

November "Did You Know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland High School Energy Technology program received a grant for \$25,000 from the DTE Foundation? The DTE Energy Foundation is an organization that supports initiatives focused on education and employment within the growing energy technology field. The funds will be used to purchase an Electric Distribution trainer/simulator to assist the Hartland High School program that trains Livingston County students for careers in the energy industry. Students from around the county come to Hartland High School for the Energy-shared time program, taught by Mr. Mike Schmidt. Students who complete the energy program earn their Energy Industry Fundamentals certificate, which sets them up to attend a community college or directly enter training programs to get a job in the commercial energy industry. Careers in this pathway often include overhead linemen, natural gas pipefitters, and underground line splicing.

Legacy High School

Did you know that LEGACY plays flag football? Our team played against Fulton Alternative High School a few weeks ago on Hartland turf and was very successful! LEGACY hosted a full Thanksgiving Feast on Monday, November 19th and invited School Board members and many other Central Office staff to join in the festivities. LEGACY has a "Giving Tree" located in the Community Education office. Stop in and help a student from LEGACY or HVA have a great holiday season. Did you know that this year we have HVA students who are dual-enrolled at Hartland and at a college of their choice, oh the possibilities!

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Middle School students and staff contributed over 1,000 canned or boxed food items to Gleaners Community Food Bank? Each homeroom was in a friendly competition to see who could contribute the most. First place went to Mr. Wagnitz's class with 280 items; second place with 243 items was a combined effort from NJHS, the office, and students who are at the high school during first hour; third place went to Ms. Anderson's class with 110 items. We just finished raising over \$330 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, working with High School student Aidan Carmack, and we are currently in the middle of "No Shave November", raising money for local families to help fight the cost of cancer treatment. Our "Toys for Tots" drive is coming up next to prepare for Christmas. This is in addition to all the charitable work done by individual teachers and teaching teams to help our students and their families have a joyous holiday season. The generosity of the Hartland Middle School community is inspiring!



Farms Intermediate School

It has been a busy November at Farms! Did you know that Farms had a Turkey Trot Run on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving? The students ran a mile around the property at Farms despite the cold temperatures. Once they were done, the PTO hired a DJ who played music in the gym so the students could enjoy dancing and spending time with friends. A special thank you to Beauchamp Water Treatment and Supply who donated over 800 bottles of water for the event. This year was our 19th year of hosting the Turkey Trot. A special thank you to Mr. VanGoethem and Mrs. Fountain who organized the event and endured the cold all day long encouraging our students to run the course.

Did you know that Farms raised approximately \$31,000 during our fall fundraiser? As a result of reaching our school-wide goal, students received a Super Star Party. Each team of students attended the event, which included bounce houses, obstacle courses, carnival games, a DJ and much more. In addition, students who sold a certain number of items will go on a limo ride to McDonald's with friends and spend time in a Gaming Truck that will be at Farms during the school day. Thank you to all parents and students who participated in this event - and a huge thank you to our PTO who made this happen!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know Creekside has a kindergarten Grandparents Appreciation Day? Each kindergarten child invited their grandparents or special persons to a presentation in their classrooms, followed by Thanksgiving craft projects, treats and socializing in the cafeteria. The Kindergarten students shared special Thanksgiving art projects and sang and performed for their grandparents. This year's event was attended by over 180 grandparents! We so appreciate the show of family support for what we do at Creekside. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers for organizing this great event. We look forward to our amazing kindergarten Christmas choir concert in December.

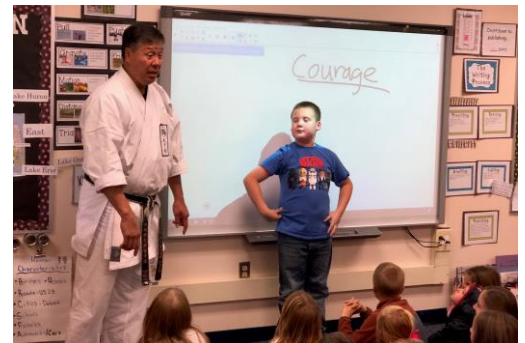
Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary (along with Round, Village, and Creekside) has Mr. Sam Larioza (Sensei of Ohana Karate in Howell) visiting all of our students in small groups (one higher grade level paired with one lower grade level class) throughout the entire school year. *Sensei* is teaching a monthly thirty minute lesson with each group from his "character dojo" curriculum. Two weeks after Sensei's visit, "Sensei" Howerton follows up with a mini-lesson meant to reinforce Sensei's theme. The program is designed to build important character traits to help students understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.



The first training theme this year is **"I always stand up for myself and others!"** The learning objectives with this theme revolve around building confidence and courage in our students, developing an anti-bullying culture by teaching students a basic four step process and words to use, and working on their ability to read social cues.

The second training theme is **"Every time I back away from a fear, my FEAR gets bigger, but every time I power through a fear, I get bigger!"** Students are developing their "courage muscle" by identifying and not backing away from all of the small fears they face on a daily basis. They've been taught to Notice, Choose, and Act to power through these fears. The staff at Lakes is also using this common language and finding ways to incorporate these themes and language in the classroom so students have a lot of practice to build their "courage muscle"!



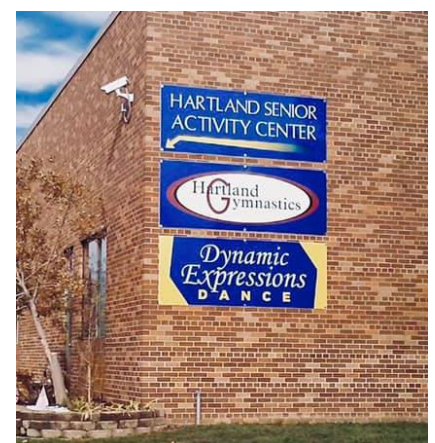
Round Elementary School

Did you know November is Diabetes Awareness month? The RES school collected over \$200.00 to support research for a cure. We wore blue on November 14th to show our support.

Community Education

Did you know that students, staff, and families enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with their school family in addition to their own family? The Senior Activity Center members and the children in Preschool and Child Care, all enjoyed delicious turkey and other food with their school/center friends. In addition, our Preschool teachers held "Cookies and Conversation" with each parent to discuss their child's development and progress to date. This is one additional step we take to help ensure that each of the children attending our Preschool is ready for kindergarten.

Did you know that the Senior Activity Center, Hartland Gymnastics Program, and the Hartland Dance Program all got new exterior signs installed at the HESSC in an effort to help our new community members find us? We appreciate Matt Marino's help in getting these designed and installed!



Hartland District

IC (Instructional Consultation): Did you know that the IC process and IC teams are implemented in every school in Hartland. Currently, 29% of teachers serve on IC teams throughout the district, but IC teams consist of many other staff too, including administration and ancillary staff. Last year alone, over 330 kids were served through the process of IC; however, strategies from these cases have and will continue to affect many more students for years to come. IC is a process used to enhance teacher and student success!!

Quote from Hartland Teacher on ICAT survey: "I love working with an IC case manager because it provides me the time to create a match for either a class, a group of students, or a student, and then I can use the strategies with the entire class."