

May “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School has had many guest speakers talk to a variety of classes this past semester? Over 50 people from the community, universities, and various professions have come in to talk about their jobs, their experiences, and the college admissions process. Just a few examples of the amazing presentations include Mrs. Barbara Gazda who had Congressman Mike Bishop talk to her AP Government students about life and processes in the US government. Students asked him great questions about his career and experiences serving District 8. Mr. Scheidler and his History Seminar students investigated, organized, and presented information to Mr. Shinkonis’s family after they found a box of WWII memorabilia in a family attic. The students were able to map their relative’s locations and life experiences while serving overseas in WWII. HHS also had the pleasure of hosting multiple engineers, professors, and members of law enforcement.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS is partnering with Hartland Rotary to help a school in Belize? Peggy Storey and her EBCE students will organize a school-wide locker clean out at the end of the year recycling useable school supplies including notebooks, pens, pencils, binders, backpacks, and all types of necessary educational materials. These items will be combined with new donated materials. The Hartland Rotary will deliver everything to a small school of about 350 students with NO access to basic school supplies.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms has raised money over the past eight years for the American Heart Association? Through the American Heart Association, we have participated in Play 60 Football for Heart. Each year students log their minutes of exercise for 30 days. Students are encouraged to exercise for at least 60 minutes outside of the school day. Each homeroom totals the number of minutes their class has logged for the month, and the winning 5th and 6th grade homerooms receive one extra hour of recess in June. In addition to this competition, the students participate in a flag football game during their Encore/Music class. Their team is coached by high school football players and the students play against other homerooms. It is an awesome event that raises money for a worthy cause. Thank you to our physical education teachers, John VanGoethem and Kay Fountain, for all that they do preparing for this event. A special thanks to JD Wheeler, athletic director, and our amazing high school football players who spend the entire day coaching our teams!!!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside had over 400 moms and children attend our recent Moms and Muffins morning event? Due to the popularity of this event, we had to schedule two separate events in our cafeteria. The kids had a great experience spending time doing artwork with their mothers and talking about all the things they appreciate. The event ended with students walking their mothers to the classroom, and sharing the start of the day together. We would like to thank our PTO and all the local businesses that supported our Moms and Muffins event!

Lakes Elementary School

Mrs. Barb’s first grade class from Lakes Elementary participated in a special project that supported a school-wide fundraising effort for MOTT children’s hospital.

Ava Pinkerton from Mrs. Barb’s class, cousin to Emma Thompson, one of the Lakes MOTT superheroes, was honored when Mrs. Barb’s class decided to make fleece “tie-blankets” to donate to children battling cancer. These blankets will be distributed to children during their cancer treatments to make their rooms cozier, more comfortable, and feel more like home.

Lakes Elementary (cont.)

The best part of this project is that Mrs. Barb's class was able to create a video of their class making the blankets as well as a personalized video message from the class to the children receiving the blankets. The children who receive the blankets will get to watch the video on the day they get their blanket, and in return, will make a personalized video message to send back to the class. Students will get to see and hear from the children who receive the blankets.

Mrs. Barb stated, "This was a great experience for my class to be involved in this act of service. Students experienced how important it is to give and to help others. I'm very proud of my class. We needed to collect money to buy the blanket kits and many of them brought in money from their own piggy banks to add to our collection to purchase the blankets."

Mrs. Barb's class was able to share this project and do a presentation at the school-wide *Hartland Strong for MOTT* assembly.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Sensei from Ohana Karate has been working with the students at RES? Sensei has taught us: "We always stand up for ourselves and others". We believe it is important to empower our students by encouraging them to "take care of small problems" and we will "take care of the big problems". See these helpful steps for all students:

The Four-Step Procedure:

- Step One: *"Jill, stop that! I would not do that to you!"*
- Step Two: *"Jill, I already asked you once to stop. If you do it again, I will have to report it!"*
- Step Three: *"Jill, I already asked you to stop twice. Now I will have to report it."*
Never more than three strikes.
- Step Four: *"Ms. Smith, I don't want to get Jill in trouble, but she has been calling me names and it really hurts my feelings. I have asked her to stop three times. Could you help me please?!"*

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary raised over \$16,000 for our first 'Hartland Strong' fundraiser for the children and families at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Last month, our students bought super hero capes, and on April 12 participated in a 'Super Hero' Obstacle Course in our gym raising this incredible amount of money for our friends. Village Elementary, along with Lakes Elementary, donated over \$40,000 to Mott this spring, with 100% of the monies raised going to the renovation/decorating of patient rooms, additional games and activities for the pediatric unit at Mott, The Ronald McDonald House, and towards Pediatric Cancer Research. We are proud of our Hartland community for your generous support of this important cause; we truly are 'HARTLAND STRONG!'

Community Education

Hartland Community Education is wrapping up successful yearlong seasons/programs - Dynamic Expressions Dance recital performed last weekend to full audiences with terrific dancing. The Middle School tennis program saw 24 middle schoolers be successful. Three and four year old preschool education was provided for over 150 students, who are now ready for 4-year old preschool and kindergarten respectively. Soccer competitions were held for over 400 children ages 4-18, along with recreational and competitive gymnastics for several hundred children. The Community Education department is carrying out the mission of furnishing this great community, through citizen involvement, programs in recreation, enrichment and cultural activities providing lifelong education.

Please join us this summer for enrichment opportunities for everyone of all ages!!