

April "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

"Hartland Women In Technology" is a new club at HHS this year that promotes, educates, and encourages women in technology. HWIT participated in Lawrence Tech University's Robofest competition and took 1st place, Exhibition Category, at their Regional. On Saturday, April 30, they will advance to the state competition. For their competition, the girls programmed two robots to play checkers. They created the entire program - a "checkerboard", playing pieces, and a presentation board. During competition, they gave a four-minute speech explaining how they used STEM to create the program and problem solve, describing how their program could be used in real life and demonstrating their robots. Team members included: Taylynn Woodruff, Sally Parzuchowski, Gina Rechul, and Madison Wright. They were one of only two all-girl teams at the competition! Nice job HWIT!!!

LEGACY High School

In the month of April, LEGACY's science teacher, Cari Van Hoorelbeke, began a project with her students to grow plants using hydroponics. The students have worked hard and have many seedlings. The goal of the project is to transplant the seedlings into the community garden at the end of the school year. Stop by the garden over the summer to see the finished project.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS music teacher Joe Guarr recently authored an article published by the National Association for Music Education? Joe's article, "Build Your Personal Learning Network Using Social Media", is now providing expertise to 66,000 music educators across the country. Joe has been running the Twitter chat for music educators for about four years now, and he has presented on social media at the Michigan Music Conference. The entire article can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.nafme.org/build-your-personal-learning-network-using-social-media>.

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside students raised over \$2,000 during our Change for NF (Children's Tumor Foundation) drive this month! Students collected spare change and donations to help support research efforts to treat and cure NF, and indirectly help one of their classmates who has NF. As part of our character education program, students are learning how to reach out and serve others, and that their efforts can make a difference for their community. The kids had a great time doing their part to help find a cure for NF!

Lakes Elementary School

Each week Mr. Howerton announces Lakes Kids Care Heroes during morning announcements. Students can be nominated by any adult in the building for using good reason, respect, and responsibility. Staff will fill out a form explaining how the student nominated has "shared the care" at Lakes. Over 200 Lakes students have been nominated so far this year, and many have been nominated more than once!

Lakes Elementary School (continued)

Lakes Elementary had a hat day on Friday, April 22, to help raise funds to cover the cost associated with the care of the eagle and barn owl (Tyto and Kili) Lakes Elementary adopted from the Howell Nature Center. We raised over \$265! This is just one of the many things we do at Lakes to help the environment and maintain our Emerald status as a Michigan Green School.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round School has a running club? Students train every Thursday in preparation for the Memorial Day Run. The group is led by Mrs. Bosley, Mrs. Raap, and Mrs. Putman, who are guiding students toward their running goal. Round Elementary would like to wish everyone a smooth finish to the school year.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Vanessa, the Village Duck, returned for the 13th straight year? It's true! She made her nest under a shrub in our beautiful courtyard, laid her eggs, and out came 11 little ducklings. After school on Thursday, April 28, Ruth Darrah set the course for Vanessa and her babies to walk through the building, out to the playground and finally arriving at the wetlands. The children love to see the baby ducks with momma duck, walking around the courtyard. We were excited to have the Press & Argus here to see the walk-through and film the ducks as they exited the building. We look for her around the end of March and are always glad to have her back!

Student Nutrition

Did you know that HCS Student Nutrition serves a variety of fruits and vegetables to our students every day? We know that fruits and vegetables benefit students in many ways, including improved nutrition, decreased obesity risk, and better school performance. At HCS, our students are offered a variety of fruit and vegetables daily. In the month of April alone, we served our students 3,528 pounds of fresh apples, oranges and pears! That amounts to 16,710 pieces of fresh fruit!