

March 2021 “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland chapter of DECA, led by Mr. Jamie Riley and Ms. Stephanie Ritter, continued its amazing streak of qualifying students for the DECA International Conference? In February, DECA students met in the media center to either compete in role-play or take a written test in their area of expertise. Presentations and tests were judged, with the top percentage of students qualifying for the International Conference. Although this year’s competitions were all virtual, Hartland DECA had 54 students that were finalists in their events, and 39 of those students qualified for the International Conference in April! In role-plays, 15 students were finalists with seven becoming International qualifiers, and in written events, we had 39 International qualifiers. This was 82% of all Hartland students that competed! Qualifiers were announced in an awards ceremony held during the school day in the school’s auditorium. The program was streamed in, and winners got to come up on stage to receive their medal(s). Congratulations to all DECA students that competed and best of luck to all the International Qualifiers!



Hartland Legacy High School/Hartland Virtual Academy

Did you know students of Hartland Virtual Academy can:

- Accomplish all of the Michigan Merit Curriculum classes in order to graduate
- Enroll in 27 different AP courses
- Dual enroll in any program
(HVA shares a campus with WCC which makes commuting just a walk down the hallway)
- Register for Share-Time or Early Middle College programs
- Participate with HHS or HMS sports
- Is available for grades 6-12 this year and for the 2021-22 school year

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that all 7th grade students participate in the Literary Nonfiction Unit in English class this year? This is a Reading Workshop Unit of Study from the Teachers College at Columbia University, New York. HMS 7th grade teachers attended the Teachers College for a weekend last school year (pre-pandemic) to learn how to better engage students as readers. A vital part of the Reading Workshop is allowing students to select the book they want to read. Book titles include: I Will Always Write Back, Ugly, Lost in the Pacific, 1942, Unbroken (Adapted for Young Adults), World Without Fish, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, I Am Malala, and others. Students have raved about this unit! Madeline says, “These are true stories, so we get to see how people overcame real challenges.” Collin reports, “I like that we get to choose our own books because we get to learn about the things we’re interested in.” Taryn added, “It’s interesting because we get to learn more in depth about things that happened in history.” Thank you to our 7th grade ELA teachers for providing our students with great learning opportunities!

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms had a Book Fair the week of March 15th? Our PTO went above and beyond to make this happen. They put together a Harry Potter theme and made fun books available for all of our students. Our students were thrilled at the opportunity to shop and buy some awesome books. Thank you to our PTO volunteers who created a fun and safe atmosphere for all students and staff!



Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside offers opportunities for 3rd and 4th grade leadership roles? Creekside has a peer-to-peer program led by our amazing school social worker, Ms. Bowling. Students for this program are selected by teachers for being good role models to a younger peer or a peer at their grade level. They have meetings and share lunch together to make new friendships, learn how to support each other, and gain some insight and understanding about diversity. Peers demonstrate what a good role model or peer should look like in the school setting. For example, they show how to appropriately walk the halls, work in groups, and line up on the playground along with many other things. Also, our third graders oversee flag duties and help clean the lunchroom throughout the school year. Creekside has so many great LEADERS!

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes is partnering with HCS students who are cadet teachers three days a week at our building? Lakes is fortunate to have six high school seniors who are all planning on studying education in college and joining the educational field after graduation. These students will be working with some amazing veteran teachers at Lakes to build their knowledge and understanding of what it takes to be a successful teacher at the elementary level. The CADET program will allow these students to experience what life is like working with elementary students and staff and provide them some valuable insight into their future careers. Lakes is happy to welcome Isabella Hoose (Mrs. Rogers-3rd), Mackenzie Zvoch (Mrs. Dennis-K/Ms. Turner-JK), Morgan Donovan (Mrs. Barb-1st), Chloe Vestergaard (Mrs. Atreo-1st), Meghan Kilbane (Ms. Peifer-K/Ms. Maurin-K), and Meghan Rollins (Mr. Foster-4th).



Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary is partnering with the high school to develop future teachers? RES is hosting 3 amazing high school students who are interested in becoming future educators. Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Wiater have volunteered to mentor the CADETs as they explore the field of education. The high school students work with Round students in small groups and support them during independent work while gaining knowledge of the Elementary School setting. We are very excited about their career choice and grateful to be a part of their journey.

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary is getting new lunch tables? Last year, Village Elementary had the biggest Fun Run on record and raised over \$18,000. We decided to use those funds to purchase round lunch tables for our cafeteria. Our thoughts were that these tables could be used for community events, after school activities, and to create a more familial atmosphere during our lunch periods. At the end of last school year, we decided to postpone the purchase of the tables until this school year, and we recently put in the order. We are so excited to update our lunchroom and believe that it will continue to support our positive behavior initiatives here at Village.

Community Education

Did you know that we have been offering indoor tennis this season? We offer lessons for beginners as young as five years old to high schoolers getting ready for their season. We're looking forward to our spring break tennis clinics!

Did you know that we had 31 swimmers participate in Middle School Swim? Coach John said they had a great season and all the swimmers improved.

Did you know that our gymnastics classes are up and running? We offer gymnastics from parent tot classes with 2-year olds, up to our competitive team gymnasts with Hartland Gymnastics Academy. In March, Hartland Gymnastics Academy had a great competition month! Both Xcel & the Developmental Program participated in the Girls Power meet in Saline. At this meet, our Level 5 team took second, and Level 3 team took third. Our Xcel program went to the Spring Spectacular where the Diamonds placed 1st as a team. This weekend our Platinum & Diamond Xcel teams, along with our Level 7's & 10, are going to their State Championship Meet in Battle Creek. If they score high enough, they will have the opportunity to represent the state at the Regional meet. It's exciting to be a part of regionals.



Girls Power Meet – Level 5



Girls Power Meet – Level 3

Hartland Senior Activity Center

Did you know that the Senior Center hosts a FREE AARP tax program each year? The Taxaide program focuses on seniors and low-income community members. In previous years, we've assisted over 400 people complete their tax returns through AARP's Taxaide program, however, 2020 is anything but a normal year. While adhering to all CDC and school guidelines, this year we will have helped almost 200 taxpayers complete their returns before the tax deadline. We are grateful to be able to assist our community by offering this service. Please call us if you have any questions, 810-626-2135.