



Around the Round!

Round Elementary School
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January 2020

Important Dates

January

- 7th **Highly Capable Parent Mtg. 6 – 8 pm**
- 8th **PTO Meeting 7:00 pm**
- 17th **Second Mackinac payment due 4th grade**
- 17th **End of Marking Period**
- 20th **No School for Students**
- 23rd **Sensei 3rd – 4th**
- 24th **Family Night 6:00 pm**
- 27th **Sensei JK – 2nd**
- 31st **Kindergarten Enrollment begins for fall 2020**

February

- 2/6 **PTO Meeting 4:00 pm**
- 2/8 **Kindergarten Orientation for new 2020 kindergarten students at HESSC 10:00 am**
- 2/10 **Hearing Screening (K, 1st, 2nd and 4th)**
- 2/11 **Hearing Screening cont.**
- 2/12 **Student Count Day**
- 2/13 **Vision Screening (1st and 3rd)**
- 2/18 **Vision Screening Cont.**
- 2/28 **No School for students**

School Hours
 Monday -Thursday
 8:50 – 3:50pm

Fridays
Early Release
 8:50 – 2:50pm

Welcome Back! Happy 2020! We hope everyone had a wonderful break. We are very optimistic about the New Year. We have exciting learning opportunities and many fabulous events in the months to come.

Thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who helped with the holiday festivities. Without your help and dedication to our school, these events are not possible. In December, students enjoyed Santa Shop, holiday decorations and wonderful performances. 3rd grade took a special trip to Castaway Café and 4th grade washed away the cold with a celebration at the Hartland pool. We would like to thank all of the families who baked cookies for the staff Cookie Walk!

In the event Hartland Consolidated Schools activates an evacuation, shelter-in-place or lockdown in response to an emergency deemed to be a threat or safety concern, the first priority will be to safeguard students and staff in accordance to our emergency procedures.

Parents can expect prompt communication after the threat or safety concern is resolved. The communication will occur in a reasonable time period and only after the event is resolved and students and staff are safe. The Superintendent will direct the building principal(s) or district designee to send a communication to parents via one or several of the following: email, phone call (message), text message, post on website and social media. School personnel appreciate parent support and understanding of our emergency response procedures and communication protocol.

The end of the month brings the end of the first half of the year. Teachers will be administering district assessments to monitor student achievement. **We will be administering the MSTEP assessment in 3rd and 4th grade during the month of May.** Please try to avoid vacations during this important time.

Thank you to everyone in the Round School Family for helping make our children's educational experiences positive,
 Mrs. Dotty Hottum

PTO

The Round Elementary PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. It is an exciting time to be a volunteer in the school. Please consider volunteering for the PTO. The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm in the Round media center. We hope to see you there!

PTO Family Night

Round Elementary and the PTO are sponsoring a family night for Round students and families. The special night will be on Friday, January 24th. More information will be coming home soon. It's always a fun evening and we look forward to sharing time together.

Absences

As mentioned in the September Newsletter, we are sending letters to parents of students who have been absent 5, 10, and 15 days (so far this year). This is consistent with school board policy and will be our practice for the foreseeable future. We know that student success is directly linked to student attendance. Round had 55 students, last year, who missed 15 or more days of school and were categorized by the State as chronically absent.

We understand students get sick, have family commitments and other reasons why they may be absent. We appreciate all parents who follow the district protocol and keep their children home until they are fever free for 24 hours. We only ask you do your best to ensure your child has access to daily classroom instruction.

Here is a great article about the impact of attendance in Michigan:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/education/2017/12/12/michigan-schools-truancy/108527012/>

We want to work as a TEAM to ensure your child's success.
Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)

4th grade Fundraiser!

We are collecting cans to offset the cost of our trip to Mackinaw Island.

Cans are collected in the vestibule daily.



To learn about the Read by Grade 3 initiative in Michigan visit:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMnR2fC_pRE&feature=youtu.be

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2020-21

Kindergarten Enrollment Packets will be available beginning January 31st, 2020



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

A Kindergarten Orientation will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 Highland Road.

