

October "Did you know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that Homecoming Week was a huge success at Hartland High School? We had terrific turnouts to the Powder Puff game, the assembly, the Homecoming Game, and the Homecoming Dance. School spirit was really represented all week. We had a record 1300 students attend the Homecoming Dance to end the week, along with a big win against Brighton.

Hartland High School also gave 200 juniors the opportunity to take the PSAT this fall. In the spring we will be giving the SAT to all 11th grade students and the PSAT to all 9th and 10th grade students. We have had a tremendous fall season so far and look forward to many exciting things to come this semester. HHS hopes the entire district is having a successful school year.

Legacy High School

Each morning Legacy Student Leadership films the morning announcements and sends them to all of the teachers so that the announcements can be played on their Smart Boards. Last Friday, October 16th, Legacy had a blue vs. gold flag football game that many students participated in. The students took so much pride in being a part of a sport and a team. This was the first game for the flag football team as they prepare for the state championship to be held in early November.

Little Free Library is a global literacy movement, a revolution in neighborhood conversation, and the best media exchange of the year. A Little Free Library is a small house of books, posted in an accessible spot, often in a residential yard near a sidewalk or in a neighborhood park. Everyone who passes by is welcome to stop and browse the books that fill the micro library. See something you like? Take it home. Have a book to share? Add it to the mix. It is a "take a book, leave a book" remake. The inventory is constantly changing. Students at Hartland's Legacy Alternative High School wanted Hartland to be a part of the revolution. Over the summer months, students and staff worked hard to build 6 unique and distinctively different book houses. They researched the project learning about the global movement and the impact that Little Free Libraries have made on people across the world. Next, they designed and built each house to perfection. Lastly, the final touches were added by hand painting designs to add character. Hartland Consolidated Schools has partnered with Cromaine Library to help stock the Little Libraries and place them around the community. Look for Little Free Libraries to pop up around the community! Attached you will find several photos.



Hartland Middle School

Did you know that the HMS Cross Country team had another outstanding season? Middle School coaches Jerry Bliznik and Patti Roberts worked with over eighty HMS runners throughout the season. The boys and girls HMS CC teams both recently finished an undefeated season. Many of our runners reached their personal records on the last dual meet against Brighton. Also, congratulations to the boys for two undefeated seasons in a row. Our teams are consistently recognized for exemplary team spirit and good sportsmanship which has led to the HMS Cross Country program being one of the most successful in the region.

Farms Intermediate School

Did You Know that Farms has had a 5th and 6th grade cross country team for the past two years? This year, we have 61 athletes on the team which is coached by Chris Anderson and Danielle Majors, and assistant coaches, Rachel Anderson and Miranda Wencel.

The boys' cross country team brought home a 3rd place trophy this year at the *Coaching Legends Classic*, and both girls and boys have placed in the top 5 at every invitational. As a whole, the students have earned 44 medals throughout the season. We are very proud of our student-athletes and are looking forward to another exciting year of cross country at Farms. A special thanks to our volunteer coaches for their hard work and dedication to our students and our cross country program.

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside students raised over \$12,000 during the fall Fun Run event hosted by the PTO? Students collected pledges and ran with parents and teachers on a course that included a huge balloon arch. As a reward for surpassing their goal, Mr. Pumphord dyed his hair pink and blue for the celebration that followed. Winning classes also had fun "silly stringing" their teachers! We would like to thank our PTO for the wonderful ongoing support they provide for the school.

Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Lakes Elementary has instituted the use of a "Buddy Bench" on the Lakes playground? The purpose of the Buddy Bench is to provide a safe place for any child to sit if they are feeling alone or lonesome on the playground. This is also a great way for a student to show other children and adults that they would like some company. Each teacher has spoken with all of their students about the importance of the Buddy Bench and that "Sharing the Care" at Lakes means we befriend a schoolmate who may need a friend.

Lakes Elementary is starting our Lakes Kids Care Families in October. Once a month, all students in the building join their Lakes Kids Care Family, which is facilitated by a staff member (including teachers, ancillary staff and our principal), and is comprised of about 16 students in grades kindergarten through fourth. We meet in our family groups on Friday once a month for twenty-five minutes to participate in fun activities around our Lakes Kids Care concepts that include empathy, respect, friendship, tolerance, perseverance...just to name a few. Our goal is to continue to promote our Family Culture at Lakes and to build connections and relationships across grade levels and with another adult in the building.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that the Round Elementary community partnered with nine other schools in mid-Michigan to collect socks for foster children? Lilly Kromer (Dave Kromer's daughter), leads this effort by partnering with local businesses and schools to collect donations for needy children in our area. Many times foster children are placed quickly and they do not have time to collect personal items; creating increased stress for the children and their families. During "Socktober", Round School families and staff donated 661 pairs of socks, 34 sets of pajamas and 55 pairs of underwear for local foster children. Many thanks to Lilly and all those who participated.

Village Elementary School

Did you know that Village Elementary School held the annual Hedge Hog Hustle, where students secured pledges and participated in a fun run to support our school? It's true! All Village Students participated on October 23rd in the promotion of physical activity while raising much needed funds for our PTO, all of which goes right back to the children. The Hedge Hog Hustle is our sole fund raising event established by the Village PTO in conjunction with Ms. Striz (PE teacher), and the Village Staff, with tremendous support from the Village Families. This year's goal was \$15,000, and if the goal is reached after the tally, Mr. Cain will sleep on the roof and the Bounce House Extravaganza will occur on November 6th. This is a great event that is sponsored by local businesses, our PTO, and awesome Village Staff, with all proceeds going directly back to the PTO. Another huge thank you to Ms. Striz, the Village Staff and PTO for a wonderful event!

Community Education - Celebrity Server & "Community Life"

News from the Hartland Optimists' Club Celebrity Server event: Glad to report that we made \$1024.10 from Celebrity Server.

The break down is:	Tips =	\$698.00
	50/50 =	94.10
	Donation from Big Boy =	<u>232.00</u>
		\$1,024.10

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend and help out, and to those that couldn't but donated a tip. We appreciate whatever support you were able to give. We also had 90 students sign up for Breakfast with the Principal. Many thanks to our amazing principals for helping us get the word out to parents, and participating in our event. Thanks also to the High School Optimist Club for all their hard work serving as bussers. They did a great job!

Did you know or notice that Community Life is now is full color? If you haven't seen the October 2015 issue, please check it out. We've gotten several donation checks from our community telling us they love the color! We will continue to print in color for at least the rest of this school year. We are also always looking for new advertisers, so please send them our way!

Special Education

Lakes Elementary - Deb Lonergan, Toni Johnson, Vonníe Mato and Shawn Howell have put together a literacy night titled "Eat, Read, Grow!". It will take place Wednesday, November 4th in the Lakes Elementary Library from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free dinner and a book are included.

Congratulations to Carol Hall, district-wide teacher consultant, who was awarded a Capstone Interactive eBook Matching Grant for \$500.00!