

October “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School participated in College Application Week the week of October 17th-21st? The goal of College Application Week is to encourage seniors to be aware of post-secondary education and make efforts to give them support in pursuing education after high school. Each day teachers and staff wore college, military, or other post-secondary clothes and staff video clips were shown to the student body promoting that theme. Each 4th hour, teachers participated in games with their students like "College Bingo" and trivia games. During the week seniors went to the media center to apply to post-secondary institutions. The goal is for every Hartland High School senior to have applied by the end of the week. The College Awareness Initiative is taking off at HHS and the counseling department has done a tremendous job in their efforts.

Legacy High School

Our LEGACY Alternative Education students had an opportunity to take part in a leadership conference at Whiting Auditorium in Flint on October 7th. The conference featured over a dozen speakers, including Dr. Mona Hanna- Attisha, the leader during the Flint water crisis. Students were able to participate in small breakout sessions that included topics such as Service Minded Youth, The Resilience Breakthrough for Youth, Leadership Development, and many others topics. The speakers' intentions were to provide our students with new tools for becoming a force for change. It was an incredibly inspirational afternoon experienced by all students who attended.



Hartland Middle School

Did you know that over 450 eighth graders recently visited the Holocaust Memorial Center? The tour includes education and exhibits on Jewish culture and the Holocaust, and culminates in a presentation from a Holocaust survivor. Students followed up with a thank-you letter to the survivor. I am so proud that our school has carried on this tradition for well over 25 years.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that one of the fastest growing and most popular robotics-related opportunities in the district is FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology? FIRST is inspiring youth to become science & technology leaders & innovators by engaging them in exciting, experiential, mentor, and project-based programs that teach science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills, inspire innovation, and foster well-rounded life capabilities. The program reached over 100 kids in Hartland elementary schools last year, and this season, nearly two dozen 4th through 6th graders are participating in the newly formed Farms FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Club. Starting in September, these young innovators formed three teams and began meeting several times a week to solve this year's challenge, dubbed “Animal Allies”. They are not only building and programming autonomous robots, but they are also researching better ways for humans and animals to interact. Overlaying all of this is the FLL “Core Values”, which lay the foundation for successful team building and a truly rewarding experience, making FLL a highly successful program. Graduates of this program have the opportunity to join FIRST Tech Challenge at Ore Creek, and after that, it's on to the really big robots at the high school in FIRST Robotics Competition. Hartland students have a seamless, integrated FIRST program, providing them an excellent learning opportunity. For more information on the FIRST programs at Hartland, visit firsthartland.org, and for more information about FIRST, visit firstinspires.org. Thanks to all of our parents and coaches for making this possible at Farms.

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside held their very first "Dads and Donuts" event before school this month? This early morning event held in our gym was attended by 250+ dads and children. Megan Hickman, our school social worker, spoke to the dads about the important role they play in the development of their children. The kids had a great time playing games and sharing a donut and time with their dads. We are sure to make this an annual PTO sponsored event!

Lakes Elementary School

Each Lakes student is a member of a "Lakes Family" led by a Lakes teacher/staff member. Lakes Family Groups meet each month to talk about incorporating the 7 Habits into their lives. The 7 Habits come from The Leader in Me, a book by Stephen Covey based on his 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Our goal at Lakes is to help promote leadership and service from our students. The Lakes staff models this leadership and works in their families to help promote these goals of leadership and contribution to the community. Students will stay with the same family group throughout their entire time at Lakes. In addition, each Lakes staff member was given a copy of The Leader in Me last summer and will be spending time this year as a staff discussing how to best promote and incorporate these ideals throughout our Lakes Community. Students can also be nominated by any adult in the building for a Lakes Kids Care Hero award. This award is given to students who exhibit the 3 R's and one of the 7 Habits at Lakes in a selfless way. Over 250 students were recognized for "SHARING THE CARE" at Lakes Elementary last year.

Round Elementary School

Several teachers from Round spent part of their summer improving their instructional skills at various conferences. We very much appreciate their dedication toward their craft, which results in enhanced learning for our students here at Round. Some of the training is listed below:

- Amanda Adkins (4th grade), Lisa Hatfield (Special Education), and Sheri Quinn (Speech and Language) attended a training session at the Oakland County ISD the week of July 11. The training was titled, "Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching" with Anita Archer. Dr. Archer is a leading expert on how to design and deliver effective lessons that have been shown to promote achievement for all students.
- 3rd grade teacher Eve Putman and Kindergarten teacher Chrissy Griffon were accepted to the Writing Institute provided by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University in New York City the week of June 20th. This is an intensive learning institute on the writing workshop model presented by Lucy Calkins, the founding director of The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.
- Kindergarten teacher Michelle Vincent and Reading Recovery teacher Michelle Rutherford are currently beginning extensive Reading Recovery training through the Hartland CARES Grant along with several other teachers in the Hartland district. This intensive training will allow them the ability to provide uniquely designed one-on-one interventions for first grade students. In addition, their reading expertise will be used to provide interventions to children K-4. Last year, Special Education teacher Krisitin Raap completed this training and currently services many children in reading interventions designed to accelerate reading progress.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that the Village School mascot is a Hedgehog and our current hedgehog's name is SPIKE . Every fall Village Elementary has a 'Hedge Hog Hustle' fun run as our main PTO fundraiser for the year. This year our goal is to raise \$15,000 and we are looking forward to having a Bounce House Party in November to celebrate our success! Thank you to all of our Village families for your support and generosity!

Community Education

The Hartland Community Education Office will be again holding its "Trash to Treasure" Sale beginning November 7th in the Community Education office. The "Treasures" consist of new and gently used items sold to generate proceeds to purchase items for Legacy students this holiday season. We appreciate your support for our sale and/or your donation of new or gentle used items. We are open Monday-Friday from 8am-6pm.

Community Education (continued)

The Hartland Optimist Club will be sponsoring their annual Adopt-A-Family program again this year. If you or the club/organization/teaching team that you are a part of would like to partner with us to support a local family in need, please contact Michelle Otis. A big shout-out to Ms. Nicole Conley and the Youth Optimist Club at HHS for their efforts in conducting a canned food drive in November/December in support of this program! Together we are making a difference.

Maintenance & Operations

Did you know that Hartland Schools' facilities consist of approximately 1.1 million square feet? That includes 9 school buildings and many various portables and outbuildings. The Operations Department is responsible for the overall management of the buildings and grounds for the entire district. To put that into perspective, the 9 school buildings equate to approximately 550 homes. The building maintenance staff currently consists of five individuals working to maintain those "550 homes" on a daily basis. That is no small task, but we are always working on the timely repair and upkeep of our amazing facilities.

Student Nutrition

Did you know that Livingston County has a "lunch angel"? Howell Public Schools 4th grader, Cayden Taipalus has raised over \$40,000 to help students in need who are struggling to pay for school lunch. In October, Cayden made a donation to Hartland Consolidated Schools to pay for 5,000 lunches for our students. Thank you, Cayden!

Wellness Committee

We would like to recognize the members of the district's Wellness Committee: Scott VanEpps, Kristy Mohr, and Paula Waters-HESSC, Jennifer Church-HHS, Kay Fountain-HMS, Mikki Cheney-FIS, Suzanne Knecht and Laura Drake-CSE, Matt Conway-LES, Bonnie Sabo-RES, and Rachael Wright-VES. We held our first meeting for 2016/17 on September 27th and kicked off the new school year with a "Healthy Lifestyle Challenge" with 141 employees participating!