

November "Did You Know?"

Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland High School quiz bowl teams are off to a great start this year? The Varsity and JV teams are competing in two different leagues and the season runs from October to March. Currently both the Varsity and JV teams are in first place in the Genesee Academic League with 8-1 records. The varsity team also competes on the WKAR QuizBusters program. They have advanced to the Elite Eight round of the 64-team competition. Their next episode will air in early 2017, so check it out!!! Also the HS Drama Club put on "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" and "The Princess King" on November 11-13. Over 80 students participated in the production and they did a phenomenal job. A special thanks to the club sponsors for both Quiz Bowl and the Drama Club for providing an incredible experience for our students.

Legacy Alternative High School

This is the 26th year that LEGACY will be hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Feast for their students. The Board of Education and the staff at HESSC attend this event as well. For many of the students, the dinner serves as their only opportunity to share a holiday dinner and celebrate the season. The Hartland Student Nutrition Department does a fabulous job of preparing the delicious meal.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that the faculty and staff of Hartland Middle School have many ways to help students with social/emotional learning? In addition to our work with Coach Scott Storey, we have several other programs that help us support kids and teachers. I would like to highlight just three:

Reaching Higher - Reaching Higher is a leadership class taught by Principal Steve Livingway and HMS counselor Erica McLennan. We target a cross section of students with varying backgrounds to be a part of this program. We select 25 students per semester (50 for the year) to be a part of the program (an 8-week session meeting two hours per week). Reaching Higher was created to give middle and high school students easy-to-use tools and practical strategies that help build self-esteem, foster positive life choices, improve communication, and promote a healthier learning experience at school.

Peer Support Groups - Our Student Assistance Coordinator, Nicole Schingeck, in cooperation with outside agencies, offers several peer support groups each semester. Groups focus on topics including coping skills, grief, making good decisions, and self-esteem issues.

Challenge Day - The goal of Challenge Day is to help stop the teasing, bullying, and alienation that too many youth experience. Through a variety of games, trust-building activities, and presentations, students and adults work together to break down the barriers that separate students. For the 2016-2017 school year, we are planning to offer the Challenge Day experience for approximately 450 students and 100 adults over four different days. Each day will include 100 seventh grade student participants, 25 teen leaders, 25 adult volunteers, and two paid Challenge Day facilitators. The teen leaders are Hartland High School students and former members of our "Be the Change" Club. These Teen Leaders were past participants in Challenge Day who are committed to keeping Challenge Day alive every day. Like the adult volunteers, the Teen Leaders will be assigned to a group of seventh grade students to help facilitate the Challenge Day activities. Follow up activities and groups help to keep this positive message alive.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms is having different presenters from around the district and around the community come in to meet with our highly capable students each month? So far, two of our fabulous district coaches have come to Farms to support these students both in math and social-emotional work. Our goal is to reach different multiple intelligences with these students, so they can explore different avenues of success. We have set up other visits from people in our district and around our community for the upcoming months. In December, CAD students from the high school will be working with the 5th and 6th grade HC kids. In January, Frank Tappen from the Robotics store in Hartland will be coming to present on robotics and creating robots. In April, Jenna Furr will be

holding a poetry study with these students. We are off to a great start, and hope to schedule more presenters to visit our HC groups in the months to come!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside held their annual kindergarten Grandparents Day to celebrate Thanksgiving? Grandparents visited the classrooms where our kindergarten students performed special musical numbers to express their appreciation for their grandparents. Later they gathered together in the cafeteria to enjoy crafts and Thanksgiving treats. The kindergarten students had a great time sharing Creekside and their teachers with their grandparents, and grandparents had a wonderful experience sharing time with their grandchildren. Thanks to our kindergarten team for organizing such an awesome event for our school community!

Lakes Elementary School

Kindergarten students participated in a food drive in lieu of party donations for Halloween. Teachers provided all needed party supplies while families sent in canned goods to be donated to Gleaner's Food Bank in Livingston County. Kindergartners collected 210 pounds of food to donate to Gleaner's! They sorted, counted, and packed all foods to be donated. What a great experience for our young learners!



Round Elementary School

Did you know that Round Elementary has a 'Fall Fun Run' as our main PTO fundraiser for the year? This year we raised \$13,200 and celebrated with a 'Fun Run Assembly' where the students who raised the most were allowed to choose a teacher and make them complete a "funny" activity. Students were able to mummy-wrap teachers in toilet paper, spray them with silly string, apply makeup to their face, dress a teacher up, scotch tape a teacher's face, tattoo a teacher's arm, lasso a teacher, or make the teacher sing "I'm a Little Teapot". Everyone enjoyed the fun. Thank you to all of our Round families for your support and generosity!

Village Elementary School

Did you know that the Village Elementary has fully implemented Reading Recovery as a literacy intervention strategy for our first grader students? We have three teachers (Ms. Benedict, Mrs. Cabaj and Mrs. Morrison) who are going through intensive training this school year at night and have committed to providing reading intervention to twelve students this year during their daily conference period. This is in addition to the work that Mrs. Corcoran does with our students on a daily basis as our official Reading Recovery specialist. Reading Recovery is an evidence-based intervention program that promotes grade level literacy for all students. We are grateful to Village staff and all of the reading recovery interventionists in Hartland Schools for their continued commitment to excellence in their instructional practice.

Special Education

School Psychology Awareness week was November 14-18. Please share your appreciation for Hartland's three school psychologists this month - Toni Johnson (Preschool, Creekside, Lakes & Legacy), Jill Leutze (Farms & Hartland Middle Schools), and Olena Mandeville (Round, Village, & High

School). School psychologists work with building teams to support academic and behavioral needs for students who are struggling.

Personnel & Student Services

Congratulations to Lakes Elementary! They won the United Way Penny War Challenge and received a staff pizza party on November 15th. They were closely followed by Village Elementary and the 51 Building, with the paper money and silver count definitely affecting the outcome! Thanks to everyone who participated and brought in spare change. We collected over \$158.00, mostly in pennies! We are holding on to this and the change collected at the Opening Day Breakfast for United Way's "Double Dollar Day" on December 12.

Ali McManus was a guest speaker at Hartland High School's "Reaching Higher" program on November 3rd. Ali, a freshman at Oakland University, is a singer/songwriter and future recording artist who has found through numerous medical challenges. She shared a motivational message about overcoming limiting beliefs and entertained the group with several of her uplifting songs.



Operations Department

Did you know that the Transportation Department employs three mechanics and one mechanic trainee to care for our entire bus fleet, all district vehicles and equipment? Hartland has 58 school busses, 2 garage vehicles, 16 maintenance vehicles (for building repairs, grounds repairs, and snow plowing), and 20+ trailers, mowers, and earth moving equipment. Each year our bus fleet has to be inspected by the state police. Our mechanics make sure we are ready for this front-to-rear, top-to-bottom inspection. All busses must pass inspection before they are allowed on the road. Our mechanics also perform their own inspections every 1,000 miles exactly like the state police inspection to assure the safety of the students and drivers. In addition, each and every summer we do another inspection of the entire bus fleet to make sure everything is ready for the next school year. During our last state inspection, Hartland Schools did not receive any tags or violations on anything! On top of prepping the busses for those routine inspections, they also complete all repairs on vehicles as needed. Great job Doug, Rick, Brian, and Nick for keeping Hartland moving!