

## December “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that the HHS Drama Club recently took a group of students to Saginaw Valley State University for The SVSU Thespian Festival? This Festival allows the students to compete in performances as well as attend learning workshops. Students compete in front of college scouts, and three boys from HHS who attended were offered scholarships for their efforts!

### LEGACY

Did you know that long-time English teacher, Bill Snyder, is moving on to a new career? He will be working for Vail Corporation at Mount Brighton pursuing his life’s avocation – snowboarding! Bill taught at Legacy for six years and will be sorely missed.

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that on December 10, 120 students from the Life Skills classes, the National Junior Honor Society, and a few other involved students used a \$2,800 donation (raised by HMS students) to pack 10,000 meals for starving children? The event was sponsored by Kids Against Hunger, a national organization whose mission is to stop the world’s children from starving. Michigan director, Michael Burwell, organized the fairly massive operation into a well-oiled machine – getting the job done in just two hours! This entire event was spearheaded at Hartland Middle School by Life Skills teacher Mike Scheib.

### Farms Intermediate School

225 students in Mrs. Naughton’s computer and keyboarding classes did “An Hour of Code” during Computer Science Education Week (December 9-15). The “Hour of Code” is a computer programming activity geared toward encouraging interest in the computer science field and to show that everyone can learn the basics of computer programming. Over 10 million students wrote an “Hour of Code” during the week and Farms Intermediate School was a part of that group. To write computer code, students need problem-solving skills, logic, ordered thinking, and perseverance. All of these skills will help our students succeed in the future. Mrs. Naughton’s class took on the challenge and had a fun time with it! Thank you, Mrs. Naughton.

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside students in Mrs. Luck’s and Mrs. Woodbury’s classes participated in the Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign this season? Students wrote letters to men and women serving in the armed forces and made a visit to the post office to mail them. Creekside students also collected over 900 lbs. of food for the Gleaners Food Bank this holiday season. Additionally, staff and students have assisted in providing a Christmas experience for several of the less fortunate families in our school community. These are just a few ways that Creekside is continuing to “Spread the Nice” throughout our school and community.

### Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that each grade level at Lakes Elementary has one or two assemblies/workshops during the school year that are aligned with their curriculum? These are usually done in the classrooms and are very interactive and hands-on experiences. Some examples include:

Kindergarten: Cranbrook Institute visits and provides hands-on activities around force and motion, involving hovercrafts and catapults.

First Grade: A local company brings in live animals (prairie dogs, monkeys, toucans, tortoises, etc.) and talks with our students about animal characteristics and life cycles.

Second Grade: Science is Fun teaches second graders about Matter - where they get to make various mixtures, compounds, etc.

Third Grade: Third grade has a unique hands-on Native American experience, as the presenter shares authentic artifacts from Michigan tribes including arrow heads, deer and bear skins, baskets, etc.

Fourth Grade: Students are treated to a workshop on electric circuits where they get to build their own circuits using motors, fans, lights and switches.

### **Round Elementary School**

The Round Elementary specials teachers are heavily involved in our intervention programs on a daily basis. Other than the usual great job they do in their respective areas – art, music, media and PE – they are involved in our Literacy Block Intervention Program. They mostly take groups of advanced students and work on enrichment activities. They also work together to combine two or more specials to provide a rich experience for their students. One example is music and PE joining together to teach students to square dance and show how movement and music can be used together in a life-long activity. Round's specials teachers were recognized at a November Board of Education meeting as they discussed the impact they have every day on the students at Round.

### **Village Elementary School**

Village Elementary raised over \$5,300 in Hats for a Cause in a single day to support a fellow kindergarten student. This was only one of several fundraising activities Village and district students and families have participated in over the past few months to aid this family with mounting medical costs.

### **Community Education**

Did you know that the Hartland Optimists' Club partnered with the district and adopted 27 families through their annual Adopt-A-Family program this holiday season? "Adopters" included the "Hartland Moms" group, Hartland Transportation employees, FIS Leadership Club, Hartland High School Pom, Hartland High School Girls & Boys' Basketball teams, DECA, Hartland Senior Center, Hartland Women's Club, Hartland Players, Hartland Archery Club, Dr. Ora Dentistry, CSA, BNI, and 10 individual families. Many others donated paper products, canned goods and their time. It is amazing to witness the strength in numbers and the powerful message we sent to these 27 families about the importance of giving and taking care of each other when in need. Thank you Hartland Community!

### **Hartland Transportation**

Did you know...

The Hartland district covers 94 square miles and 35% of our roads are paved.

We have 4,646 students assigned to 1,345 bus stops. These stops are organized into 132 bus routes.

These routes cover 3,440 miles daily.

Our first pick-up is at 5:56 a.m. and our last drop-off is at 5:06 p.m.

Our buses use 535 gallons of fuel each day.

Last year our buses traveled 608,856 miles, used 92,998 gallons of fuel and did 479 field trips.

### **Hartland Technology Department**

Did you know that Hartland Schools has over 2,500 computers and hand-held devices available for staff and students to use on a daily basis? Additionally, all 294 of our regular classrooms are equipped with interactive technology including SMART Boards, data projectors, and document cameras. We have wireless coverage throughout all of our buildings that is comprised of two networks – a private internal network for all Hartland Schools' devices and a public network for students and guests to our buildings who bring their own devices.