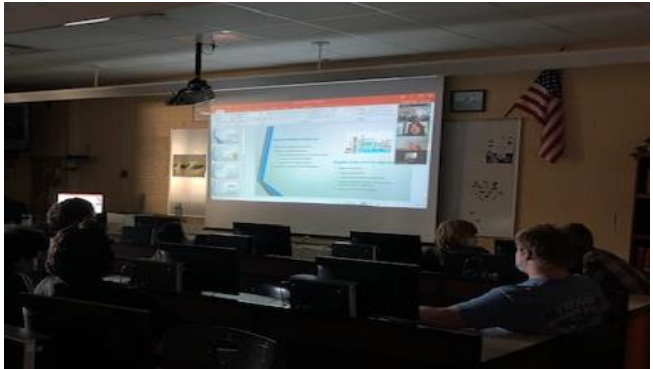


## November “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School’s Counseling office is still running college and career readiness seminars? In November, the counseling office held a Zoom meeting featuring Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, a case manager of the Equal Opportunity Employer Program from *Michigan Works!* 15 students attended, including two virtually, and learned how they can join an apprenticeship in one of the many trades offered through *Michigan Works!* Some of the trade programs offered are carpentry, pipe fitting, construction, and food services. Students received information about steps they can be taking right now to ensure they are in the running for the coveted apprenticeship positions as soon as they graduate from Hartland High School. If you or your student have questions about *Michigan Works!* or if your child is interested in potentially joining an apprenticeship, please reach out to guidance counselors (assigned by last name): Andrea Hansen (A-Dd), Heather Osterhout (De-Ht), Nicole Lusk (Hu-Mn), Helen Kenney (Mo-Sd), and Erica Empie (Se-Z).



### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Middle School remote students have the opportunity to come to HMS on Fridays to work with elective teachers Mr. Jarvinen and Mrs. Letovsky on woodworking projects and guitar instruction? Both teachers are able to work with small groups of students in a physically distanced environment to complete hands on work to supplement their online school experience. The students below are displaying some of the project work they completed working with Mr. Jarvinen. Thank you to all of our HMS teachers for their efforts to make remote learning the best it can be for our students.



### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know Farms is participating in a Prodigy math tournament for all 5th and 6th graders? The tournament begins December 14th and ends January 8th. Students will be able to compete/practice over winter break. Teachers can assign standards to work on to try and avoid the slide that can often occur over a long break. Prodigy will be giving digital prizes to the top 5 students who answer the most questions correctly. Prodigy does adapt, so even if students are not strong in math, they will be given questions appropriate for their level. While the tournament is optional, we are expecting many students to participate over the winter break to help keep up with their math skills. We are excited to see what the results will be! Stay tuned for more information. A special thank you to Annette Macfarlane, our Instructional Math Coach, who organized this awesome opportunity!

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside had some fun events going on at school for October and November? Classrooms were able to celebrate Halloween activities a little differently. All classrooms spent the day celebrating Halloween with ELA, Math and Science activities. Teachers were creative and offered incentives to help our Gleaners Food drive by allowing stuffed animals to spend the day at school or wearing PJ's with any food donation. Creekside also hosted a short Spirit Week on November 23 and 24th by having a school-wide Mismatch day and Tie-die day. We are so excited to still be able to hold Fun Days with our kiddos.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes Elementary School has a robust Peer-to-Peer program facilitated by our school social worker, Mrs. Leemgraven? Peer-to-Peer is an evidence-based peer-mediated program that Lakes Elementary offers to support children who may struggle with social interactions, classroom behavior, and other things. Peer-to-Peer teaches children about differences and how to help support others who struggle socially in their classroom. Not only does the program benefit students who struggle, but parents and teachers have reported benefits to the general education students as well, including increased empathy and leadership skills. Lakes currently has 5 Peer-to-Peer groups ranging from Kindergarten to 3rd grade students. The groups meet once a week during lunch and implement the skills taught in their individual classrooms.

### Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary raised over \$35,000 during the Fall Fun Run? We would like to say a BIG "THANK YOU" to our PTO and families! Where will these funds go? The PTO is already investigating the purchase of an awning between the portable and the building, a new basketball backstop and net, and books for our newest classrooms. We are thankful to serve such an amazing community. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### Village Elementary

Did you know that Village plays music each day as the students walk into the building? Last year we implemented the DJ Mixmaster program. Teachers are assigned a week throughout the school year and they can choose school appropriate songs that play from 8:45 to 8:50. Our morning music helps students start their day off right by getting them excited to enter the building. Additionally, it helps students get to know the teachers a bit better and they enjoy guessing whose week it is to pick the tunes. We can all use an upbeat song each day to start our day off right, and the DJ Mixmaster at VES is just the thing.