



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

Reminder: 2024 Youth Appreciation Nominations Now Being Accepted

The 2023-24 Youth Appreciation Nomination Form is now available at <https://bit.ly/YouthAppreciation2024>. Areas to consider when selecting your nominee may include: outstanding community service, good judgement and choices, perseverance and overcoming hardships, support and encouragement of others, loyalty or teamwork, and special achievement beyond grades. Please consider nominating at least one outstanding young person for this honor. **Nominations are due by 3:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024.**

Note: you may nominate up to (2) individuals.

Misinformation

Last week, I was made aware of some social media comments regarding the district's increase of administrative positions since 2017-18. Unfortunately, the information was far from accurate as the district has maintained the same number of administrative positions with the exception of this school year, when we added the Director of Student Services position to help with management of our new security team and school safety (Mr. Mike Capra handled these duties before he resigned from his position), staff and student education around bullying, harassment, and discrimination, and to be a liaison with the Department of Justice to demonstrate our commitment and effort toward addressing any and all concerns regarding incidents of discrimination. This position was developed, discussed with the Board of Education, and adopted in June of 2023. As the Superintendent, I cannot ignore the harm of misinformation used to create inaccurate narratives when district personnel work so hard to ensure that we remain a premier school of choice district, and take fiscal responsibility seriously. The latest data available shows that the district spends about 2.7% of its total budget on administrative/business costs which is in the bottom 3% of all districts in the State of Michigan. This statistic shows how frugal the district is with spending taxpayer dollars. Thank you to all our administrators, teachers, and support staff for the great work you are doing. As I shared earlier in a Weekly Update, every school in the district has received the best Michigan Department of Education rating possible and our parents have indicated positive perceptions regarding the safe environments in HCS schools. Congratulations!

Help Wanted

We have openings for Lunch/Recess Paraeducators.

- Temporary - Lunch / Recess Para at Round Elementary (2.25 Hours per day)
- Temporary - Lunch / Recess Para at Lakes Elementary (2.5 Hours per day)
- Lunch / Recess Para at Farms Intermediate School (2.25 Hours per day)

The postings can be found at <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Departments/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/index.html>.

We also need bus drivers to ensure students get to and from school and fieldtrips safely. We offer paid training to prepare you for the exciting and essential job of transporting our students.

Farms Intermediate Odyssey of the Minds Team Advances

Our Farms Intermediate School Odyssey of the Mind team came in 2nd place at regionals! They did a fabulous job. Because they did so well, they now get to compete at states in March. Congratulations and best wishes moving forward!



Successful Kindergarten Orientation

Thank you to all the families and staff who attended Kindergarten Orientation. If you know anyone who needs to enroll for the fall, please have them visit: <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Parents--Students/Enrollment/index.html>. The sooner a student is enrolled, the better it is for district staffing. School of Choice students will be placed where openings exist. Sometimes resident families wait to enroll, which may keep them from being placed in their resident school if classrooms are full and openings exist at a different building. Let your friends and family know that early enrollment is best!



Mr. Reck, Village Principal, with Mary Jo Ferris, Kindergarten Teacher, and Mrs. Frasier, Lakes Principal, speak to parents.



Mrs. Miller, Transportation Supervisor, and Mrs. Johnson, Dispatcher, answer parent questions, while our new kindergarten students explore the bus.

Parenting Series Continues Tomorrow Evening: Please note that due to lack of onsite participation, we will only be hosting this series via ZOOM.



Livingston County Families *join our next Mental Health Series...*

Building Your Child's Confidence

Children are continuously trying to understand their place in the world and how they fit in with their family, their friends, and other relationships.

Course Created by:

Dr. Kevin Skinner, LMFT, CSAT, EMDR

Parents can play a big role in helping their children understand who they are. This session will teach parents strategies they can use to help their children develop a confident and healthy identity by covering:

- Habits & Patterns
- Developing traits of resiliency
- Developing a growth mindset
- Continuous opportunities for connection



February 8, 2024



6:30–7:30 PM
via Zoom

or check your local
district website for an
onsite viewing location

Sponsored by
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"Helping parents, help their kids"

SCAN or CLICK TO JOIN ANONYMOUSLY

<https://cookcenter.info/Feb8Livingston>



High School Artists Recognized: Hartland High School Art Teacher, Josh Etheridge wanted to pass this information along to you regarding his students. The high school had 4 students receive awards for their work at the state level. Four (4) silver key awards, 1 honorable mention, and 1 gold key award. The gold key award will now go on to be juried at the national level. The names of the students are:

Duncan Laibly "frozen" silver key photo.

Duncan Laibly "night drive" silver key photo.

Lauren Joseph "Avarice" Gold Key drawing

Lauren Joseph "Havoc" silver key drawing

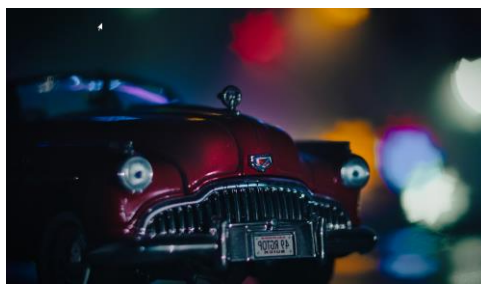
Linnea Hahn "homage" silver key painting on wood

Sophie Howard "soulmate" honorable mention photo.

Below are some of the artwork:



frozen



night drive



soulmate



Avarice



Havoc



homage

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes

"A priceless lesson about life: Value loyalty above all else."

-Unknown

2024 Livingston Mobile Distribution Sites



Howell

Howell Recreation, 1661 N. Latson Rd.
1st Thursday of each month
1pm-2pm

Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd.
3rd Wednesday of each month
10am-11am

HPS Board of Education Building/Highlander Way Middle School, 411 N. Highlander Way
3rd Thursday of each month
4pm-5pm

Fowlerville

Fowlerville High School, 700 N. Grand Ave.
2nd Thursday of each month
4pm-6pm

Pinckney

Pinckney Community High School, 10255 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
2nd Wednesday of each month
4:30pm-6pm

All dates are subject to change

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