

March “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that at the recent area choir festival, all three choirs qualified for states, the Chamber Choir received "Superior Distinction", and Con Espiritu (SSA) received a perfect score across the board, also leading to "Superior Distinction"? This was the first time in Hartland history that this has happened! Congratulations to Mrs. Letovsky and all of her students for their hard work and dedication to making the Hartland High School choir program so special!

LEGACY

Did you know that over 400 students have graduated from Legacy High School over the past 10 years? This small, charming school continues to be a beacon of hope for students who otherwise would have transferred elsewhere or possibly dropped out of school altogether. Many kudos and praise to the dedicated staff members that choose to work in Alternative Education and are making a difference in students' lives every day!

Hartland Middle School

Did you know the Livingston County Sheriff Detective Matt Shutes will be coming to Hartland Middle School to talk to our students about internet safety? He has presented here before and is effective in showing our students how easily they can be fooled by internet predators. He shows them practical ways to keep themselves safe and keep their personal information private.

Nicole Schingeck, HCS Student Assistance Coordinator, will be presenting “Breaking the Silence” to 7th grade students. It will address what some of the common mental health illnesses are, how to keep yourself healthy, how to reach out for help, and how to recognize and appropriately deal with your feelings. This presentation will give students the tools to better understand day-to-day feelings and how to deal with them in a healthy, positive way.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Hartland Schools has a long standing tradition of sending ALL fifth grade students to FIFTH GRADE CAMP every spring? In fact, Hartland's fifth grade students started going to camp in 1971 and have attended an overnight spring or winter camp every year since. In March, Farms sent 383 students to Fifth Grade Camp for the 44th consecutive year! The first camp was held at Waldenwoods and the next year it was moved to a Camp Fire Girls camp in Fenton called “Camp Wathana”. In those days, the students had to hand wash and dry the dishes after every meal and “Mr. Oz” (Steve Assenmacher) came every year (from 1972-2005) to call a big square dance that was a highlight of camp! Although the location of Hartland's Fifth Grade Camp has changed several times over the years, the tradition continues to run strong and many of our students remember camp as some of their best days of school!

Creekside Elementary School

This year Mrs. Reck's 2nd grade class has been reading the "Doll People" series by Ann M. Martin. They were so inspired by the books that during their writing unit, they wrote letters to the author to give feedback on her books. Ann M. Martin made the kids' day when she responded to their letters and shared information about herself and her books. It was very exciting to receive a letter back from one of their favorite authors!

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes Elementary staff, students and their families raised a whopping \$24,335.53 for the American Heart Association through our Jump Rope for Heart campaign in March? This not only surpassed our goal of raising over \$10,000 but also our goal of beating last year's record of \$14,532.06 (by almost \$10,000)! This is an amazing achievement and we very much appreciate the

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commitment by our Lakes families to this important fundraising effort. Thanks also to our own Mr. Conway for organizing and motivating everyone to be involved, and to Mr. Conway, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Eaton for participating in the incentive rewards for our two goals...providing entertainment at an all-school assembly of a vocal performance/sing-off, and also an Evolution of Dance performance. Great fun was had by all for a great cause!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round School celebrated March is Reading Month by having guest readers Laura and Robert Sams, and WHMI's Jon King read to our students? Laura and Roberts Sams, a sister/brother creative team from Portland, Oregon, brought along their 23 foot-long inflatable Basking Shark to Round. WHMI's Jon King spent the morning reading "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss to all of the students. Round School students enjoyed a Pajama and Pancake Day. Students were encouraged to bring their favorite book and enjoy delicious pancakes made by their teachers.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Dylan Dogget, 1st grade student at Village Elementary School, was runner-up in the Earth Day Poster Contest for the State of Michigan? Dylan will receive an award in Lansing on April 22 for his great work. Mrs. Thering, the Village staff, and our 3rd grade students really embraced the Green Schools program and have done a fabulous job of making Village greener. Congratulations to Dylan, and thank you Village Elementary for a tremendous job with our Green Schools campaign.

Special Education

Did you know Deb Lonergan, speech therapist at Lakes Elementary, and Toni Johnson, psychologist for preschool, Lakes, and Creekside, published their first book "Where is Louie?" The book is designed to teach early readers about spatial concepts, answering "Wh" questions, and the pronoun "he". You can find "Where is Louie?" at Amazon.com.