaners that will provide 1,219 meals for families in need. The students also help with spring clean-up when the weather gets nicer, and they help promote various activities within our building. They are looking forward to visiting the senior citizens at Village Manor to distribute holiday cards, make crafts, and spread some holiday cheer to the senior citizens. A very special thanks to Mrs. Briskey and Mrs. Bontekoe who are the sponsors of our Student Leadership Club! We are very thankful for our students and their willingness to help out our school and community! Keep up the good work!

### **Creekside Elementary School**

Did you know that Creekside students have some amazing musical talents? Our kindergarten students recently performed at their annual holiday sing-along for their parents and families. They sang Christmas songs and helped everyone get into the spirit of the season. Their Kazoo rendition of Jingle Bells was the highlight of the night! Our 3rd/4th grade choir performed the following night. They come to school early every Tuesday to practice and participate in the Creekside choir. Their concert was equally remarkable, ending with our wonderful Creekside Song. We are grateful for all of our teachers who recognize the importance of educating the whole child.

### **Lakes Elementary School**

The Lakes PTO funds several trips and assemblies over the course of the year for Lakes students. Just in the past month the Lakes PTO has paid for the transportation and fees for:

- An assembly for all Lakes students featuring *Les Trouble, P.I. (Problem Investigator)*, who visited Lakes on November 10. He talked with students about the steps in problem-solving and also discussed the 7 Habits of Happy Kids.
- A visit by animal expert Mr. John Oliver to all of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes on Nov. 16. Mr. Oliver shared a lot of information about animals and their environments. Students saw a chinchilla, python, peacock, tortoise, small alligator, and the largest rodent in the world!
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to the Sloan Museum-Longway Planetarium in Flint on Dec. 1. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders took part in two experiments that studied matter and mixtures and also learned about communities and maps.
- A visit by Native American Expert Mr. Gary Ghareeb for all of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Nov. 17. Mr. Ghareeb shared his vast knowledge of Native American tribes found in Michigan and the Midwest. He also shared many artifacts with students as he told stories about the daily life and culture of these Native American Tribes.

### **Round Elementary School**

Did you know that Round Elementary students and families raised \$260.34 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation? We are helping to turn Type One into Type NONE! Another great example of Round Families supporting others!

### **Village Elementary School**

Did you know that our Village PTO sponsors a variety of activities for our students? Most recently was our **Santa Breakfast** where students could come and visit Santa without a long line, we had a craft fair and yummy treats too! On **March 18<sup>th</sup>** we will host the annual **Village Fun Fair**, and students can receive FREE GAME TICKETS by having their parents work a shift at our Fun Fair. Village PTO appreciates the support of our Village Families at all of our events and through our main fundraiser, The **Annual Hedge Hog Hustle** (held in October), during which we **raised \$13,000** setting the stage for all of the great events held at Village Elementary throughout the school year! Thank you Village PTO!

### **Community Education**

The Hartland Optimist Club "adopted" 45 Hartland families this holiday season. With the help of individual families, lots of HCS clubs/sport teams/classrooms/departments, community businesses, and community organizations we will provide all of these families with gifts as identified by their wish lists, canned food provided by the HHS can drive, and potatoes and hams provided by the Optimist Club. If you were involved in any way, please relish in the joy that together we were able to assist in making the holidays better for 45 families with 116 children. WOW!!!

### **Community Education (continued)**

The Hartland Gymnastics Competitive Program under the direction of Ms. Brenda Gordon did very well at their first meet of the season December 2-4. Many girls earning medals and lots of levels earning 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3rd place! Keep it up girls.

Hartland Community Education is taking registrations for preschool starting in September 2017. We already have one class full. Frequent and repeated referrals are appreciated!

**Personnel & Student Services**

Fun Fact: Employee Count by Category/Department

Administrators:	20		
Supervisors/Dept. Heads:	9		
Teachers:	280		
Food Service:	35		
Secretaries/Aides:	68		
Bus Mechanics:	4		
Transportation Dispatch:	3		
Maintenance/Utility:	13		
Community Education:	59.5		
Technology:	6		
TOTAL:	497.5	Unofficial Student Count:	5,521

Gratitude and recognition for all of our dedicated Hartland Schools employees.

“Out of our public schools grows the greatness of a nation.” Mark Twain