

March "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know 110 Hartland High School students and 10 students in German I from Hartland Middle School participated in the "German Day" competition at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor? Over 900 students entered the competition from across the state and 28 schools were represented. Twenty-five Hartland students placed in their competitions. A great showing! Congratulations to all the German language students who participated and represented Hartland Schools. Also congratulations to the DECA program, which had 73 state finalists, as well as 49 students who qualified for the International Career Development Conference. All of our students did a phenomenal job, once again showing that Hartland DECA is the best in Michigan!!!

LEGACY

Did you know that Jessica Osborne and Joseph Selmon were awarded Student of the Month honors at LEGACY/HVA High School? We are proud to recognize Jessie and Joe as they truly exemplify our fundamental characteristics of Reason, Respect and Responsibility. Stay tuned each month as we showcase our LEGACY/HVA leaders.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that all HMS eighth graders recently had the opportunity to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts? Eighth grade English teachers Matt Turney, Jill Bliznik, and Angela Schneider organize this for our students. The teachers visit the museum in preparation, mapping out the exhibits and organizing an art "scavenger hunt". Students tour the museum and select one piece of art to write about for class. Museum officials consistently praise our students for their excellent behavior, and teachers and parent chaperones for the outstanding organization. Museum officials recently acknowledged HMS by saying "It is with great pleasure that I share with you what wonderful educators you have...the students were very well prepared for their museum experience...your students [were] organized and ready to enjoy their day in the museum....You should be very proud sir, all 3 days that Hartland Middle School was here at the DIA. The students were very well behaved and exhibited appropriate museum etiquette... Please express my gratitude to your staff and to all of the students for their exemplary behavior. We look forward to welcoming your teachers and the students of Hartland Middle School back to the DIA very soon."

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms was asked to bring 40 girls to the General Motors (GM) Proving Grounds for GM's Get WISE Program? Science teachers selected 40 sixth grade girls to attend a day-long event. During the event, the girls had the opportunity to listen to current women engineers who are employed by GM. They also worked together in groups using limited supplies to build a car to race. One of our groups, which included Kylie Swierkos, Ava Polerecky, and Natalie Holme, won the car race and were awarded Kindle Fires. Another awesome part of the day was when they got to tour different parts of the Proving Grounds to learn how cars are tested, to learn how 3D imaging/printing works, and to learn about coding. We are very grateful to the wonderful people at GM who helped make this day such a wonderful opportunity for our young ladies!



Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside Elementary has a ukulele club? Fourth grade students who reach the black belt level in music class playing their recorders qualify for the stringed instrument club. Working with the support of our parents and PTO, Mr. Rockafellow teaches students how to play the ukulele during 4th grade lunch recess time. Currently, 26 fourth grade students are participating. They are able to take their instruments home for additional practice. We appreciate the efforts Mr. Rockafellow is making to help enrich the musical lives of Creekside students!

Lakes Elementary School

Peer-to-peer is a volunteer program linking general education peers with students who struggle socially to support these students throughout the school day. The goal of the program is to promote socialization and independence. At Lakes, we refer to this program as LINKS. The LINKS program is a research-based support model. Peer-to-peer programs have widely been implemented for students with autism, but may also be beneficial for students with other disabilities ranging from mild to severe. The successes of peer-to-peer has extended beyond that of students with special needs and also benefits children in general education by promoting empathy, perspective, and disability awareness. Students in the program have been observed in classes and in unstructured settings providing caring, compassion, and genuine support for one another. Students are often able to support one another using “outside the box” strategies that are powerful tools in promoting socialization and encouraging positive behavior. The students involved in our program learn from an early age what it means to be a generous, helpful, patient friend. LINKS meets every Tuesday in room 7 from 1-1:40 and is facilitated by Dr. Toni Johnson (psychologist), Leslie Leemgraven (social worker), Shawn Howell (speech and language pathologist), and Siara Cain (special education teacher).

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary teachers enjoy their time to learn on Early Release Fridays? Teachers report to work for professional development every Friday after students are released an hour early. This is a time for teachers to collaborate and participate in training or workshops to improve instruction. This year we have learned about: Interventions to close student achievement gaps, Curriculum Alignment, Writers and Readers Workshop, Number Sense, School Improvement, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Social Emotional Learning. Our teachers are working hard to ensure the success of all students and we appreciate the time to learn and collaborate every week.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Village Elementary has once again earned ‘**Evergreen**’ status in the State of Michigan Green Schools Program? Evergreen status is the highest ranking a school can achieve and it represents the efforts of the students, staff, and school community at large to focus on recycling efforts along with the preservation of local ecology. We thank Mrs. Thering and her work with our school’s **Green Team** and projects like ‘**Pennies for Paws**’ where our students collect change and “adopt” an animal from the Howell Nature Center for the year. We are proud of the recycling efforts of our Village Community!

Community Education

All three Hartland Preschool classrooms had "Dad's Night" within the last month. The students attend preschool in the evening with their Dad (grandpa, uncle ...) and each class had a different theme: Lubeski/Chyo's theme was "Treasure Hunt", DeRosier /Daniel's theme was "Super Heros", Yoerg/Waldron's theme was "Oceans".



Hartland Community Ed teamed up with Jason Eaton and many others and are pleased to present Lion King Jr. on April 6-9th. Tickets are going fast - get yours today.

LION KING JR. TICKET WINDOW: (Click on Link) <http://hartlandcommunityed.seatyourself.biz/>

Student Nutrition

Did you know that the Student Nutrition Department once again served Green Eggs & Ham in celebration of reading month at the elementary schools? The students love it and our team is happy to support student reading!! We served 492 servings of Green Eggs & Ham!

Hartland Maintenance & Transportation

Did you know that the spring athletic season is the busiest season for the utility group? Mother Nature often does not cooperate as we begin the spring season. We are preparing fields for athletics to start but we are being cautious because many of the fields are still extremely soft. This spring we will be expected to prep and line for approximately 44 baseball and softball games, 20 boys' and girls' lacrosse games, 7 soccer games, 3 track meets, and 40 various practices.

Did you know that the Transportation Department bus drivers and substitute bus drivers receive extensive training each year? One of the requirements is that every driver has yearly CPR training. The drivers have been receiving CPR training for many years but this year the Transportation Department has outfitted each bus with a CPR barrier device to assist a driver in providing rescue breaths should the need ever arise. With every new process or piece of equipment we introduce, training for all our employees is provided so in the event that it must be used in an emergency situation, the process is seamless. Hartland's own Aquatics director, Sean Corcoran provided the training for our drivers this past January.

