

December “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know Hartland High School has a seminar time built into its schedule each Friday designated to extracurricular activities for students? For 22 minutes every Friday morning students are able to meet with their clubs or special groups. Instead of having club meetings after school where many students may not participate due to transportation issues, seminar time is provided to encourage greater numbers of students to be involved in an extracurricular activity. All 34 clubs, as well as our mentoring program, meet at this time. Our mentoring program focuses on students who are in need of an adult mentor. They are paired with a staff member and meet periodically during this time. LINK Leaders, who connect with our freshmen, meet during seminar time as well. We encourage all students to participate in at least one extracurricular activity as part of their educational experience.

LEGACY

In the month of December, Legacy students enjoyed working with the preschool students to get into the holiday spirit by helping to make gingerbread houses. This tradition is one that both the preschool and Legacy students look forward to each year. Not only do the preschool students look up to the Legacy students, but the high school students enjoy the opportunity to help others and build relationships with the preschool students.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that December 7-11 was National Computer Science Education Week? To create student awareness about computer science education and computer programming, students at Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek participated in a nationwide initiative called “Hour of Code”. All week, during social studies classes, students spent an hour learning how to program. Writing code is a skill that all students need to know and understand. The critical thinking and logic skills necessary to create a program are an essential part of the skills students will need for future careers.

After spending an hour learning how to write code for two popular games – Minecraft and Star Wars – students were encourage to share what they learned with someone else. Millions of students learned a new skill during the weeklong event. If every HMS student shared this information with at least one person during the week, over 1800 people will have learned a new skill! If you’d like to learn more about coding, visit <http://csedweek.org/learn> to join the world of coding. Girls from the Hartland Women in Technology Club also visited selected classes to speak about opportunities for girls to become more involved in technology-related fields.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms Intermediate School collected non-perishable and canned food items to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank and Shared Harvest Pantry? We collected **2,800 pounds of food** during this terrific effort. This generous donation will provide approximately **2,333 meals** for families in need. Congratulations to Mrs. May’s homeroom that collected 452 cans and Mr. Anderson’s homeroom that collected 328 cans. Thank you to all Farms families who donated to such a worthy cause!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside has an art appreciation program called Art Reach? Once a month parent volunteer docents present two famous works of art to each class. They share a brief history of the artists and the students have a chance to compare and contrast the two pieces. During Art Reach, they are taught about the art work of famous artists such as DaVinci, Monet, Picasso, Van Gogh, and O'Keeffe. Our students are exposed to 72 different famous works by the time they complete third grade. We would like to thank Katie Schlueter and the many parent volunteers who make Art Reach available to our students.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Matt Conway, Lakes PE/Health teacher, received the Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator's Award at the 2015 SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) Michigan Ceremony? Matt was recognized with 12 other educators across the state for his amazing efforts with our Jump Rope for Heart awareness/fundraising campaign. With Matt's supervision, guidance, and encouragement, Lakes raised over \$24,000 for JRFH. You are an inspiration, Matt!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that the Round Elementary fourth graders design the yearbook cover each year? All fourth graders are invited to join the yearbook cover contest. This year the drawing had to represent, "The thing students love most about Round Elementary". The top five drawings are selected by the fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Selix, and Mr. Waske. The 2015-2016 yearbook cover finalists were Ella Herrington, Keira Breger, Whitney Lobbestael, Dylan Lawrence, and Mila Davis. Ella Herrington's design won and will be featured on the cover of the 2015-2016 Round Elementary Yearbook. The other finalists will have their designs printed on the back cover. Congratulations to these Round Elementary artists!

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Village Elementary School Students embrace the core democratic values of "Common Good" by giving back to the community? During the holiday season, the Village Elementary Staff uses this time to help students understand what it feels like to give rather than receive by participating in "Adopt A Family," donations for "Last Chance Rescue," and The Humane Society. The excitement from the children knowing that they are helping others is magical and adds greatly to the spirit of the season.