

September “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

Hartland High School has the highest enrollment ever for the 2016-17 school year! There are currently almost 2000 students in grades 9-12 with each class close to 500 students. The reputation of Hartland High School's teaching staff, culture, expectations, and leadership has enabled us to be a school of choice and source of pride in our community. Hartland High School wishes everyone a great start to the school year. Go Eagles!!!

Legacy/Hartland Virtual Academy

Did you know that LEGACY has 60 students enrolled? These students have come from Burton-Bendle, Byron, Davison, Fenton, Holly, Howell, Huron Valley, Lansing Waverly, Linden, Pinckney, and Walled Lake. Did you know that LEGACY has a student planning room to support social emotional learning staffed by the teachers and school social worker? Did you know that the Work Skills program at LEGACY helped 12 graduates from the class of 2016 fill out their financial aid packages and enroll in college during August and September?



Students celebrate math success with Ms. Nash during the first week of school.

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that HMS raised over \$500 to fight childhood cancer in one day? This is one example of the many charitable causes we support, including the American Red Cross, Toys for Tots, the Hartland Optimist Club, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and many, many more.

Farms Intermediate School

Did You Know that Farms has 50 new students to the district this year? We would like to welcome 27 new 5th graders and 23 new 6th graders. Farms offered a New Student/Parent Presentation on September 2nd during which families were able to hear information about Farms and ask questions about our school. After the presentation, our new families were able to walk through the building to find classrooms and lockers. We are very excited to have so many new students and parents join our Farms family! We are looking forward to an awesome year!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside students are learning how follow the 3 Rs (Reason, Respect and Responsibility) by using the principles found in the “7 Habits of Happy Kids”? Students are learning about leadership, integrity, teamwork, and goal setting in a kid friendly format. The common language found in the “7 Habits” is helping our students to better understand and apply the 3 Rs. To give students more opportunities to be responsible, we are "Leaderizing" our school by putting kids in charge of their actions and learning. We are excited to see our kids respond and grow!

Also, congratulations to Vanessa LeBlanc, who received a \$500 grant from MEEMIC to use for classroom technology!

Lakes Elementary School

Several teachers from Lakes spent part of their summer working on honing their instructional skills at various conferences and training sessions. We very much appreciate their dedication towards their craft that will only enhance the learning of our students here at Lakes. Some of the training is listed below:

- 2nd grade teacher Lisa Villar, 4th grade teacher Katie Culbert, and Speech and Language Pathologist Deb Lonergan attended a training session at the Oakland County ISD the week of July 11. The training was titled, "Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching" with Anita Archer. Dr. Archer is a leading expert on how to design and deliver effective lessons that have been shown to promote achievement for all students.
- 2nd grade teacher Jenna Haller was accepted to the Writing Institute provided by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University in New York City the week of August 1. This is an intensive training session on the writing workshop model presented by Lucy Calkins, the Founding Director of The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. This is Jenna's second summer attending the institute.
- New 4th grade teacher Jammie Tocalis attended a four day Assessment Literacy Training the week of August 8. This CASL (Classroom Assessment for Student Learning) training focused on helping teachers use the assessment process and alignment of instruction to create sound formative and summative assessments, and using assessment results to effectively improve student achievement. Jammie will be continuing her training and work at CASL meetings throughout the school year.
- Special Education teacher Doreen Avenall is currently beginning extensive Reading Recovery Training through the Hartland CARES Grant along with several other teachers in the Hartland District. This intensive training will allow Dr. Avenall to provide Reading Recovery interventions to more 1st grade students at Lakes in addition to our current Reading Recovery teacher Yvonne Mato.
- Kindergarten teacher Beth Maurin is once again teaching an Education Through Music (ETM) class to several teachers in Hartland. Teachers who are trained in ETM are able to teach self-regulation, literacy, problem-solving, social skills, and more through movement, song, and play. Several kindergarten and 1st grade teachers from Lakes have taken this course and are taking it again this fall. Teachers take 9 three-hour sessions in the evenings and on Saturdays to complete the course.

Round Elementary School

Did you know that flexible seating can enhance student focus? In addition to "traditional" seating options, children can select "flexible" seating to complete work. There are many options such as: desks that allow students to stand, floor seating with low tables or clipboards, and beanbag chairs, small balls, stools, pillows and benches to sit on at tables or desks. Flexible seating allows children the opportunity to focus and do their best work because they are comfortable. Mrs. Vincent is trying "flexible" seating in her kindergarten classroom. We are excited about the positive effect flexible seating will have on our classrooms at Round!

Village Elementary School

Did you know that the Hartland Schools' Student Nutrition offices are housed at Village Elementary School? Lisa Archey is the Director of Student Nutrition Services for Hartland Schools and oversees the district's nutrition department, making sure that our district is in compliance with all state and federal nutrition guidelines. Our nutrition department is responsible for coordinating healthy breakfast and lunch options for our students on a daily basis, typically about 1,800 meals per day. While each school prepares its own meals for students, our nutrition department is responsible for menu planning and ordering of needed supplies and ingredients that are delivered to the central kitchen (at Hartland High School) and then distributed to each school's kitchen for preparation.

Community Education

Did you know that Hartland Community Education is looking for part-time help in the Before and After School Program at the Child Care Center in downtown Hartland? You can work just mornings (6:30am-8:00am) or afternoons (4:15-6:00pm); just during the school year or year around. Add to your retirement earnings! Contact Jen Turner at jenturner@hartlandschools.us

Did you know that Community Education is always looking for new partners to offer enrichment classes? Three new partners this fall that have joined our team: Art classes with Betsy McDaniel, Beginning Acting & Playground Players with Deb Whitson, School's Out Chess Workshops with Mike Nikitin. Consider joining our team today!

Personnel & Student Services

The District Opening Day Breakfast on August 31, 2016 was a joyful gathering of employees and board members. The United Way kickoff was tied to our Wellness at Work initiative and was warmly received. Nineteen prizes were donated by HCS administrators and various business associates to give away to lucky employees who submitted United Way pledge forms. To jump start the United Way campaign, a friendly competition among employees seated by table resulted in \$251.08 collected in coins. Ten staff members from Village Elementary School were the winning team and received a healthy fruit snack the following week. There were 9 new hires and 13 year-long subs introduced at this event. In addition, recognition for Years of Service was extended to 20 employees for 15 years and 16 employees for 20 years. Jill Fons, Michele Young, Tammy Chinn and Dan Saunders were recognized for 25 years of Service. Patricia McCrae and Scott Bacon were recognized for 30 years of service.

Operations – Maintenance & Transportation

Welcome to another great year of school! In the Transportation Department our most important goal is the safety of all students who ride our buses. This school year we are transporting 4,574 students, picking up and dropping at 1,249 bus stops, and our drivers will be driving 3,286 miles per day as they move students to and from school.