

February “Did You Know?”

Hartland High School

Did you know that the Hartland High School Wind Symphony traveled to Farms Intermediate to work with the 6th grade student band? As part of the high school outreach program, top performing high school band members worked with 228 sixth grade band members. Students split up into instrument-specific small groups where they practiced a common song, and after a full day of rehearsal, the combined ensemble of both high school and middle school students played together, with Brad Laibly, high school band conductor, leading the group. The high school band outreach program has had the middle school band members march along at a fall football game as well as be a part of their holiday concert. The high school students love the opportunity to pass on their passion for life-long learning of music, as well as embracing their role as mentors for younger musicians.

LEGACY

LEGACY High School and Hartland Virtual Academy (HVA) are proud to announce their January graduates: LEGACY – Cory Flynn, Nicklas Sanderson, and Abarahim Omar: HVA – Cade Eversole and McKenzie Pellett. These students deserve recognition for their perseverance, courage, and grit; achieving this accomplishment under difficult circumstances. Congratulations and best wishes! We are very proud of all of you!

Hartland Middle School

Did you know that our seventh grade English teachers work with seventh grade science teachers to help students produce a journal article (informational writing piece)? Teachers plan together so that students are prepared in English and then write the article on a current topic in science class. In eighth grade, English and history teachers collaborate on an argumentative essay. All of this follows the Writers' Workshop format and is a great example of collaboration across different subject areas, often facilitated through our district literacy coaches.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farm has a morning choir? Mrs. Laibly meets with these students every Tuesday morning before school begins. There are 34 students from Farms participating in the choir. So far this year, they have met nine times in the morning and performed the national anthems of the United States and Canada at a Red Wings hockey alumni event. Later this year, this group will join Creekside Elementary's choir to perform together at the Performing Arts Center. We would like to thank Mrs. Laibly for all of the time she dedicates to our students. We truly appreciate her commitment to give our students additional opportunities outside of the school day!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside is starting our 10th season with Girls on the Run this Spring? Girls on the Run is a nationwide program designed to help support a healthy life style for young girls. Not only does it focus on physical fitness, but it also has a character development aspect designed to help develop a strong sense of purpose and self-confidence. Our afterschool program is led by teacher volunteers Nicole Sidge, Jessica Brangan, and Melissa Frasier, along with the support of several parent helpers. They meet with our 3rd and 4th grade girls weekly to help prepare them for a cumulative 5K event in May. Thanks to our coaches and parents for providing another great season of running and fun for our young ladies!

Lakes Elementary School

Lakes Elementary would like to express a very big THANK YOU to all of our kindergarten families! Their generosity was welcomed by the Livingston County Humane Society. LCHS was stunned by the number of donations that came in this fall! We had some very thoughtful conversations with the kindergartners about ways that we help each other in our classroom and school, but also ways that we can help other people and animals in our community. Overall, we feel this was a huge success! Our families were so generous and we really felt the positive impact on our students! The Humane Society was incredibly appreciative of how thoughtful and supportive our families in Hartland are!

Round Elementary School

Did you know that Hartland has a strong robotics program at all grade levels? This provides an incredible opportunity for Hartland students to experience STEM in a fun and engaging way! The elementary schools

typically hold winter and/or spring FIRST LEGO League Junior programs. Round has had a very strong program for years, reaching 84 students on 14 teams last year! Theresia Rogers and Jenny Hull ran the program last year and are doing so again this year.

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary has SPOT lessons for kindergarten? Our speech and occupational therapists go into our kindergarten classrooms each week to provide collaborative activities for all students (SPOT lessons). Recently, our kindergarten students have been involved in snow making and melting activities, and most recently, a Valentine project. The goal of SPOT lessons is to accelerate progress in the areas of social skills, fine motor development, visual motor development, language, and comprehension skills. Newsletters are sent home monthly to inform parents of activities that are taking place within the classroom, along with tips to help encourage each child's development at home.

Student Nutrition

Did you know that the Domino's Pizza we serve every week is specially formulated for schools? It is not the same pizza you can buy at your local Domino's Pizza location. The Domino's Pizza "Smart Slice" is made with reduced sodium pizza sauce, reduced fat and reduced sodium mozzarella cheese, and reduced fat and reduced sodium pepperoni! It also has 2 oz. of cheese per slice so that each slice provides a full serving of protein! That's why they call it the "Smart Slice!"