

## October "Did you know?"

### **Hartland High School**

Did you know that Hartland High School has a student mentoring program that helps students meet their educational goals and provides a positive adult mentor? There are over 85 students involved with the outstanding program and many teacher mentors!

### **Legacy High School**

Did you know that students at Legacy High School participate in Yoga class, learning critical life skills? Important stretching and breathing techniques are taught to enhance students' ability to cope with stress or anger.

### **Hartland Middle School**

Did you know Hartland Middle School Life Skills and English teacher Mike Scheib has been selected for the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education Award? Mike has worked tirelessly to transform the Life Skills program into a working business. Students market products, operate a weekly catering service, and get involved in many charitable causes including preparing 10,000 meals for "Kids Against Hunger". MSU Basketball Coach Tom Izzo will be distributing the awards on behalf of the Michigan Lottery during a ceremony at Michigan State University on November 4, 2014. Congratulations, Mike!

### **Farms Intermediate School**

Did You Know that Farms has a Peer-to-Peer Program with over 100 students participating? Mrs. Snuverink and Mrs. Smak guide our peers to become good friends and mentors to our students with special needs. Students take the Peer-to-Peer class in place of one marking period of physical education and/or they volunteer their time at lunch and lunch recess.

This year, Farms received a grant from Project Unify, a program through Special Olympics, in the amount of \$1,000. This money will be used to facilitate activities, such as bowling and swimming. Along with promoting sports, the program will help to create a culture of acceptance and friendship at Farms. Thanks to Mrs. Smak and Mrs. Snuverink for leading such an awesome program!

### **Creekside Elementary School**

Did you know the Creekside PTO raised over \$12,000 in our Fall Fun Run? Students collected pledges and ran through Epley Park to raise money the school uses to maintain our playground, buy books for classroom libraries, provide teaching materials, pay for assemblies, etc. Creekside families had a great time at this healthy lifestyle event. The students achieved their fundraising goal and celebrated by duct taping Mr. Pumford and Mrs. Arnett to the wall. Thank you to our PTO for all of their hard work and support!

### **Lakes Elementary School**

Did you know that students in Mrs. Villar's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class are learning sign language this year? Mrs. Judy Parlette, Hartland High School teacher, along with high school students Hanah Shanebrook and Melissa Lanning are visiting Mrs.

Villar's class every Thursday afternoon and teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders new signs, including: family words, color words, holiday words, days of the week, weather, and common courtesy words. They have also learned to sign the Happy Birthday song and the letters of the alphabet. Our young students

are enjoying using this new "language" throughout the week and look forward to learning new signs every Thursday. Thank you, Mrs. Parlette, Hanah, and Melissa for bringing this awesome program to Lakes' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!

### **Round Elementary School**

Did you know that Round Elementary School's PTO has given tremendous support to our staff and students the past couple years? Last year the PTO purchased new classroom rugs. They are a great addition to our classroom environment. This past spring the PTO purchased 18 Chromebooks and a cart for our building. This is in addition to the full cart of Chromebooks we received from the district. Next year they plan to complete the set so we will have two full sets of Chromebooks for our building. This fall the PTO has also donated \$1,000 to each grade level to buy books for our classroom libraries. Round Elementary is extremely fortunate to have such a great PTO and parents that support our children's education and success.

### **Village Elementary School**

Did you know that the Hedgehog Hustle raised over \$16,000 to support our school and our children? This event was created in a cooperative effort with our PE teacher Barb Striz, our PTO, the Village staff, and families and has continued for many years now. We decided to change the fundraising efforts because we were not bringing in the money we needed and we were exhausting our families by requesting so many fundraising initiatives to support programs. Ms. Striz, our staff, families, and PTO have continually outdone themselves by raising incredible amounts of money in poor economic times. Our children will enjoy bounce houses as fruits of their labor on October 30 as they have exceeded their goal by raising over \$15,000. A huge thank you to Barb Striz, the Village staff, Village families, and our amazing PTO. Great job everybody!

### **Community Education – "Community Life"**

Did you know that the Hartland Senior Center's Sage Productions presented their Fall show "Thanks for the Memories" last week. It was the best of the best ....a compilation of favorite skits and musical performances from the past 20 years. Under the direction of Mrs. Alice Andrews, 120 performers and crew wowed over 1,700 community members. From the words of Alice Andrews, "We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun." Alice said this was her last show, Thank you, Alice for the memories and fun!