

## September “Did you know?”

### **Hartland High School**

Did you know that for the first time in history, Hartland High School has over 2,000 students? On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the high school welcomed over 500 new freshmen into the LINK orientation program. The 102 upperclassmen LINK leaders were grouped with freshmen and talked about life in high school, attending school events, Homecoming traditions, taking high school exams, as well as how to make the transition into high school. Staff LINK coordinators, Nicole Schingneck, Amy Szabo, and Amanda Lanigan planned a fantastic day that included school tours, group bonding activities, making costumes for each group, and freshmen receiving their class schedules. Great work LINK crew and welcome Freshmen!

### **Legacy/Hartland Virtual Academy**

Did you know that we started the school year with 60 students at LEGACY and 34 students in our HVA program, which is the highest number enrolled since we began in 2013? It's true, enrollment is on the rise and we are off and running.

### **Hartland Middle School**

Did you know we have started a Student Ambassador program? This connects students new to Hartland Schools with well-established Hartland students by creating small families that meet throughout the year. This helps new students become part of the HMS family more quickly and gives them a peer link throughout the school year. Thank you to HMS Assistant Principal, Alice Lashbrook, and HMS Counselor, Erica McLennan, for initiating this program. Pictured here, students meet with their small families for the first time.



### **Farms Intermediate School**

Did You Know that Farms has 67 new students to the district this year? We would like to welcome 34 new 5th graders and 33 new 6th graders. Last spring, Farms offered a new student day where new students from outside the district could visit classrooms and have lunch at Farms to get familiar with our school. In August, right before the start of school, we offered a presentation and tour where families were able to hear information about Farms and ask questions about our school. 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 has teamed up with Sensei Sam from Ohana Karate to provide students with the language and confidence to address bullying and mean behavior at school? Students have loved the fun and entertaining sessions he has provided for each grade level. Our teachers have also enjoyed the instruction he has shared with them during our staff meetings. We look forward to collaborating with Sensei Sam throughout the year as we work to ensure that all kids feel safe and welcome at Creekside.

### **Lakes Elementary School**

Did you know that Lakes Elementary now has a student-run branch of LOC Credit Union? Lakes student-run credit union is managed by 4th grade students with the supervision of an LOC employee.

### **Lakes Elementary School (continued)**

Student employees gain hands-on experience on how to run a branch and they perform duties of the various positions available at a financial institution. They are also taught real-life work skills, such as:

- Resume writing and interviewing techniques
- Professionalism and teamwork
- Development of responsibility and leadership skills
- Increased student confidence
- Counting money efficiently
- Financial education classroom presentations
- Importance of having healthy savings habits
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Increased math skills and more

Not only does this program teach valuable skills to students working the credit union, this also gives all students real-life lessons in savings and finance. All students, staff, and parents at Lakes are eligible to open an LOC account through the student-run credit union. Lakes Student Run Credit Union is open Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and operates under the direction of Stephanie Cole, Youth & Community Development Coordinator at LOC.

### **Round Elementary School**

Did you know that Round Elementary received some wonderful improvements this summer? The portable was re-sided and new ramps and stairs were built. In addition, the parking lots were resurfaced. The “kiss and go” lane was painted as well as an area designating a safe place for children to walk after exiting their parent’s vehicle. We would like to thank all of the community for their support.

### **Village Elementary School**

Did you know that Village students spent their summer reading? We had over 110 students participate in the ‘Village Summer Reading Challenge’ and that means that they read 100 times during the summer! Through the Summer Reading Challenge, our students read more than 10,000 times this summer, and we celebrated their hard work with a ‘Popsicle Party’ in our school’s courtyard and a reading certificate!

Our Village staff supports our students during the summer months by passing out 97 summer reading bags with 20 books in each bag. That means that almost 2,000 books were given to our students over the summer to provide them with quality reading material at their independent reading level. The students return the book bags in the fall and we provide them with a new one next June! Together we are developing a wonderfully literate learning community at Village Elementary!

### **Community Education**

Did you know that you only have to be 50 years old to join the Hartland Senior Activity Center? However our average age is 74. Normally we see 200+ people visiting our center every day during the month of September. The senior center is housed in the HESSC building and has a medical loan closet. If you need to borrow a walker, wheelchair, etc – stop by and visit our ‘barn’. This is a free service thanks to the equipment donations we receive from senior center members and the general community. The senior center also offers a wide variety of programs - 13 different fitness classes, choir, band, euchre, bridge, pickleball, softball, a weight room, tap and line dancing, daytime trips, and so much more! We are hosting an open house on Thursday, September 28 from 10am-12:30 pm. We’ll have a health fair, musical entertainment, giveaways, flu shots provided by U of M, fresh soup/salad lunch available for \$3-4. Please tell your parents, grandparents, and neighbors about us.

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### **Community Education (continued)**

Did you know that Community Education has had an awesome start to the 17-18 school year too? We have:

Over 300 children in our Day Care and Latch Key programs

Over 180 children in our Preschool program

Over 360 girls and boys doing gymnastics

Over 400 soccer players

Over 250 children in swim lessons

Over 175 children in our dance program

Over 115 in a recreational sports program like tennis, volleyball, basketball etc.

In addition we have over 200 participants in our adult fitness program. We added classes starting at 2:45pm and 4:15pm twice a week to help accommodate our HCS Staff!!! Please join our fitness classes today; your health depends on it!

### **Student Nutrition**

Did you know that the Student Nutrition Department served 311,425 lunches to HCS students in the 2016-17 school year? That is an average of 1,750 lunches per day or 12 lunches per minute during the district's school lunch hours! We are hoping to serve even more healthy and delicious lunches this year!