The orientation will provide parents an opportunity to hear from kindergarten teachers about a “typical” school day and the kindergarten curriculum. In addition, administrators will be on hand to talk about school safety, transportation, school attendance areas, student nutrition, and answer questions. This will be a family-oriented event and you are encouraged to bring your kindergarten child(ren).

Hartland Consolidated Schools will be accepting kindergarten enrollment packets beginning January 31, 2020 at the Board of Education office and each elementary school office during office hours. Enrollment packets can also be downloaded from our website at www.hartlandschools.us.

In addition to the enrollment packet, the following documents must be presented when registering:

- ✓ Original birth certificate with seal, plus a copy for school records
- ✓ Immunization records with proof of DTP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox vaccines (or proof of having illness), and vision screening, plus copy of same for school records
- ✓ Proof of residency using one of the following: certificate of occupancy, purchase agreement, builder’s permit, rent receipt or agreement, mortgage statement/receipt, voter registration card, utility bill, driver’s license

Children are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in August 2020 if they will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 1, 2020. A child who turns five after September 1 and before December 1, 2020 may enroll if parent/legal guardian signs a waiver that is supported by the school district.

A full-day Junior Kindergarten program may be offered. A minimum number of students are required for the program to be made available. Parent may need to provide transportation in order to participate. The age requirements for Junior Kindergarten are the same as for the regular Kindergarten program. You may contact Scott VanEpps at 810-626-2111 or scottvanepps@hartlandschools.us for more information.

Great Start Readiness Program

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE, state-funded, preschool program for 4-year-old children. There are many GSRP classroom sites in Livingston County, with highly qualified teachers offering research-based curriculum that is proven to help prepare children for kindergarten. School-day and part-day programs are available.

Age Eligibility

- If your child is 3 years old by December 1, 2016, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Head Start or Livingston Promise.
- If your child is 4 years old by December 1, 2016, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Great Start.
- If your child turns 5 years old between September 1, 2016 & December 1, 2016, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Great Start.

Income Eligibility

- Families up to 250% of poverty (no sliding scale tuition).
- Families above 250% of poverty (with sliding fee scale tuition).

GSRP classrooms are offered in high-quality settings as defined by the Great Start to Quality. To learn more about why high-quality matters and how the Great Start to Quality defines high-quality programming visit [Great Start to Quality](#).

Transportation for GSRP eligible children is available on a limited basis within a one-hour route to and from school.

For more information please visit:

http://www.livingstonesa.org/parent_community_resources/early_childhood/great_start_readiness_program



The HCS Marching Band was a BIG Hit!

Bundle Up! It's Getting Cold Outside!

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Children go outside for recess 3 times a day for fresh air, frequent breaks and exercise.

The district cold weather policy is as follows:

- Wind chill 15 degrees or above = outdoor recess
- Wind chill between 0 and 15 degrees = a short recess 5 to 15 minutes long
- Wind chill below 0 degrees = inside recess

*Please be aware that children need
a doctor's note
to stay in for recess.*



Mrs. White's class made snowmen their height!

Sensei News

Our students and staff have really embraced the Round Character Development Program! My hope for this email is for it to help you understand what your child is learning and the important part you can play in their development at home.

I think you will like the lesson for December. It was "Friendship". We need to teach children how to have friends and healthy relationships. Our training theme is ***"I am always a good friend and I expect the same from you!"***

Here is what they are learning and what you can do. Just start a short conversation with your child. A perfect time to do this is on the ride home or when dad/mom gets home from work:

1. First, ask them what the new training theme is: (You can help them a little but saying "I am always a good") That should help them!
2. Ask them **"Should you be courteous, kind and respectful to everyone?"** (The answer should be YES)
3. Then ask **"But, does everyone need to be your friend?"** and **"Does everyone deserve to be your friends?"** See how they answer these questions. (The answer should be NO to each. Ask them why?)

