

## December “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Mrs. Anne Hasseld’s AP Programming students were challenged to create and submit an original app for a chance to win the Congressional App Challenge (CAC)? Each challenge is district-specific. Students worked either in teams or individually to create an app that solved a problem for the CAC. Students brainstormed possible apps, identified a target audience, and created a storyboard with their plan. Students then used a free online tool, MIT App Inventor, to create their apps. Twenty-three Hartland High School students competed to create and submit the best app.

Michigan’s District 8 U.S. Representative, Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, recognized our winning teams by visiting Mrs. Hasseld’s class on December 9th at Hartland High School. Final app winners included Devin Guibord, Nick Bromley, Logan Fenech, and Braden Smith for their “GameClock” app, Justin Christenson for “Your Finances,” and the district’s overall winner, Tayden Cook, for his “FamFri Messaging.” Each winning app may be put on display in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year. It was an amazing morning to recognize our young adults for their creativity and hard work. Congratulations to Mrs. Hasseld and all the students who entered an app into the challenge!



### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School has a board game club called TAG (Tabletop Adventures’ Guild)? The TAG role-playing club was created by a group of students under the supervision of fellow gamers Mrs. Dennis and Mr. Guarr. The 40+ members meet weekly to play Dungeons and Dragons adventure modules while working on math, storytelling, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. Best of all, there are NO SCREENS, just face-to-face dice-rolling fun! The club is always welcoming new members, even if they have never played before. Special thanks to club sponsors Mrs. Dennis and Mr. Guarr for making this awesome club available to Middle School students.

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Hartland Schools offers a comprehensive counseling program for students in fifth grade through twelfth grade? This year Farms Intermediate launched a counseling program which focuses on assisting students with developing their social emotional skill-set so they can reach their academic potential. Mrs. Mary Day is the counselor at Farms Intermediate for all our 5th and 6th grade students. Not only does she counsel students daily, she also runs a variety of student support groups focusing on managing anxiety, grief, divorce, and other life stressors. The district counseling department works collaboratively to provide a cohesive and comprehensive counseling program at our intermediate and secondary schools. Mrs. Day also works closely with several community organizations (specifically Key Development Center and O’Hana Karate) to provide our students with all the tools they will need to become successful students and adults.

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside spent time in November and December collecting donations for various programs? We did a school-wide food drive for the Hartland Optimist Club and Gleaners Food Bank. The students and families donated well over 400 pounds of food for less fortunate families. Each of our grade levels also selected programs to collect and give back to: Kindergarteners adopted a family, 1st graders adopted a family, 2nd graders collected items for the Humane Society, 3rd graders collected food and toiletry items for the troops, while 4th graders focused on Toys for Tots. Thanks to all of our students and families for showing how giving back to others is important.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Mrs. Barb's first grade class at Lakes Elementary has the opportunity to be pen pals with a Kindergarten class from Dakar, Senegal (West Africa) this year? Mrs. Barb and Miss Melissa (Dakar teacher) send videos each month describing what it is like living & learning in each of their countries. The videos are usually Q & A style, so the kids can ask questions and learn about one another's culture. The latest video received was of the children in Senegal asking about snow- they were so curious what it was like! The kids sent a gift box to each other including special keychains as a souvenir. Mrs. Barb's class each received a keychain for their backpack including a piece of "African Wax", which is an African made material that they use for most clothing and decor. Miss Melissa's class received a key chain with an American Flag and a real penny! The kids love sharing with one another what their life is like at home, and at the same time learning what life would be like across the world on a different continent. Their across the world relationship is something these kids will never forget!

### Round Elementary School

Did you know Round PTO and families raised over \$25,000 during Fun Run? These funds will be used to purchase new playground equipment, a water bottle refill station near the gym, books for instruction, teacher supplies, take home reading, and much more. We celebrated reaching our goal with an assembly where Mrs. Hottum was slimed! Mrs. Hottum enjoyed lunch with top earners and 2 friends of their choice. Thank you Round families and community for supporting our school and district. Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)!

### Village Elementary

Did you know that the Village Elementary PTO hosted Santa's BOGO Book Fair? On December 5<sup>th</sup>, our PTO sponsored an evening of fun and excitement here at Village. Families were able to shop at our annual "buy one get one free" Scholastic book fair, as well as visit with Santa, decorate a cookie and make a holiday inspired craft. It was a joyous event where staff, students, and community members could mingle and get into the spirit of the holidays. Our event raised enough that each teacher at Village was able to "shop" for \$50 worth of books to add to their classroom libraries. We are already thinking of ways to make this event bigger and better in the years to come!

