

## October “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland’s marching band is amazing? Of course, you did! But did you know that the band has been working hard this season to prepare new material for the football season with just a few weeks of practice? Under the direction of Mr. Brad Laibly, the 250+ student band received the green light to start practicing in September, which was just a few weeks before the first football game performance. Students were not able to participate in a traditional pre-season summer band camp, which would have given the band a week of intensive practice to perfect their performance pieces. The band and Color Guard have put on wonderful football game performances, as well as their own outdoor concert for parents and guests to show off their hard work and dedication to their craft. The band has incorporated new pieces of music and marches in a few short weeks, and they sound great! Brad Laibly and his team also spent the afternoon of Fall Break in the high school bus parking lot practicing for their football performance that night. Well done to the Hartland Eagles band. You continue to make us all SO proud! Thank you for your time and dedication! GO EAGLES!



### Hartland Middle School

Did you know Hartland Middle School students are taking inspiration from street artist Kelsey Montague and have created a large interactive mural of wings that will hang in our Commons. Eight hundred students worked together, each creating their own feather, to construct wings that span 24 feet and speak to the theme of #WhatLiftsYou. The completed mural is a visual representation of what it looks like when we are all respected as individuals as well as how we can uplift each other as a community. Many thanks to Melanie Baldwin and Christine Rutkowski for leading this amazing project.

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that teachers are working very hard at Farms to support remote learners? Farms started the year with approximately 150 remote learners and now has 80 students learning in a remote setting. Each teacher has set up a Google Classroom for remote learners to access information daily. Through Google Classroom, remote learners can access their assignments, assessments, and can also communicate with teachers through Google Meets and emails to have their questions answered. ELA teachers are using Lucy Calkins videos, which are the same videos that are viewed in class, for reading and writing. Math teachers can teach the curriculum as well as use Prodigy, Xtramath, and Zearn to help students follow the pacing guide set by the district. Science is teaching the normal curriculum as well as using Freckle to supplement the students’ learning. Social studies teachers are working together to develop work that can easily be done online. Special education teachers continue to meet with their students online to support their IEPs. Also, a special shout out to our art and physical education teachers who have become quite creative in teaching their curriculum remotely. Not only are teachers going above and beyond for our remote learners to be successful, they are putting this same effort with the students who sit in their classroom daily. What has been most impressive is the dedication our teachers show for all our students, whether it be remote or face-to-face. We could not be prouder of our staff and their patience and perseverance through a challenging start of the year!

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside Elementary held its first Virtual Fall Fundraiser in October? Due to the unfortunate closing of school last year, our Annual Family Fun Night was postponed. Our awesome PTO organized the online auction/raffle with all the donated items. We raffled and auctioned off items such as a Yeti cooler, themed baskets for adults and kids, a Pro Golf gift certificate, Principal of the Day, Spicer's and so MUCH more! We are so grateful for all our families who took the time to participate and for our PTO for organizing such an AMAZING event.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know Lakes had a couple of fun events for students and staff to take part in over the past month? We had our annual Spirit Week in October combined with our College Awareness Day. Students and staff enjoyed mismatch day, team day, college day, and of course blue and gold day. This entire week of activities was a nice return to some normal school fun and spirit! Thank you HHS counseling team for your activities for College Awareness Day. Lakes also had a Go Gold hat day later in October to help promote National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. Staff and students donated a dollar or spare change so they could wear a hat to school for the day. Lakes raised over \$490.00 that will be donated to the Child & Family Life department at Mott so they can continue to provide programs and activities to enhance every child's healthy development. It felt great for our school to reach out, help others in need, and make a difference!

### Round Elementary School

Did you know that the Round 4th graders design the yearbook cover every year? Here are this year's finalists. The artist who receives the most votes (\$'s) will be featured on the front cover and the 4 others will be featured on the back of the yearbook.



### Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary has a robust social-emotional learning curriculum that was developed by our awesome staff? Last year, all staff members at Village dug into the Michigan State Standards for Social-Emotional Learning and designed a Handbook of activities that they use to track student's progress on these expectations. Additionally, they designed and developed two lessons per month that would be taught school-wide in all classrooms and would reiterate the work that was done in conjunction with Sensei. This year, our staff took that learning a step further, and over the first four weeks of school designed 30-minute lessons to be given twice a week during Wise Time (intervention block). These lessons laid the foundation for our entire building to be able to use the Zones of Regulation language and corresponding strategies for self-reflection and regulation. This learning will continue throughout the year. The Village staff works so hard to explicitly instruct students around social-emotional health and well-being, and it is exciting to continue to watch it grow.

### Community Education

Did you know that our pool is open? The Hartland Aquatic Center offers lap swimming, exercise classes and swim lessons in the competition pool. We are looking forward to our leisure pool opening soon! Did you know that Hartland Community Education is offering a Self Defense for Women class with one of our partners, Sanchin Ryu? This program is an active study of personal protection at home, school and work. They've designed street-wise techniques so that size or strength, age or athletic ability are not factors in defending one's self.

Did you know that Hartland Community Education is offering theatre classes? On Stage with Silverstein uses the poems of Shel Silverstein to put together a play to bring this poetry to life.