

February 2021 “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School has a senior student that is making a positive impact on the building and music program? Senior student Colton Germane is an active member of the Wind Symphony, Chamber Choir, Cadet Band, and in the fall, served as one of the Drum Majors for the marching band. Growing up, Colton took oboe lessons from Mrs. Laibly (band teacher at Farms), participated in the Livingston County Youth Symphony Orchestra, as well as the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony based at Michigan State University. Colton was recently accepted into the MSU Music Education Program, where he received a full-ride scholarship. Colton will also try out to play the tenor sax for the MSU marching band.



Colton aspires to be a music teacher and was given the opportunity to lead a band class while Mr. Laibly watched. Colton developed a lesson plan and conducted a full 52-minute class period that included giving feedback to specific instrument groups. Well done Colton and thank you Mr. Laibly for allowing Colton the chance to try his hand at running a class!

Hartland Legacy High School-Hartland Virtual Academy

Did you know that Legacy High School shares the HESSC building with over 15 different organizations? Our unique location fosters dynamic community connections. The students have opportunities to intern, interact, and get involved with potential career paths and/or Hartland volunteering. Some of the organizations that call HESSC home include Hartland Community Education, Meals on Wheels, Child Care Network, and LESA Head Start Programs to name a few.

We are excited to return to many of the team-building activities such as Legacy students playing friendly games of basketball

against the team from Central Office, Interview Day with retired Human Resource representatives organized by Hartland Senior Center Director Kim Konarski, and internships to the Hartland Chamber of Commerce where a Legacy student helped to plan the Black & Bling International Women’s Day Event with Executive Director Katie Chuba.



Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Hartland Middle School staff and coaches are working hard to provide our students with extracurricular activities during this COVID year? Students have been able to participate in a variety of after school activities such as Quiz Bowl, Optimist Oratorical, Robotics, Bucket Drumline, Wrestling, Cheer, Pom, Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country and Swim. Staff and students have appreciated being able to experience some “normal” during this unusual time. We would like to thank our club sponsors and coaches for their extraordinary efforts to provide these experiences for our students while observing safety protocols.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms teachers have provided numerous professional development opportunities throughout the 2020-2021 school year? We discovered that the best professional development comes from our colleagues! This year, teachers at Farms have taken charge and developed professional development that is meaningful to all our staff.

Some of the professional development that has been offered by teachers:

- Technology: Teachers taught one another tips and tricks for Google classroom. Teachers also shared and helped implement resources like Pear Deck, Jamboard, Clickers, and Classkick.
- CASL: A team of teachers reviewed the importance of CASL and shared simple ideas that would help teachers continue to implement CASL in their classrooms.

- ICT: Our IC Team reviewed the IC process, provided knowledge on the importance of being aware of and honoring working memory, and shared best practices with our staff and provided resources that teachers can use in their classrooms.
- SEL: Our ancillary staff and school counselor shared strategies to help staff and students reduce anxiety. They launched our PBIS program that will be implemented school-wide.
- School Improvement Groups: Teachers have been provided time to review and discuss SI content area goals and objectives. Conversations and collaboration continued with one another to help these goals be met.
- Team Time: Teachers were able to meet within their teaching teams to collaborate on students and curriculum.

We are very proud of our staff and those who have gone above and beyond to help one another. Our professional development is crucial to improving teaching and learning. We are successful when we share our ideas and work together! Thank you to our Farms Staff!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside is partnering with HCS students to work with FUTURE teachers! Creekside has three amazing students who are aspiring to be in the field of education. They will be spending time in Ms. Carpenter's, Ms. Komaromi's and Mr. Guttridge's classrooms to experience the life of a teacher. The CADET program will allow these ladies to have everyday experiences with elementary children and staff and provide insight into their future careers. We are excited to welcome to Creekside Annalise Yancho, Megan Vettraino, and Lexi Klassa.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know Lakes has a Kindness Tree? Our Kindness Tree grows throughout the year! Students and staff can earn a kindness leaf for completing a random act of kindness for someone else at Lakes. Our Kindness Club is in charge of keeping this tree growing by promoting and modeling random acts of kindness throughout our building and community! They have performed many acts of kindness. For example, our Kindness Club planned and ran a blanket and towel drive for the local Humane Society locations earlier in the year. In addition, Lakes participated in a food drive sponsored by our Lakes Cub Scout Pack 385. We collected hundreds of pounds of food and cleaning items that were donated to Bountiful Harvest. Keep growing that KINDNESS!



Round Elementary School

Did you know that our Round students will be engaged in a Sports theme for March is Reading Month, complete with a March Madness Book Bracket! The topics by grade level include: Kindergarten Hockey, First grade Basketball, Second grade Football, Third grade Baseball and Fourth Grade Soccer. We are looking forward to ramping up our reading motivation and engagement!

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary utilizes the morning announcements to make social-emotional learning connections with students? Each day, a small idea or challenge is presented to our students that is directly aligned to the concepts and ideas that are being taught through our social-emotional lessons. Villagers are encouraged to be kind, demonstrate empathy, show responsibility, and understand the true meaning of friendship. Starting off the day with a small anecdote or inspirational statement helps students connect to the world beyond themselves and reinforces the skills and ideals that we are working on through our EAGLES values. Here is an example of one of our morning announcements - Embrace being unique. Your quirks. The inner wild that makes you, you. Live your own truth. Your weirdness is filled with all things wonderful. Love all of who you are. In doing so, you are offering the one thing that no one else can give you: the beauty of accepting yourself.

Student Nutrition

Did you know that we are ready to feed students even if they have been quarantined at home? Students that have temporarily moved to remote learning can get a meal box from us anytime, they do not need to wait for the Friday pick-up. We regularly contact our quarantined families to let them know how to receive meals, but if you know of a student that will need meal assistance before the regularly scheduled Friday meal pickup, please let us know. We want to feed them and make sure their needs are met while they are temporarily learning remotely.

Community Education

Did you know that 30 high school students attended our SAT strategies and review class on February 22nd? We have a practice test scheduled for February 26th. The students will be able to take the practice test and obtain a score on the test.

Did you know that we already have over 200 soccer players registered for the spring soccer season and over 50 volleyball players registered for our spring travel program? There are still a few spots open!

Did you know that our preschool teachers met for Professional Development on February 22nd to focus on how to continue collaborating with the district curriculum and aligning our kindergarten readiness? We worked with the district math coach on the pacing guide for Kindergarten math and the ELA coach on focusing on the Essentials 1-3.



Hartland Preschool Teachers after PD on February 22