



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

**Hartland Family Tragedy:** Please keep the Rowe family in your thoughts as they work through hospital stays and rebuilding from the fire that destroyed their home. I have shared a newspaper link below where you can find a GoFundMe link if you are interested in supporting the family. Hartland always supports our own.

<https://thelivingstonpost.com/early-morning-fire-sends-7-hartland-kids-father-to-hospital-gofundme-account-established/>

**Round** Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) In Action:

For nearly 25 years, the Dads of Great Students - WATCH D.O.G.S.® program has been successfully implemented in thousands of school campuses to promote greater parent and community engagement. That success has been due to the efforts of countless individual volunteers and campus employees. Our message has always been and will continue to be focused on fathers and father-figures. "D.O.G.S." has been defined for our purposes as those fathers and father-figures, who are not traditionally found on our campuses in the same numbers as moms and other volunteers.

The Round Elementary began the Watch D.O.G.S program before the pandemic. We are very excited that it is back again this year. We have had many D.O.G.S' volunteering their time to support the students and staff at Round! These D.O.G.S have been supporting students and our school in many ways. D.O.G.S can be seen greeting students at drop-off, supporting playground games, and helping students unpack or pack-up in the hallways. In the classroom, they listen to students read and help them with their math facts.

Here's what the kids have to say:

"I like when they play GaGa ball at recess"

"They help me to play basketball and I love basketball"

"It's fun to have them at school because it is someone you know"



**Parking Reminder:** Please help the district by parking legally, especially within handicapped and No Parking zones. It is always unfortunate to receive complaints about blocked handicapped access and fire lanes. Thank you for your help.



**High School Science Olympiad Team Experiences Success:** The Science Olympiad team competed in a regional competition at Frankenmuth High School on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top three and medaled in their events:

- Carter Derby & Joe Wisniewski in Chemistry Lab
- Ashlynn Mulka & Holly McCracken in Disease Detectives
- Carter Derby & Joe Wisniewski in Fermi Questions
- Lily Tormey & Malia Klumpp in Write It-Do It

**“Discovering the Optimism within Me”:** The district had a number of student participants who created a formal speech and presented the speech to members of the middle school staff. We would like to thank Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Johnston and Mr. & Mrs. Bliznik for their help in developing and grading student speeches.

Out of the many talented participants, we advanced twelve students from the middle school into the local competition Optimist Oratorical Contest. From these twelve students two students advanced to the regional competition. If either student wins the regional, the State level of the competition would be next. At the state level our students would have a chance to win a \$1,000, \$1,500, or a \$2,500 scholarship.

Advancing to the regional competition was 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Anne Marie Yarber and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Zachary Tennis. A special congratulations goes out to Gracie Robinson who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to these individuals and all who participated.



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**Mrs. Fetner's Round Elementary Students in First Place:** Mrs. Fetner's class is currently 1st place in the Michigan Statewide SumDog Math Contest! The students are very excited she states. Congratulations students for being motivated to work hard on your math.

Michigan Statewide SumDog Math Contest - Mar 10 to Mar 16 

177	9	132	8,921	6,529
Classes entered	Classes qualified	Students played	Questions answered	Correct answers

Now that 1 or more classes are playing in the contest, the top prize will be awarded! See the full [entry list](#).

 **TOP 10 CLASSES**

Overall class scores are the average number of correct answers out of the students in that class. At least 5 students from the class must have played in order to get an average score.

Position	Class name	Score
1st	Mrs. Fetner 2022-2023, Hartland Round Elementary School	87
2nd	Mrs. Miller, Ruth Mcgregor Elementary School	77
3rd	Gaudard, Beaverton Elementary School	66

**Hartland High School DECA Students Are Amazing!** Hartland High School students competed in the State Championships this past weekend. They had 37 Overall Finalists to which 31 were crowned State Champions. These champions will be off to Orlando, Florida later in the year to compete at the International Competition. Two students finished in the Top 10 on the Economics Test competing against over 1,000 students. I would like to thank our teacher coaches, Mr. Jamie Riley, Mr. Nathan Oake, and Mrs. Stephanie Ritter.

A special acknowledgement to Mr. Riley for being instrumental in building this legacy program as he finishes his final year in public education. I am grateful to all that Mr. Riley has done to care for and encourage the students of this community. I call Mr. Riley a friend because that is what he is to me, I will always remember our laughs, conversations, the great burgers in the courtyard and his forgiveness to those who may have wronged him. Mr. Riley, you are a true educator! Best wishes as you pursue your retirement dreams.



**Congratulations Mrs. Hasseld and HHS Students:** U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin visited Hartland High School today to present certificates to the participants and winners of the Congressional App Challenge. Pictured below are Mrs. Hasseld with a tribute from Rep. Slotkin, the Winning team of Makala Faix and Ani Lahser for their app “Beefriend” and the entire applicant field. Congratulations on taking up this challenge.



Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes

*“You are going to face many challenges in life, and some may seem impossible to conquer. Believe in yourself and believe in your strength because you have what it takes to overcome any obstacle.”*

Roger Leu