

March “Did You Know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that over 200 Hartland High School juniors participated in a free practice SAT + Essay held at Hartland High School in March? English teacher Trista Erickson has organized this free, full SAT + essay for the past seven years with help from the team of 11th grade English teachers. Students tested on a Saturday morning, and the 11th grade teachers hand-grade every essay using a College Board SAT rubric. Students will receive an unofficial SAT score for both the multiple choice and the essay portions, which will give them information as to how they can continue to prepare for the actual SAT + Essay on Tuesday, April 9th at Hartland High School. Thank you to Mrs. Erickson, all of the 11th grade English teachers, and all teacher-proctors that gave up a Saturday to give our students additional practice on an SAT!

Hartland Legacy High School

Did you know that Legacy and HVA students have the opportunity to participate in our High School Shared Time Programs? Some of our students got the chance to observe the on-site programs offered.

Did you know that Legacy students join forces with the Senior Center and play a variety of sports? Students participated in a "*mean*" game of pickle ball and ping-pong last month.

Did you know that Legacy students are involved in a "hybrid" program where, throughout their day, some classes are live with a teacher and some classes are taken online?

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS just finished World Language Week? Middle school Spanish teacher Theresa Smith organized art displays, an evening banquet with world language skits, and a World Language Day with events including guest speakers from India, Nigeria, Wales, Morocco, and Germany. The day also included a presentation from Sushi Zen that allowed students to make their own sushi and henna art from Middle school teacher Melanie Baldwin. Thank you to Theresa Smith and all the other volunteers and teachers who made this possible.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms students recently attended Fifth Grade Camp? Approximately 385 students attended camp at Camp Copneconic in Fenton. This awesome experience was three days and two nights. Students attended different activities such as: dancing at the disco night, sitting around a campfire, zip lining, Ecomania, Egbert, Outdoor Cuisine, Lost, a challenge course, Invertebrate and In Cold Blood. Despite some chilly temperatures and rain, the students enjoyed the camp experience. Thank you to all of our parents who volunteered and to the counselors at Camp Copneconic. Also, a special thank you to our teachers who make this a fun time for all of our 5th grade students!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know Creekside families purchased over 1,000 books at our recent March is Reading book fair?! We raised over \$1,500 to purchase books for classroom libraries during our All for Books drive. The drive allowed teachers to purchase additional books for their classrooms and improve their reading workshop classroom experience. The Scholastic Book company matched the money raised and purchased books for students in needy communities. Thank you to Mrs. Kohli and our parent volunteers for organizing the book fair and drive, and encouraging our kids to read!

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes Elementary celebrated March is Reading Month with a number of activities? They included:

- A kickoff assembly on March 1 with a visit by Cromaïne Library and Clifford the Big Red Dog. We also had over two dozen guest readers at Lakes who read to classrooms during the afternoon of March 1st. Later that evening, Lakes hosted a family movie night to collect new and gently used books for use at our spring literacy night. Students and families enjoyed watching *The Lorax* to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.
- A trip for our kindergarten-4th grade students to see *Seussical the Musical* at the Performing Arts Center on March 5th & 7th.
- Our annual ice cream social and family book fair night on March 6th.
- Lunch with Loved Ones geared towards JK-1st graders on March 7th & 8th.
- Principal Howerton and Lakes teachers read to students at Cromaïne Library during Lakes Reading Night on March 12th.
- A visit from Bryan Chick, author of *The Secret Zoo* series of children's books on March 18th.

We have also set individual and classroom reading goals, as well as a school-wide goal to read over 3,000 hours for March. We will continue to try to improve upon that goal for each month remaining in the school year, leading into our summer reading goals.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round has an Instructional Leadership Team? The team includes members of our District Leadership Team, our School Improvement Teams, and CASL and ICT leaders. Teacher leaders on the team work with their colleagues to support accelerated achievement and high expectations for students and staff. The team uses a collaborative problem-solving approach that includes all stakeholders to determine our focus and professional learning for the future. This year team members studied Jessica Minihan's book, "Behavior Code" to learn proactive strategies that enable students to manage "big" feelings and develop lagging social emotional skills and behaviors. The team plays a very important role in helping our staff be the best we can be for all of our kids and ensuring that we are on a path of continuous improvement.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Village Elementary is once again participating with Hartland Schools in supporting the 'Go for the GOLD' fundraising effort for Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. On April 24th we will have our annual '**Hero For Mott**' Day at Village and once again our students and staff will wear their Mott Hero capes and participate in an obstacle course in our gym. Students and their family can purchase a cape in our front office for \$8 (with all proceeds going directly to our fundraising efforts). In fact, **100%** of the monies earned go directly to support a special MR-I Can Do It Magnetic Resonance Imaging room featuring kid-friendly facades and murals. Last year our school raised over \$13,000 for this great cause and we would like to top our fundraising efforts this spring! Let's support our local children and families as they overcome childhood cancer!

Community Education

Did you know that Hartland Community Education held a Mom-to-Mom sale with Ms. Teresa, our Dance Director, taking the lead on March 16th? We had about 300 shoppers and about 60 moms/vendors. It was successful, with most of the shoppers walking out with bags full of clothes and toys for their little ones.

It is Spring at Hartland Community Education with our first tennis lesson occurring outside.

The Brighton Masonic Lodge held their annual Antique Show on March 2nd at the HESSC. In the past, several Hartland graduating seniors have been the recipient of scholarship dollars because of this event. We are excited to hear who the scholarship winners will be this year!

Hartland Community Education will host, in partnership with *2 Stones*, a Jazz & Blues Revue featuring two musical giants, James Carter and Mike Morgan, performing at the HESSC, PAC on May 3rd at 7:00 pm. All tickets are \$25.