Explanation: You should be kind and courteous to EVERYONE. Even your enemies or people you do not care for. The reason not everyone needs to be your friend is because you will have many friends in your lifetime. They will come and go. This is healthy. What is not healthy is when kids are so desperate for friends they are devastated every time they lose one. Also, often kids play relationship games or bully through exclusion. They were told to never base their self-esteem or self-worth on who their friends are. Not everyone deserves your friendship because your friendship is special. You just do not give it away to anybody.

In the end, you cannot "make" friends. **You must first learn to be a good friend.** Then you will attract and have more friends than you ever imagined.



Reading Resources for Parents

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-teachers-share-families#online>

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015#age_screener/cleanup

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

The cumulative effects of reading loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM>

Math Resources for Parents

<http://homeworkunlocked.com>

Free math homework

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

Math Modules EngagedNY

<http://www.eduplace.com/math/mhm/>

Help with math homework

Preschool and Kindergarten Websites

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/reading-writing/personal-stories-help-children-get-ready-school>

Personal Stories to Help Children Get Ready For School

<http://families.naeyc.org/child-development/school-ready-your-kindergartner>

Is The School Ready for Your Kindergartner?

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/13-tips-starting-preschool>

13 Tips for Starting Preschool

Safety in the Parking Lot!



The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” times have students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students first. This is particularly important during the winter.

The drop off lane is a “kiss and go lane”, please stay in your car, give them a kiss and a hug, send them out to the sidewalk on the right side of your car. Children exiting cars on the left hand side could be stepping out into traffic. If you need to help your child out of the car or they must exit on the left, then you need to park in the lot to ensure everyone’s safety. We need the line to move quickly so parents with other morning commitments can be on time.

Please remember to save the parking spaces labeled ‘handicapped’ for those with the appropriate legal designation. Thank you for your cooperation.

End of the day pick up reminder!

We want to thank you for all you have done this fall to ensure we had a great start to the school year. We need to clarify the ‘end of the day procedures’ because there has been some confusion.

Please be aware that half of the office staff go to the gym for end of the day pick up at 3:40. At the same time, teachers send students being picked up to their lockers to get their things and head to the gym. Parents can pick students up in the gym at 3:45.

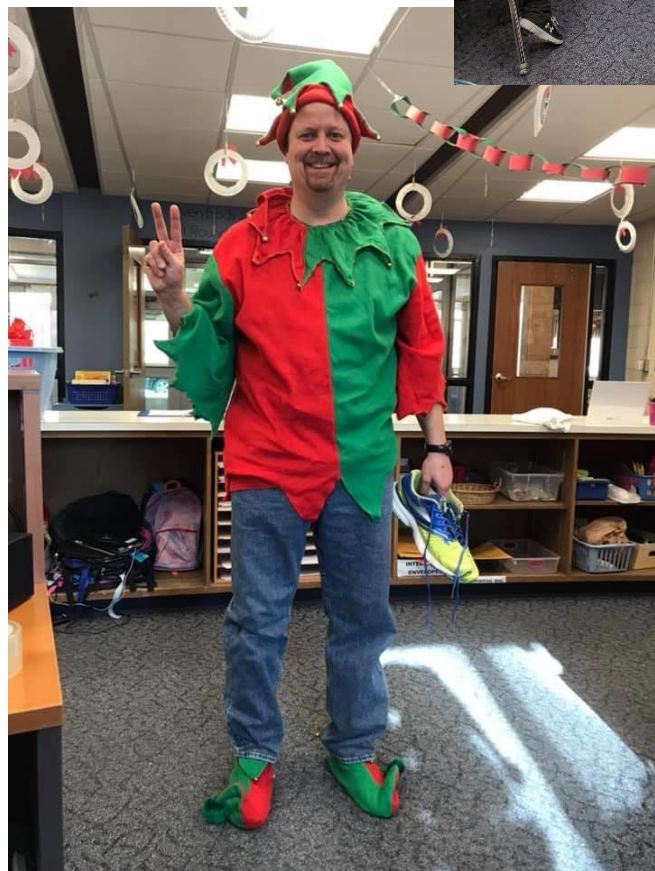
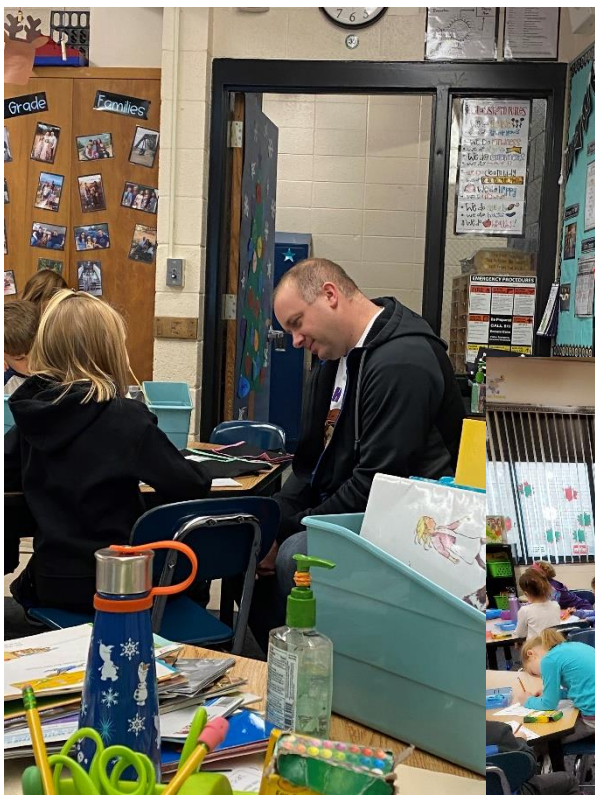
If you want to pick your child up between 3:40 and 3:50 you have 2 options:

