

## October “Did You Know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School chemistry teacher, Mrs. Jessica Simpson, celebrated Mole Day with her classes by getting students involved in chemistry activities? What is a mole, you ask? A mole is the scientific term for a specific amount of a compound. One mole of any substance will always contain  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  atoms of that substance. That is a HUGE number! Each year on 10/23, chemists around the world celebrate the Mole. Mrs. Simpson’s chemistry classes celebrated by performing an inquiry lab that required groups of students to make large banners with chalk, calculating the number of atoms of chalk,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , used to create their designs. Other classes used conversions to cook fudge, calculating the number of atoms required to make it, and then got to eat the fudge! Some turned out better than others, but what a fun, hands-on way to get students involved in their learning!



### Hartland Middle School

Did you know Hartland Middle School started a Unified sports program this year? Unified sports teams are part of the Special Olympics program. We will have a bowling team and basketball team. This fall, nine students with special needs are paired with peers for a bowling event every Thursday at Striking Lanes. The students bond as they participate and have fun together. They are gearing up for the State Unified Bowling Tournament in Lansing this November. Thanks to Mrs. Pusheck and Mrs. Miller for organizing and coaching the teams.



### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms is working extra hard with math this year? For both fifth and sixth grade students, we are placing a huge emphasis on mastering math facts. We will be giving out awards to students who master their math facts, as well as to students who show tremendous growth. Not only are we encouraging our students to put forth more effort at school, we also sent home valuable online resources. Students and parents were given access to online sites such as Xtramath.org, Bedtimemath.org, Khan Academy, etc. Students have been encouraged to set aside at least 30 minutes a week at home to work on any of these sites. In addition to having students practice outside of school, our math teachers are working hard collaborating before and after school with one another to better align the curriculum and have consistent teaching practices within the classroom. Farms is excited to see what great things happen with all this hard work!

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside and Hartland Middle School students participate in Rockin’ Readers, a reading support program for third and fourth grade students at Creekside? Working with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Livingston County, middle school students work as mentor reading buddies for Creekside students. They were interviewed, trained, and paired with select elementary students. They spend time reading with them once a week at the end of the day. Creekside students love the program and look forward to reading with their middle school mentors. The middle school students appreciate the opportunity to help mentor young readers and build friendships with them. We are so excited to have this program up and running again at Creekside.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know Lakes Social Worker Leslie Leemgraven and School Psychologist Dr. Toni Johnson are teaching several Mindfulness lessons in 12 classrooms throughout Lakes? The goal of these lessons is to teach students the techniques and skills needed to calm down and help regulate their emotions. Learning about “color monsters” and buddy breathing are just two of the early lessons they’ve been teaching our students. They’ve also put together a Mindfulness lending library of resources for teachers to use in their classrooms to help students self-regulate. In addition, they are running the first Random Acts of Kindness Club (RAK) at Lakes with a special group of fourth grade students. These students are brainstorming ways to encourage all students (and adults) at Lakes to use random acts of kindness to make Lakes a better place! Among their early efforts are making calming bottles for students to use in every classroom as well as handing out RAK (random acts of kindness) cards to others in the building. They will also help organize our Lakes Kindness Tree and Kindness Tickets that will be implemented later this month. More on that in a future *Did You Know?*

### Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary has a full-time social worker at our school every day? Ms. Smith is amazing! She spends time with students in and outside of the classroom. She is supporting our Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) and Peer to Peer programs. Ms. Smith will also help promote Sensei’s lessons and social emotional learning for all students. Round is fortunate to have a full-time social worker.

### Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary raised over \$17,000 during our annual Hedgehog Hustle? The Village PTO worked tirelessly to support our school and students as they, once again, orchestrated an amazing Hedgehog Hustle. This event is a wonderful community builder where students from all grades collect donations that directly benefit our school, for their participation in our fun run held at the gorgeous Epley park. This year, students who raised \$100 dollars or more got the chance to throw a water balloon at principal, Angelina Kreger.



We are endlessly thankful to our Village PTO and the community for their support. Our staff and students are already looking forward to next year and how we can continue to grow this event.

### Community Education

Did you know that 287 students attending Hartland Preschool were fortunate to meet their teachers at Spicer’s Orchard for a fall field trip where they went on a hay ride, picked a pumpkin, enjoyed donuts and cider, played in the barnyard, and fed the goats and other animals? A great time was had by all!

Did you know that we have open rec classes for community members ages 16 and up every evening at the HESSC? A great variety of sports from 8:00-10:00 pm: pickleball sharing six (6) courts on Mondays, basketball games on two (2) full courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and volleyball on three (3) nets on Wednesdays and Fridays. Not enough? Then try Guts Frisbee on Thursday nights at the middle school from 8:00-10:00 pm. Entry each night is just \$5.00.

### Community Education (cont.)

It will soon be winter, and they are predicting a snowy, cold one. Come inside and walk our hallways for free Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm!

Did you know that our pools are open seven (7) days a week? Check out our schedule and join us! Open swims are Saturdays 4:00-6:00 pm and Sundays 2:15-4:15 pm. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday nights are back from 7:30-9:00 pm.

Did you know that on October 18th HAYAA Cheer and Pom had a large gathering and everybody brought a canned good to support the Hartland Optimist Club's Adopt a Family program? What a great way to help less fortunate friends and families. THANK YOU HAYAA CHEER AND POM!!

### Senior Activity Center

Did you know that the Hartland Senior Activity Center holds an annual fundraiser in late October featuring our senior members dancing, singing and acting! This year's "Road Trippin' the Mitten" was held last week with an attendance of over 700 people, an amazing bake sale and dedicated cast. We raised over \$11,000 for the senior center! Thank you for everyone's support.

Thank you to all the staff and families that have donated shoes to our Shoe Drive! The shoe drive has been extended to November 15th- there's still time to donate gently worn shoes. Please call if you have any questions: 810-626-2135.

### Student Nutrition

Did you know on October 10th, Hartland elementary students celebrated Michigan Apple Crunch Day! The Student Nutrition Department provided Michigan apples for all elementary students to promote healthy eating and local produce. The students loved CRUNCHING their Michigan apples.

