

December “Did You Know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland High School Project Unified basketball season is about to get started? Mrs. Lauren DePestel’s special education students and their general education peers have teamed up to form a basketball team and their coach is Mr. Jason Reck, Assistant Principal at HHS. A group of 20 special education and 15 general education students have been practicing during the Peer-to-Peer gym classes and are working hard to learn the game, to cheer on their team, and score some baskets! They are ready to put a smile on your face. League play will start against Novi at Hartland High on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 4pm. They have also started a GoFundMe page to help offset fees associated with travel and equipment needed to make the season extra special. This wonderful event is open to the public and will have the pep band and full support of a student section. Be Unified and Go Eagles!

2018’s Project Unified Team (pictured on the right) had a great season! Students are excited to get back on the court and play. We hope you can come out and watch a game. We guarantee you’ll leave with a smile on your face!



Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School has expanded Reaching Higher to include 75 students, 15 mentors, and four instructors? Instructors are Steve Livingway, Erica McLennan, Alice Lashbrook, and Joey Tripoli. A cross section of students are selected based on perceived leadership attributes to take part in an eight week (sixteen class hour) course. The curriculum includes knowing your intrinsic value cannot be diminished, setting goals, managing stress, facing fears, turning negative thoughts into positives, happiness through giving, and many tools to help students realize they can work toward accomplishing their dreams. Students and their families are invited to a Reaching Higher graduation, where they can share the impact this course has had on themselves and their families. Thank you to Mark and Michelle Hemeyer for their financial support of this program at HMS!

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms students are showing a lot of compassion during the holidays? Students were asked to write cards to send holiday cheer to the sailors on the USS Ronald Reagan. Over 400 students participated in this event. Tony Sacco’s will be sending the cards to the sailors this week. In addition, Mrs. Hinds’ class wrote cards and made care packages for military troops stationed outside of the United States. The class is sending four large care packages and they collected money to pay for the shipping. Not only are Farms students writing to our servicemen and women, we have students who are making holiday cards for a student from Brighton who has leukemia. Many students are doing this on their own and buying their own cards. We are proud of our caring and compassionate students that we have at Farms. Happy Holidays!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know the Creekside Choir will be presenting its 16th annual Holiday Program on December 18th at Creekside Elementary at 7:00 p.m. The Creekside Choir was started in 2003 by Allison Laibly (currently a music teacher at Farms) and has continued as an important tradition that has become part of our school culture. This year’s choir consists of 57 third and fourth grade students and is led by Creekside music teacher, Katherine Hagar. The choir has been rehearsing every Thursday morning before school for several weeks in preparation for the program. They look forward to helping us have a great start to the Christmas break!

Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary hosted a Literacy Night on Wednesday, December 5th with over 140 students and parents attending! After receiving a new book and a dinner of pizza and salad, families were able to hear from Principal Howerton and ELA Instructional Coach Monique Alberts about the HCS Take Home Reading Plan. This was followed by a number of fun reading and holiday activities throughout the building which included:

- BINGO for Books station with Mrs. Osterhoff and Ms. Czuprenski
- Make it/Take it Bookmark station with Dr. Avenall and Dr. Johnson
- Read Aloud with Sensei Larioza
- Comprehension Cootie Catchers with Mrs. Haar and Mrs. Howell
- Retelling Glove station with Mrs. Morrison
- Reading Calendars/Speech & Language Q & A with Mrs. Lonergan
- Holiday Photo Booth & Hot Chocolate with Mrs. Flores
- Cromaïne Library station had a character guessing game and a craft for kids to decorate a paper gingerbread man to look like their favorite book character with Mrs. Marta-Kate Jackson from Cromaïne

- FLL EagleBots Team from Farms with Mrs. Linton
- A self-guided story walk throughout the Lakes hallways

Families had a great time and Lakes plans to have a second Literacy Night in May to focus on summer reading and the issue of summer “slide”.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that all Village third graders attend an annual field trip to the state Capitol building in Lansing, where they get a tour of the Capitol as a culminating activity for their social studies unit on state government? They also visit the Michigan State Historic Museum as a launch activity for their upcoming unit on Michigan state history. Our students enjoy hands-on experiences that bring their learning to life. Thank you to our teachers for organizing this event and for our Village PTO for supporting our field trips!

Community Education

HESSC was home to a George Winston concert on Saturday, December 8th. The PAC was sold out and Liz Welch, Community Outreach Specialist from Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, collected 853 pounds of assorted food. This generous gift will provide more than 707 meals to our hungry neighbors in need!

The Hartland Music Hall hosted the 86th annual Handel's Messiah. This is dedicated as a living memorial to J. Robert Crouse, Sr., January 1, 1874-July 17, 1946. Director again this year was Ms. Kelli Falls. She believes that in order to educate, you must first inspire and that spirit shows in her passion for music, teaching and conducting.

The staff of HCEC and the Child Care Center have been busy taking registrations for next school year's preschool. Spread the word that now is the time to secure a spot!!!

Student Nutrition

Did you know that our Breakfast programs feed hundreds of hungry students every day! Since the beginning of the school year, we have served over 15,000 breakfast meals. With a healthy breakfast, our students can start their school day ready to learn.