

## February “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Computer and Technical Education teacher, Mrs. Anne Hasseld, was named the MiSTEM Teacher of the Year? Anne was nominated for this prestigious award for the continuous, positive impact she has on her students and Hartland High School, as well as the impact she’s had on encouraging young women to get involved in STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Anne is also the co-advisor of the Hartland Women in Technology Club, which competes at events around the metro area, as well as travels to Hartland elementary schools to show students how to program. Hartland Women in Technology is currently building a fully-automated PowerWheels Jeep that will be programmed to go forward, backward, and make turns all on its own!

Mr. Jason Reck and Mr. David Minsker presented Anne with the well-deserved award. Thank you for all you do, Anne!



### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School has a Random Acts of Kindness club (RAK)? Our RAK club is led by Dr. Johnson and Ms. Ford and meets weekly to work on acts of kindness throughout the school. Members of the club set personal challenges and the club provides an act of kindness for a different class each month. Additionally, the club looks for ways to help others outside of school. In January, they organized a coin drive to support the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation and raised almost \$500.

Our RAK club works in sync with our school-wide Kindness Relay. Ms. Roberts classes created Kindness Relay cards to encourage students to be thoughtful and kind to others. This Pass-It-On approach to teaching SEL is helping our students learn and practice Reason, Respect, and Responsibility. Thanks to Dr. Johnson, Ms. Ford and Ms. Roberts for leading the efforts.

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms Intermediate has a 'Mindfulness Room' as part of the Student Support Center? All students can visit this room throughout the school day. Students learn best in a state of relaxed alertness; that is where they are comfortable and yet experience a high level of challenge and engagement in their learning. Having a Mindfulness Room is a valuable resource to our young learners because it allows them to independently monitor their social-emotional state and remain in the zone for optimal learning. In the Mindfulness Room, students engage in a variety of activities that help provide a cognitive distraction and end with the student self-calming and being ready to re-engage in the learning environment. Students use a 5-point scale to rate themselves as they come into the Mindfulness Room, and as they leave the room. Students have access to activities like moon sand, clay, soft lighting, music, art, and a variety of calming sensory activities. Our students are learning that being in a state of calm, relaxed alertness maximizes their learning and will allow them to reach their academic potential.

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside started a new program in January for promoting health and exercise? Mrs. Soave, LESEA Physical Therapist, and Mr. Guenther, Physical Education teacher, started HEALTHY KIDS CLUB at Creekside. This program allows students to come to the gym on Friday mornings for 8 weeks. The goal of this club is to get students moving for 30-45 minutes to help get their hearts and brains ready for learning! The time is for MOVING and interactions with friends and other students. The club has around 50 students and is proving to be FUN and HEALTHY.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know Lakes Elementary had a two-week coin drive to raise funds for the wildlife in Australia affected by the recent wildfires? Our Coins for Koalas drive raised over \$1,800! Our Kindness Club (made up of Lakes fourth graders) created a video to share with the entire school and put posters up around the school to promote the coin drive. Students donated change in jars in each classroom the first week of the drive and then were able to

put change in grade level jars the second week. Each grade raised over \$300 and our 1st grade raised an additional \$200 to support wildlife at the Howell Nature Center. A special thank you to Leslie Leemgraven, Lisa Villar, Matt Conway, Toni Johnson, Doreen Avenall, and Shari Russano for their hard work on this project!

### **Round Elementary School**

Did you know that Round Instructional Consultation (IC) teams support classroom teachers in applying best practices in instruction and assessment? The idea is to create student success within the general education classroom by improving instructional support practices. The team has been trained in assessments and research-based interventions. The Round Elementary IC Team has received 12 individual and 4 group "Requests for Collaboration" so far this year!

### **Village Elementary**

Did you know that the Village Peer-to-Peer (P2P) groups are making big changes around the building? Our fourth-grade P2P group started the "Wake Up Cafe." This is a coffee/snack cart that serves hot cocoa, tea, and coffee to teachers. Students developed a business plan, determined pricing, advertised, and served the delicious items to our staff. Our third-grade P2P group created a plan and delivered a presentation to the principal, advocating for a buddy table at lunch. They thought through allergies, cost, and promotion of the new buddy table. Our Peer-to-Peer groups are filled with amazing student leaders here at Village.

### **Community Education**

Did you know that Hartland Community Education's Prelude Theater Group under the direction of Jason Eaton just sold out 5 of the 6 Frozen Jr. shows? This means that our 62 actors and actresses performed for over 4,000 people! We are so proud of every single one of them and the growth they made this year. Congratulations Prelude participants and leaders!

Did you know that Prelude has just committed to doing Peter Pan Jr. next year? It will be an awesome show. Auditions are set for Saturday, May 9th at Hartland High School.

Did you know that Hartland Community Education's Annual Valentine Dances were well attended, as usual? Dancing, cookies, photo booths, pretty dresses and fancy suits all were part of the awesome memories made.

Did you know that on Saturday, February 22 we had 17 high schoolers take a SAT prep class along with a practice test to prepare for the upcoming test?

Did you know that even though it is cold outside we have lots of children in our tennis, basketball and sports starter classes in our gym? We are preparing for Spring.....can we go outside yet?

Did you know that Ms. Jessie Terberg and Ms. Jessica Pasienza have joined our Child Care Center as Directors? We know their expertise and experience will be great for children and our program.

Did you know that Ms. Julia Eggers works at the Child Care Center in our Before and After School Program but has also joined forces with Ms. Dawn Lubeski at Lakes Before and After as a Director there part-time? Julia brings four years of experience in the business to the Centers. Julia is studying to be an elementary teacher with a goal of being a kindergarten teacher someday.

### **Senior Activity Center**

Did you know the Hartland Senior Activity Center offers free tax preparation in Partnership with AARP? Every Friday from now until April 3rd we have volunteer tax preparers at the center helping our community members file their taxes. This is a FREE service, and while the focus is on our older adults, anyone who needs assistance can schedule an appointment. They set up in our carpeted room (picture below). We only have a few appointments left so if you know someone who may need our help, have them call asap to make an appointment 810-626-2135. In 2019, over 300 people had their taxes done at our center. Just one more way we are serving our community!

