

September “Did You Know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that Hartland High School teacher Dawn Farrell was elected as the president of the Family and Consumer Science Educators of Michigan (FCSEM)? Mrs. Farrell was the FCSEM Teacher of the Year in 2008 and has been impacting the students at Hartland Schools in a positive way for many years. Thank you, Mrs. Farrell!

Legacy High School

Legacy High School is off to a great start this school year with 44 new students. With many great programs and activities planned, the students are poised for an amazing fall season! Also the flag football team will defend their state title this season – best of luck to all of the players! Go Eagles!

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that our “Students Taking a New Direction” (STAND) group is currently sponsoring an “Ice Bucket Challenge”? The STAND club is raising funds to support research related to ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). All teachers and administrators in the building have a large jar in their rooms. Students can put money in the jar of the teachers they would MOST like to see do the Ice Bucket Challenge. The five teachers/administrators who collect the most money will do the challenge. STAND students will have the fun of pouring the ice water over the teachers. The event will be videotaped and shown to the entire school. The contest will end on October 6th.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms Intermediate has approximately 70 new students this year? In May, students who were interested in attending Farms as a new student to the district enjoyed a tour of the building, attended classes, and ate lunch at Farms. In addition, new students and parents were given an opportunity to attend a presentation and tour Farms on August 29th. We are excited to have so many new faces at Farms and are truly looking forward to a fun-filled 2014/15 school year.

Creekside Elementary School

Creekside Elementary has implemented a new lunch schedule by which our children go to recess before lunch, rather than the traditional lunch before recess. Research indicates that students who exercise before lunch eat a better meal and are ready to learn when returning to class. This leads to less food waste and reduced disruptions in the classroom. Our teachers and lunch staff have noticed that students are not rushing to eat their food so they can get outside and that they are more settled when they return to their classrooms after lunch. The schedule change has definitely made a positive impact on our children and school.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that most Lakes classroom teachers have a Morning Meeting everyday with their students? There are a variety of positive culture-building activities and also educational activities that take place during this important time, depending on grade level. These might (continued) include: different types of personal greetings and kind words among students; songs and games that promote turn-taking and self-regulation; reciting the pledge, classroom pledges, and our Lakes’ Kids Care Promise; overview of the academic plan for the day;

and sharing ideas and experiences with one another. It's a great way to start each day by promoting a positive classroom culture and a supportive team spirit in our school!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary has gained over 70 students this school year? Round now has three sections of every grade for the first time in eight years, including a new Junior Kindergarten class. We have welcomed many new families to Round and have had a tremendous start to the school year. The increased numbers have allowed us to welcome three new teachers to the Round School family: Michelle Vincent – kindergarten, Brooke Saunders-1st grade, and Amanda Adkins-4th grade. Round also welcomes Tami Thacker in the main office. Thank you to the Round School staff for such a terrific start to the school year!

Village Elementary School

Did you know Village Elementary School held its annual “back to school picnic” on August 27th to kick off another great school year? Our awesome PTO planned the event and provided lots of food and fun for everyone. The outstanding Village staff met parents and children in preparation for what promises to be an enriching journey for our students. Village Elementary also welcomed Lauren DePestel to the staff as our new extended resource program classroom teacher. Lauren is a Hartland resident, taught for 10 years at the Ingham County ISD and has been a wonderful addition to the Village community! I would like to thank our PTO, teachers and children for making sure we had a great start!

Community Education

Did you know that:

- Community Education offers a fun and safe place for children to recreate with their friends during Early Release Fridays at Village Elementary and the Lakes/Farms complex.
- Community Ed offers 40 different dance classes for children and there is still time to sign up!
- We also offer 15 different adult fitness classes: Monday - Friday at 9:15 a.m. and Monday – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Check us out at hartlandcommunityed.com.

Special Education Department

Ben Mainka, Ethan Hawker, Vanessa LeBlanc, and Scott Usher presented at Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) this summer. All sessions were a huge success!

Cristal Briskey and Conchita Snuverink did a fantastic job teaching students who qualified for Extended School year in July and August. Thank you!