

## December “Did you know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School is sponsoring a day of service on January 13? All Hartland High School students will be involved in service opportunities to benefit our community.

### LEGACY

Students at Legacy help pre-school students make Gingerbread Houses each year! Traditions like this truly teach the spirit of giving.



### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Tuesday, December 16, was our annual “Deaf Day” for American Sign Language class students? All day long, from the moment they awoke until they went to sleep, our ASL 1 students wore ear plugs. The purpose was for them to begin to experience what students with deafness or hearing impairments experience. They experienced trying to take notes, participate in class, etc. as a hearing impaired student.

### Farms Intermediate School

Farms is in the beginning stages of implementing The Stock Market Game on-line education program. This program is used in thousands of classrooms nationwide to help teach math, social studies, business, economics, and language skills while focusing on the importance of long-term savings and investment. Students in grades 4 through 12 participate in a state-wide competition and manage a simulated investment portfolio during the school year. Each portfolio has a hypothetical \$100,000.00 for students to invest in stocks, mutual funds and bonds. Over 500 students will be competing in the first school-wide Farms Cup Challenge. Throughout the fall, students have been practicing making trades and learning about stocks. Students have been viewing recorded webinars both at school and at home. The informational videos were created by Mr. Anderson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher. The Farms Cup Challenge will officially begin on February 18th and continue for 10 weeks. Students will be expected to research companies and make trades both at home and at school. The top ten students who earn the most money during the challenge will be rewarded with gift bags donated by LOC Credit Union, Ballard Benefit Works, Inc., and Edward Jones of Hartland, which are also helping to sponsor this program.

### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside sent 440 Thanksgiving Day cards to the residents of Hartland's Village Manor Retirement Center? Working with our Essentials teachers, each Creekside student created a personalized card for one of the Manor residents. These letters were delivered to appreciative seniors just before the Thanksgiving break. Additionally, the Creekside Choir presented a Christmas Concert for the Manor residents on December 16th. The residents loved having students at the Manor to brighten up their holiday season. Creekside students appreciate the special relationship they have with the Village Manor residents. Thanks to our essentials teachers for encouraging our students and facilitating this relationship!

### **Lakes Elementary School**

Did you know that Lakes Elementary third grade teacher Mrs. Laura Smith was selected by the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Team as Teacher of the Game? One of her students nominated her in November and she was chosen as the winner! In January, Lakes will be visited by some of the Whalers players who will present Mrs. Smith with a certificate, along with a \$50 Visa gift card. They will then stay to read to students in her class, will have a question and answer time with students, and will present all of the third graders in the classroom with autographed Whalers posters. We are very proud of our awesome teacher, Mrs. Smith. Way to go!!!

### **Round Elementary School**

Did you know that the Round Elementary staff is always in the giving mood each holiday season? This year Round has participated in numerous activities to help those less fortunate. The staff had a "Wear your Flannel" day to raise food for Gleaners. We collected over 360 pounds of food, which will feed 60 people. Round also adopted two families this holiday season and bought gifts for children so they can have special holiday memories. Two of our kindergarten classes visited Village Manor to spread some holiday cheer. We also had an ugly sweater day to raise supplies for the Humane Society. Round Elementary would like to wish everyone a tremendous holiday season and a happy new year!!!

### **Village Elementary School**

Did you know that the Village Elementary staff and families come together for the holidays and support families in need? This year we provided 8 Thanksgiving dinners and supplied enough food to meet the needs of at least 8 households from Thanksgiving through Easter. Not only does the Village community provide food, we also make sure children have presents for Christmas and Easter Baskets for Easter. Our children embrace the true meaning of the holiday season and understand the core democratic value of providing for the common good. We are able to instill and re-enforce core democratic values by providing real life scenarios in which children see that what they are doing makes a difference right here in our community. We have been using the holiday season to teach our students this very important life lesson for 14 years now and it has truly become a part of the Village experience.