

May "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School students have been busy showcasing their talents this spring? Our best and brightest have participated in many academic competitions and school events and have done extremely well. In addition to the DECA program competing at Nationals, which was highlighted last month, 32 HHS CAD students placed in the Top 3 at the state competition. We had a couple students win all their entries and earn divisional honors. The Hartland High School Choir performed an incredible show for a sold-out crowd. The HHS Band performed an equally terrific show. Our bands and choirs have had an incredibly successful school year. The prom was a great success at Crystal Gardens. Thank you to all the chaperones and students who combined for a memorable event. Hartland High School looks forward to the graduation ceremony on June 9th. Hope to see you there!!!

LEGACY High School

The Dale Carnegie Leadership and Life Skills program has been a part of the Legacy program since 2011 due to the financial support of Michigan Works. The 7th Dale Carnegie Cohort graduated 11 students on May 16, 2017. Program participants have thrived in setting academic and career goals, gaining confidence to speak in public, and developing a positive self-esteem.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know the HMS track teams just completed an undefeated season in all invitationals and dual meets? Thank you to coaches Jerry Bliznik, Marcus French, Steve Silverston, and Mike Johnston for a great season and an outstanding opportunity for approximately 150 HMS student athletes.

The middle school Spanish classes are building piñatas that have been ordered by families and staff members throughout the district. These 40-50 piñatas are made-to-order, and all proceeds from sales goes directly back into the classroom for El Dia de Los Muertos curriculum for next year.

Farms Intermediate School

During the past four months, the band students at Farms have been working on a service project. They have raised over \$3,400 to host a Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging Event here at the school. They collected money through several small fundraisers. Donations were collected at their winter concert where we also held a bake sale with the help of the HMS National Junior Honor Society. We also hosted a Hat Day with the help of the Leadership Club. Our final fundraiser was for the students to make small contributions of money that they earned. Most of these contributions were about \$2, but some students went out of their way collecting cans and doing jobs around the house, and our top student donation was over \$100! Our Food Packaging Event was held on May 22nd. Over 400 students worked together to package over 10,000 meals that will be used to help the needy in our community and around the world. Thank you to all of our students who donated and participated in the Kids Against Hunger activities. A special thank you to Mrs. Laibly who coordinated this worthwhile event!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside students and teachers are learning about how to be great leaders? Students are taking up the challenge to serve as leaders as lunch room ambassadors, flag patrol, peer mentors, morning announcers, assembly MCs and more! They have learned how to be leaders as they have learned about Habits of Happy Kids this past year. Third and fourth grade students recently enjoyed a guest speaker, Sensei Sam from Ohana Karate, who taught them "I am a leader" principles. Sam also shared leadership principles with our teachers during a staff meeting. Our students have really "stepped it up" as they have been given opportunities to be leaders!

Lakes Elementary School

Hundreds of Lakes students are running in the Mileage Club during lunch recess each Wednesday during late April through the month of May. Students earn a necklace and shoe token for the first 20_laps they complete

and then earn a shoe token for every 20 laps completed after that. Many Lakes 3rd and 4th graders are also participating in the Lakes 5K Run Club. These students run on either Thursdays after school or Friday mornings from late April through May in order to prepare to run in the Memorial Day 5K Run in Hartland. Lakes P.E. teacher Matt Conway supervises both of these amazing extracurricular programs and implements many of our 7 Habits into these school activities. Thank you so much to Mr. Conway as well as all of our parent volunteers!

Round 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 positive social behavior and independence. At Round, we refer to this program as Wrangler's Pups. Wrangler's Pups is a research-based support model. Peer-to-peer programs have been implemented for students with autism and behavior challenges, but may also be beneficial for students with other disabilities. The success 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 prosocial behavior and quality friendships. The students involved in our program learn from an early age what it means to be a generous, helpful, patient friend. Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Raap, Mrs. Mandeville, Mrs. Rosinski, Mrs. Ingamells, and Mrs. Patterson teach students how to be successful peer supports.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that on May 5th the 'Village Duck' emerged from her nest in our courtyard with 11 babies in tow? She had been hiding in her nest since early this spring and has hatched eggs in our courtyard for the past 16 years! The staff and students were excited to watch her lead her babies around the courtyard for the afternoon looking for an exit to get them into a nearby pond. We called a former Village teacher (Mrs. Ruth Darrah) who promptly came up to the school and helped build a paper tunnel, with which we were able to encourage the 'Village Duck' to lead her babies through and out onto our playground!

Community Education

Did you know the Hartland Senior Activity Center is part of the district and located in the HESSC building? Did you know we have about 1,500 members and our daily average attendance is 150? We offer 13 fitness classes a week, have a well-equipped weight room, tap dance classes (Recycled Rockettes), a huge pickleball following, a talented musical group of singers, band members, and chimers, as well as cards and travel. Did you know our membership starts at age 50 and costs only \$20 per month for a single person? Please spread the word about the Hartland Senior Activity Center with your family and friends - it's a great place to be!