

## January “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, Hartland High School welcomed former NFL quarterback Eric Hipple and his daughter Tarah Hipple, to talk to the junior class about the importance of mental health and mental fitness. Having struggled with depression himself, and coping with the loss of his son, Eric and Tarah shared their story of grief, depression, seeking help, and the constant work and focus needed to maintain their mental health. The talk was a fantastic way to focus on mental health issues in our community and school, as well as talk about the importance of social-emotional learning both within the district and within the high school.

### LEGACY

During November and December, Hartland Legacy students had the opportunity to learn how to become an “Entrepreneur”. Austin Miller, Hartland High School DECA student, initially presented to a group of 19 Legacy students an overview of “Entrepreneurship Promotion.” Austin Miller volunteered to offer a four-week workshop to any students who would like to become an Entrepreneur and learn how to develop a Business Plan.

Each participant created a Business Plan and on December 18, they each presented their Business Plan in a competitive style setting. The competition was judged by a board of Hartland High School DECA students and their teacher/sponsor, Ms. Anne Hasseld. Austin Miller coached each student through their competition.

Awards were given for the following categories:

- Best Overall Presentation - Vanessa Clark
- Most Creative Idea - Jacob Polk
- Most Detailed Plan - Danny McGuire
- Best Presentation - Sean Ridge
- Best Budgeting Uses - Abe Omar

All of the participants reported that they enjoyed the experience and that they learned valuable information on “How to Become an Entrepreneur”. They also indicated that Austin’s enthusiasm and energy for coaching throughout the workshop gave them the self-confidence necessary to bring their Business Plan to fruition.

Thank you to Ms. Hasseld, Austin, and those DECA students who participated in judging, and a huge thank you to Jeanne Banks, MI Works, and LEGACY Staff for preparing and supporting this worthwhile event.

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that our eighth grade students recently finished their information writing unit? Instead of choosing to “write another essay”, teachers worked with our ELA coach to implement a “real world” example of informational writing by creating a documentary. Students worked together to research and write a script for a documentary that they then produced. Eighth grade English teachers have worked so hard to implement this unit. Students have been engaged in producing outstanding, polished, professional looking documentaries on topics including Hiroshima, the Triangle Factory Fire, the Hindenburg, the Great Chicago Fire, 9-11, Hurricane Katrina, the Kennedy assassination, and the Titanic. This project requires writing, research, integration of technology, teamwork, presentation skills, and so much more, providing real world essential skills. Much credit goes to our eighth grade ELA teachers Matt Turney, Jill Bliznik, Karen Condra, and Angela Schneider for making this happen.

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms has a student-run credit union? LOC Bank has teamed up with Mr. Anderson and his students for the past several years to offer banking opportunities for all of our students and staff at Farms. Mr. Anderson has approximately 18 student employees who have different responsibilities within the credit union. Each Thursday morning, our student employees, along with the supervision of an LOC Federal Credit Union employee, are available to assist students with opening up an account, depositing money, or withdrawing money. We are very grateful for the opportunity to have LOC work with our students, teaching them valuable life-long skills.

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside students have a training theme – “I always stand up for myself and others”. They also have learned about basic steps they can follow to help themselves and others to stand up to mean and unwanted behavior. As they implement the training theme and steps, they learn how to overcome fear and be courageous as they confront challenges in their lives. Students are becoming more independent; solving their problems, and helping others to do the same. The training theme is part of an effort to change mindsets, develop courage, and learn to be disciplined. This work is integral to our EAGLES and Habits of Happy Kids character education programs.

### Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary partnered with LOC Federal Credit Union in October to launch the Lakes LOC Student Run Credit Union program. The teamwork between LOC and the Lakes staff heightened the success of the grand opening and continued success through the fall of 2017. On opening day, 12 new accounts were opened, 14 total deposits were made, and \$212.00 dollars collected in deposits. This was a fantastic start to the program! In the six short weeks of the fall operations, Lakes SRCU as a whole has opened 35 new savings accounts, made 88 total deposits, and saved over \$1,459.69. This is amazing and the school and its students should be proud! Student volunteer employees take such responsibility for their roles and exude confidence as they become more comfortable in their tasks. The accomplishment of the Lakes SRCU, student employees, and student savers will continue to grow with the support and communication to the school staff and families.

### Round Elementary School

Did you know Round Elementary donated 280 pounds of assorted food to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan? This generous gift will provide the equivalent of more than 232 meals to hungry neighbors in need! Thank you for choosing to support Gleaners and their mission to nourish communities by feeding hungry people!

### Community Education

Hartland Community Education offers fitness classes at the HESSC specifically designed for HCS staff. Times are 2:45, 4:15, and 6:30pm! Partner with us to meet those New Year's Resolutions!

For the first time, we are partnering with Mrs. Dawn Farrell, HHS Fabrics and Design Teacher, to offer a beginning sewing class here at the HESSC. If you have never made yourself a pair pajama pants - THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! First class is Monday, January 22 at 6:00pm. Please sign up, it will be fun and rewarding!

Hartland Community Education, through a partnership with Jason Eaton, is offering “James and the Giant Peach Jr., The Musical” on four different weekend dates. From the producers of Lion King Jr., Tut Tut, and The Grunch, comes a new spectacle equally, if not even more, astounding! **Hartland Community Education** and **Prelude Theater Group** Presents...**James and the Giant Peach!** Based on the novel from Roald Dahl, this musical entwined with an exciting and fantastic plot, coupled with Broadway style music, is sure to entertain you. With a cast of 60, 3rd-7th Graders, A GINORMOUS PEACH, amazing sets, incredible costuming, and talented performers, you won't want to miss this show. Show dates are **Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11**, please check the ticket window for times. Tickets are now on sale! Don't wait! We sold out ALL of our shows last year! Here is the link to buy tickets: [Tickets for James and the Giant Peach](#)

### Student Nutrition

Did you know that we received some amazing donations to pay for student lunches? We had a few very generous Hartland families anonymously sponsor some student lunch accounts this past holiday season. Thank you for your generosity and thinking of our students! These donations were greatly appreciated!