

September “Did you know?”

Hartland High School

That Hartland High School welcomed Gallaudet University to talk to American Sign Language classes? Mrs. Dana Reed, in conjunction with ASL teachers Ms. Jami Waddle and Ms. Judy Parlette, welcomed Phil Endicott, admissions representative, and interpreters from Gallaudet University, a private Washington D.C.-based university, focused on the education of the deaf and hard-of-hearing. High School American Sign Language classes attended the presentation that was both signed and voiced. Students had the opportunity to explore degrees that Gallaudet offers, as well as ask questions about the impacts and job outlook of American Sign Language interpreters. Students accepted to Gallaudet are required to pass an ASL entry exam. It was a wonderful morning!



Hartland Middle School

Did you know Hartland Middle School has a Mindfulness room for students? Mindfulness is the practice of focusing awareness by paying attention to the present moment with openness, curiosity, and without judgement. HMS, under the guidance of Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Ford, is incorporating mindfulness practices throughout the building and teaching students to be able to identify and regulate their emotions. Working with staff, they created a Mindfulness room for students during the 2018-19 school year. Students can explore the room on Mindful Mondays during their lunch or during the school day. The room has a variety of mindfulness tools that students are able to practice to determine what works best for them.

Mindfulness lessons are also being incorporated into the student’s health curriculum. The lessons focus on teaching students a variety of mindfulness strategies that they can use at school and home when they are feeling overwhelmed. Students are learning to identify their emotional state using the Zones of Regulation and practicing how to return to a calm state of mind. Increasing mindfulness practices into education not only creates a positive school climate but has also been linked to improving academic and social and emotional well-being.

Farms Intermediate School

Did you know that Farms has made Acceleration Time even better this year? We were able to shift our schedule to lengthen Acceleration Time to a full hour. This class was created to support all students at Farms. It is a class that occurs school-wide every day during 4th hour. Students can receive extra support in math and/or language arts during this time. Special education students also receive additional support in a resource room class. Highly Capable students attend enrichment activities, and band students can receive additional practice time with our band teacher. In addition, extension activities such as grammar lessons, class read-alouds, and math activities take place on any given day. We are excited that we have added this additional hour to better support our students toward success in all classrooms!

Creekside Elementary School

Did you know that Creekside has a full-time social worker at our school every day! Ms. Marinetti is amazing. She spends time with students for Lunch Bunch and will be guiding our Peer to Peer Programs. Ms. Marinetti will also be part of our first graders Body Safety Program and help promote Sensei’s lessons. Creekside is lucky to have her!

Lakes Elementary School

Lakes students are loving the new Gaga ball pit on our playground! Gaga ball is a form of dodge ball played in a pit where students slap a ball with their hands to try and hit another player below the knee to knock them out of the game. The word "Ga" means *hit* or *touch*. Entire classrooms can play at one time. High School student and Eagle Scout Jack Schaller and Boy Scout Troop 385 constructed the pit as part of Jack's Eagle Scout Project! We are so thankful for their efforts. Lakes Physical Education teacher Matt Conway not only taught all Lakes students the rules and how to play the game during the first week of school, but also how to play nice together. Students have been doing a great job taking turns and really enjoy the game. It is also nice to see that the pit is accessible to our students with some physical limitations.



Round Elementary School

Did you know that three months of summer reading loss equals one full year of reading loss? Students who lose three months of reading achievement in the summer often fall a full year behind their peers after the third summer. Round Elementary Reading Recovery Teachers Michelle Rutherford and Kristin Raap worked with Round Teachers to ensure 80 students took home a "bag of books" to read this summer! In May, each student shopped for 20 or more books with a parent or a teacher. These high-interest, just-right-books kept them reading all summer – preventing summer reading loss and ensuring a great start this fall! We would like to thank the Round PTO and Parents for purchasing and donating high interest books for students to read. Go TEAM! (Together Everyone Achieves More)

Village Elementary

Did you know that Village Elementary welcomed its first "fur-ployee," Cash to the family this year? Cash is a handsome, three-year old golden retriever who holds the title of animal assisted interventionist within our building. He is certified by the Therapy Dog International organization and was paid for by our amazing Village PTO. Furthermore, our school psychologist, Olena Mandeville, worked with him tirelessly this summer to make sure he was prepared to start the school year. His support of our entire school community is already well-worth the investment. Cash is able to work, not only with our students with unique learning needs, but also with all classes as they enjoy sharing their reading or math calculations with him. Cash has personalized colored bandanas that indicate when he is "working" and when he is available for a soft pet behind the ear or on his back. In the span of a few short weeks, Cash has already touched the lives and hearts of many of our Village students. We are incredibly lucky to have him here.



Community Education

Did you know that Hartland Community Education Preschool is home to 190 children attending either 2,3 or 4 days of preschool? We have four teaching teams and are proud of the work we are doing in this early childhood field. We would like to welcome three new assistants to our program: Tonya Carter, Amanda Delvecchio, and Angela Russell. Thank you, Jessica Pasienza, for your efforts in our curriculum development in order to align our curriculum for use amongst all four classrooms. Together we are stronger and better. Research shows that talking, reading and singing with a child every day from birth builds their brain as well as important language, math, reading and social-emotional skills. The more conversations, songs and stories shared, the more we are preparing children to succeed in school and in life! We are excited to be on this journey together!

Community Education (cont.)

Did you know that Ms. Jan Doke, in her 31st year, has 119 children in her gymnastics classes, 26 children learning tennis, and 23 toddlers learning to kick a soccer ball? Each week she is lucky to recreate with these 168 children. Thank you, Jan, for not only sharing your love for the sport, but also for your zest in life. These children are so fortunate to have you as their mentor!

Did you know that we have 62 children rehearsing twice a week under the direction of Mr. Jason Eaton and his team for their presentation of Frozen Jr.? Please mark your calendars for the weekends of February 1 & 2 or February 8 & 9 to see this awesome show!

Did you know that all 13 of the Hartland United FC boys and girls select and premier soccer teams went to a tournament in Traverse City the weekend of September 21st? The weather was awesome, and our teams represented Hartland well. We had two tournament champions with the 2010 Girls Blue team coached by Todd Derby and the 2010 Boys Blue team coached by Pedro Verissimo winning the Gold Division. Congrats to all teams!

Senior Center

The Hartland Senior Activity Center is collecting new and gently used shoes as a fundraiser! We will be accepting shoes until November 8th. We have a collection box outside the Community Ed office in the HESSC building. Or if you collect shoes at your building, I will be more than happy to pick them up.



The fundraiser is organized with the help of Funds2Org which then ships the shoes overseas to third world countries to start small businesses. It's a great program and helps the senior center raise funds as we get paid per pound. All shoes are welcome - athletic, sandals, boots, youth and adult. No rips or tears please. Call or email Kim Konarski at the senior center if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of the greatest generation!

Student Nutrition

Did you know that all schools in Hartland are now offering breakfast before school every day?! Our students have access to a variety of breakfast options to start their school day off right!!

District

Did you know that Hartland collected over \$7,100 for United Way this year? Thank you, Hartland employees, for continuing to support the United Way as a Pace-Setter Organization. Your generosity goes a long way to helping those in Livingston county in need of support.