

September “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School has a Student Pantry in the building? High school teachers Cathleen Haglund, Nicole Schingeck, Karen Quinn, and a handful of others have stocked a designated room in the high school that is filled with food, toiletries, hygiene products, school supplies, and some clothing items that any high school student has access to during the school day. Staff and community members have donated all of the stocked items. Also, bags of food/goods are put together for families before extended holiday breaks, or if families fall on hard times and are struggling. The pantry has been an extremely useful resource to ensure students are able to eat, drink, and have the necessary supplies to get through their day. Thank you to all who have donated and been involved in the Student Pantry!

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School seventh grade science teacher Rob Jellison works with his students to raise and release tagged Monarch butterflies? This aids in the scientific study of the Monarch butterfly migration patterns and allows students to get up close to a beautiful part of nature. Watch this awesome video of students releasing a newly born Monarch into the wild:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1041830860021006336>

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that 5th and 6th grade teachers are teaching new reading and writing workshop units? Some teachers piloted these units last year, but we will be in full implementation at Farms this year. We are already seeing an increase in student expectations, engagement, and interest within these new units. This year, professional development will be focusing on small group conferring and the use of progressions to increase differentiation during independent reading time. Professional development opportunities will occur during School Improvement meetings, Early Release Fridays, and curriculum department release time. A special thank you to Monique Alberts, our district literacy coach, who continues to provide professional development opportunities for Farms. Monique has already planned units with several teams and has been in numerous classrooms modeling the lessons as well as providing coaching to our new and veteran teachers.

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know Creekside started a *Farm to School* education program for our 4th grade students last year? This year we are expanding to 3rd grade. *Farm to School* provides opportunities for our students to participate in educational activities related to agriculture, food, health or nutrition. Creekside will have *Farm to School* education sessions that will include farmer visits in the classroom, discussions about the health benefits of different foods, and tasting and learning about healthy foods. The goal is to help students show greater willingness to try fruits and vegetables, and demonstrate greater knowledge related to nutrition and the positive impact of good food on overall health. We would like to thank parent Cindy Pruitt for her help leading and supporting our *Farm to School* efforts!

Lakes Elementary School

Lakes P.E. teacher Matt Conway spearheaded our ***Meals for Mott*** program this past summer. Our first ***Meals for Mott*** was a huge success raising over \$1,800! We provided lunch for the Pediatric Cancer unit (Floor 7E) on Monday, July 9th. We provided 50 bagged lunches, a variety of vegan, vegetarian, turkey, chicken, corned beef and roast beef sandwiches along with fruit, anti-pasta and potato salad from Zingerman's. We also had 100 slices of pizza from Pizza House, 50 slices of pie from the Grand Traverse Pie Company, and bags of chips, mini cupcakes, pop, Gatorade, water and more. Extra "Hartland Strong for Mott" t-shirts and bracelets were given away and we also donated 55 extra Superhero capes to the Child and Family Life Center!

The families and patients were so grateful to have something "besides hospital food" to eat. Mr. Conway shared that it was inspirational to hear the families' stories: some have been there for three weeks, some are back for their third stint with their child battling cancer again, others have been there basically off and on for the past 12 months. It was a special day and we can't wait to do more!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Sensei Sam has already visited every class at Round? During the first session with Sensei we started off like we did last year, with the training theme “I always stand up for myself and others!” The purpose of this lesson is to start the new year off taking a stand against mean behavior, and setting a ‘Not in My School’ culture by arming them with the tools and words to do so. We want our students to take care of the little problems and come to us for the big problems. Little problems are typically referred to as ‘tattling’ by adults. Big problems are any kind of on-going mean behavior (bullying) or physical aggression. They are a part of making Round a great place to learn for themselves, their classmates, and their friends.

There is a second purpose that might be even more important. This is a way for students to build “Courage” by doing and experiencing it. The emotional experience of speaking out and calling out their friends and peers is a powerful life changing confidence builder. The first time a child does this, they will be forever changed. The other reason this works well is that every child probably encounters this challenge (and fear) to some extent. So, this gives us a daily learning opportunity for building confidence and courage. We are on a mission to build **STRONGER** kids. Not just strong physically, but cognitively, emotionally and socially.

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary students **LOVE TO READ**? This year we had over 130 students take our ‘Summer Reading Challenge’ of reading 100 or more times during their summer vacation – that means that our students read over 13,000 times this summer! On September 21st, we had our fall reading assembly with the Hartland Eagle and 20 high school student athletes who celebrated the accomplishments of our summer readers! We also took our Village Reading Pledge in which we promise to read at home every day this school year!

Community Education

Hartland Preschool started the week of September 10th with close to 300 children attending. Our open houses were well attended and gave our new students a chance to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. We added an additional morning classroom this year due to our increased demand.

We opened our LEGACY school year with a new principal at the helm, Ms. Stephanie Way. Ms. Way came to us after teaching at Round School the last 18 years.

We continue to offer child and adult enrichment with opportunities for all ages. Our gymnastics program continues to grow and we are entering our competitive prep season for our team gymnasts. Our Dance program is under way, and we are planning for our winter showcase and our recital. Our theater group Prelude is meeting twice a week rehearsing for the Madagascar Jr. musical that will be held February 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th. Mark your calendar now!

A shout-out to those teachers who partnered with us last year and look forward to another great year together.