1. Pick them up in the gym beginning at 3:45
2. Sign them out in the office and wait on the sidewalk for your child to exit the building at 3:50

We do not like to release students from the office between 3:40 and 3:50 unless it is an emergency. Please help us to make the end of the day an efficient and safe experience for everyone between 3:40 and 3:50 by choosing one of the above options.

Around the Round Photos

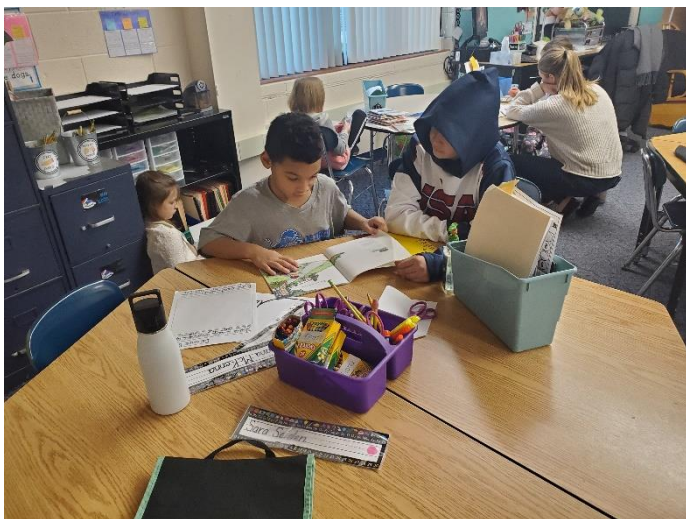
**WatchDOGS
At
Work!**



RES Teachers helping the community!



Santa Shop and Cookie Walk were a BIG hit! Thank you to all our Volunteers!



4th grader helpers at work!

Around the Round Continued...



Castaway Café and Chromaine were a Blast

We Need Your Help to earn money for our school programs.

Please bring your recyclable papers to our
Green & Yellow Paper Retriever® Bin.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Shopping Catalogs
- Mail
- School Papers
- Office Papers
- Envelopes

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- **NO** Cardboard
- **NO** Cereal/Soda Cartons
- **NO** Food wrap/containers
- **NO** Tissue Products
- **NO** Phone Books
- **NO** Plastic
- **NO** Glass

RESOURCE SAVINGS from Recycling One Ton of Paper:

4,102 kwh less Electricity

60 Lbs less Green House Gases

7,000 gallons less of Water

390 gallons of oil



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