

January “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland High School Art department is doing hands-on projects that allow students to make art pieces using different mediums? Ms. Lynn Saint-Onge has returned to the High School to teach jewelry lab! Currently, students in jewelry are learning how to make eye pins out of copper wire using pliers and hammers to eventually make long, wire chains using different chain-linking methods. Students will produce necklaces, bracelets, rings, or small portions of chain mail for one of their projects. Students in jewelry classes will also learn how to etch cuff bracelets, dog tags, as well as other metallic jewelry pieces before the end of the semester.

New to the art team this semester is Ms. Madelin Porter teaching ceramics!

Students in ceramics are very busy working on Greek coil pottery. Students use clay to roll a series of long coils, which are shaped on top of each other to create a piece of pottery. The coils are eventually smoothed out, will be glazed and baked in the kiln.



Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School students are thinking about and planning for college, technical training and future careers? As part of our College and Career Readiness plan, all eighth-grade students complete an extensive assessment of aptitude, skills and interest using Zello, an engaging Career and College planning platform. Students are guided through a process to determine personality style, learning style and skills to link them to possible careers. They also learn about job preparation requirements and potential cost. All careers are linked to the Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook's ten-year projections. Middle school students with a focus and a plan are more successful. Thank you to Mrs. McLennan for leading this effort.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that we have close to 100 students participating in our highly capable events each month? We are so lucky to have a parent leader, Becky Linton, who has built a curriculum for our students to participate in each month. Students meet once or twice per month on Friday afternoons during Acceleration time. They have close to 60 minutes each session to work on their project. Our first semester consisted of 3-D printing and CAD design on Chromebooks.

Becky Linton will be participating in the Hartland SOUP on February 8, 2020 @ 1:30 pm during Hartland Winterfest at All Saints Lutheran Church. Becky will be asking for Circuit Playground Express Educators Packs to teach electronics and programming to our fifth and sixth grade students. Please consider joining us to help celebrate the work that she does and to support our Highly Capable program here at Farms.



Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside offers strong robotics and LEGO league programs? These after-school programs provide an incredible opportunity for Hartland students to experience STEM in a fun and engaging way! Creekside Robotics met in the fall and had OUTSTANDING showings in all competitions this year! Our LEGO league began in January and we cannot wait to see what creative ideas are expressed.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that kindergarten teachers at Lakes Elementary are co-teaching a new handwriting program to their students with the school occupational therapist, Jen Carnevale? The Size Matters Handwriting program is the first instructional handwriting program to shift the focus to Letter Size. When students correct errors in Letter Size, they make an immediate and measurable difference in the consistency, and therefore readability of their work. Research studies show that teaching handwriting to young students significantly contributes to higher literacy rates and substantially improves the quality and length of their written composition work.

Before teaching the program, a pre-test was conducted in one kindergarten class to determine where each individual student's baseline fell for written letter legibility of their lowercase alphabet. Seven weeks later, a similar post-test was given to compare the results of explicitly teaching handwriting. Legibility was noted to have significantly increased and we are hopeful that we will continue to see this same growth in the remaining three kindergarten classes currently being taught!

Round Elementary School

Did you know we got painted? The Round office, gym, hallways, and bathrooms have been painted. Soon, our classrooms will be getting a fresh coat of paint. The new paint has really brightened up the hallways and given Round a "Looks like brand new" feel. We would like to thank the maintenance and custodial departments for keeping Round School in great shape!

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary hosted a Panda Express fundraiser night on January 14th? Our Village PTO worked with the management of Panda Express to host a fundraiser earlier in the month. Panda Express generously donated 50% of the proceeds from sales made between noon and 9:00 pm to Village. In total, our PTO raised \$1,371.67. This was an amazing opportunity to support both a local Hartland business and our school!

Community Education

Did you know that we added two new fitness offerings to our evening programs? Both classes start at 6:30 p.m. Mondays - PX90 and Wednesdays - Barre Reaction. This is in addition to our popular Dance Fitness class on Tuesdays.

Did you know that time is running out to register for preschool for the 2020-21 School Year? There are limited offerings remaining - call today!

Did you know that our gymnastics team, Hartland Gymnastics Academy under the direction of Ms. Brenda Gordon and the best team coaches around, continues to produce phenomenal results? So far in 2020, we have had competitions at the Wolverine Classic in Saline and at EMU in Ypsilanti for the PG Memorial meet. At the Wolverine Classic, our Level 3's took 3rd, Level 5's took 3rd, Xcel Silver 2nd, and Xcel Gold came in 3rd. At the PG Memorial, our Level 5's took 1st, Xcel Silver 4th, and Xcel Diamond took 1st! Our Fun meet kids kicked off the new year with some beautiful routines and lots of blue ribbons. We are excited to see what the future holds for these girls. Many of our teams travel to Indianapolis at the end of the month. Good luck gymnasts!

Did you know that we will be offering five (5) performances of Frozen Jr. the first two weekends in February? Our Hartland children and surrounding area friends, over 60 of them will bring the musical to life in such a magnificent manner. You will not want to miss it! Tickets are on sale now and **going fast!**

Buy now to reserve your seat: <http://our.show/frozen>

Did you know that in February we will be hosting our annual Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter Valentine Dances at Hartland High School? Register before the day of the dances (February 12th and 13th) for a discount. Do Little Things with Big Love!