

## February “Did You Know?”

### Hartland High School

Did you know that band director Brad Laibly was named a WHMI “Making the Grade” winner! WHMI surprised Mr. Laibly with flowers, an award, and a personal check for being an impactful teacher in band, guitar, cadet band, as well as marching band. Students from his guitar class nominated Brad for the award, which was presented during the class. Brad has had such a wonderful impact on the Hartland High School’s band program by getting students involved at athletic events, Project Unified games, and the award-winning Drum Line. Congratulations Brad! A very well-deserved award!!



### Hartland Legacy High School

Did you know that Legacy offers team sports programs for fun? We hosted a basketball game against Howell Innovations on February 14<sup>th</sup> and a pickle ball tournament on February 20<sup>th</sup> with the Senior Center. What a great experience with fun and tons of sportsmanship.

Did you know that Legacy students have an awards assembly for 1st semester? Students received awards for positive attitudes, academic successes, team sports participation, and excellent attendance along with seniors getting Soaring Eagle Awards. Great job Legacy students!

### Hartland Middle School

Did you know that Middle School teachers Jerry Bliznik, Jill Bliznik, Haley Johnston and Stacy Gillis partnered with the Hartland Optimist Club for the annual Optimist Oratorical Contest? This year's theme was "Is there a fine line between optimism and reality?" The teachers helped 27 middle school students and 1 high school student write and deliver a speech on this topic. These students were coached, judged, and the top thirteen were selected to move on to the public competition. This annual competition gives many of our students the chance to shine and use their writing and public speaking skills to compete for scholarship money. We are so thankful for the hard work of these teachers and the time and care they gave our students for this annual event.

### Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that *March is Reading Month* is just around the corner? Farms is doing many exciting things to encourage students to read! Throughout the month, students will tally the number of minutes that they read outside of school. The top 25 readers will go to *Bounce* and enjoy a pizza lunch with Mrs. Cheney and Mr. Hawker.

Did you know that throughout the month, we will have a *March Madness* contest? Students will vote on their favorite books to win the March Madness Book Tournament. The winners will be entered into a contest to win some awesome prizes. As always, in addition to the fun contests we will be having, Farms continues to encourage your students to read 20 minutes or more each day!

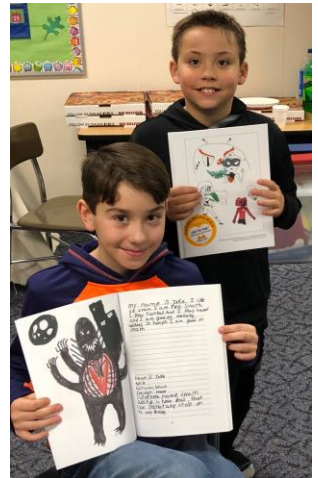
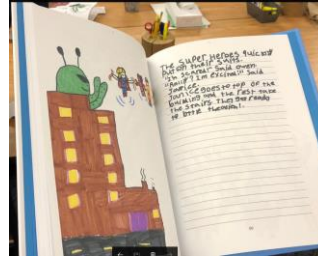
### Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside has an Instructional Leadership Team? The team includes members of our District Leadership Team, CASL and ICT leaders, and our School Improvement Team chairperson. Teacher leaders on the team work with the principal to set the vision, mission and goals for the school; and to help establish a culture of high expectations for our students and staff. The team uses a collaborative problem-solving approach that includes all stakeholders to determine our focus and professional learning for the future. The team plays a very important role in helping our staff be the best we can be for all of our kids and ensuring that we are on a path of continuous improvement.

## Lakes Elementary School

Did you know that Ms. Czuprenski has a group of fifteen 4<sup>th</sup> graders who worked for two months to create their very own published book. The company, *Studenttreasures*, sent all the necessary materials for our group to complete the project. Students worked together to come up with a topic, develop their own characters, and create the plot for their story.

After much debate, the group decided on the title "Teenage Superheroes: Saving the World". Each student was responsible for writing and illustrating four pages of the book. Once our published book arrived, we had a party to celebrate all of their hard work. Students learned so much about the book writing process, improved their writing and editing skills, and discovered new ways to collaborate and share ideas. The whole group loved the activity!



## Round Elementary School

Did you know that Hartland has a strong robotics program in all grade levels? This provides an incredible opportunity for Hartland students to experience STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) 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, with 84 students on 14 teams last year! Theresia Rogers and Amy Watters are managing the Lego League at Round this year.

## Village Elementary School

Did you know that Hartland High School is partnering with Village Elementary to offer some advanced STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) experiences for our fourth graders? Several high school girls who are involved with STEM are coming over to teach our students about using chrome books. We look forward to future projects and our continued work with our older peers!

## Community Education

Did you know that Hartland Community Education celebrated their annual Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter dances again in early February? Over 1,000 attendees danced the night away, all looking so precious! Cookies, juice, photo booths and the memories made... it doesn't get much better!

Did you know that our Prelude Children's Theater group just finished producing DreamWorks Madagascar Jr.? Over 2,200 family and friends witnessed this awesome musical. Congratulations to our directors and our 60 participants. Mr. Jason Eaton and his team, including Shannon Egenolf, Joey Tripoli and Sue Dekoninck, did an amazing job of engaging all the children into bringing their very best!

Did you know that Hartland Community Education is teaming with Jessica Paizenia in offering STEAM to 4 and 5 year olds this winter? Each week's theme will focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) areas of academics to help challenge children to expand their thinking and gain deeper knowledge of subject areas while focusing on age-appropriate themes and activities. So far, the classes have built and tested different types of beds for Goldilocks, and painted with "porridge". They did *Humpty Dumpty* and tested what happens when the eggs fall, and built walls for him out of different materials. They made baskets for *Little Red Riding Hood* out of strips of paper. With *The Tortoise and The Hare*, they built ramps, tested speeds, and made turtles from ripping paper. The students are having a great time while learning.