



Around the Round!

Opening Day Newsletter

8/22/19

Round Elementary School
11550 Hibner Rd, Hartland, MI 48353
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Phone: 810-626-2800 Fax: 810-626-2801

Important Dates

August

8/19 Open House 5 -7pm
8/21 First Day of School
PTO Meet and Greet as soon as school begins
8/30 No School

September

9/2 No School
9/11 PTO Meeting 7 pm
9/17 Fun Run Assembly
9/27 Fun Run

October

10/3 Picture Day
10/10 PTO Meeting 4 pm
10/18 No School for students
10/26 Trunk or Treat 5-6pm
10/31 Halloween

Absence Line: 810-626-2805

Please call this number to report your child's absence.

School Hours

Monday -Thursday
8:50 - 3:50pm

Fridays
Early Release
8:50 - 2:50pm

Please know that students are permitted to enter the building at 8:45am. We provide outdoor supervision at 8:40.

Welcome Round School Family!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the 2019-2020 school year! Round is a special place and we are excited to welcome all of our new and returning families to the Round School family! The staff has been busy preparing this summer and we look forward to the students' arrival! We hope to see everyone at Open House!

Last school year our students and staff experienced and accomplished many new, wonderful and exciting things. This year we plan on pushing forward with our vision to make Round the best it can be! We will continue our E.A.G.L.E.S. social-emotional learning plan this fall with guest presenter Sensei. Our focus will be the development of expertise in the areas of Empathy, Achievement, Grit, Links (relationships), Empowerment (leadership), and Serve (service). Please be on the lookout for more information in newsletters and community life.

We would also like to send well wishes to our staff members that will not be returning to Round this year. Congratulations to our retirees Mrs. Sabo and Mrs. Spencer!

Please welcome our new teachers Mrs. Clay, Mrs. White and Mrs. Rogers! Mrs. Clay will be teaching 3rd grade and comes to us from Farms Intermediate. Mrs. White and Mrs. Rogers will be teaching kindergarten this year. Mrs. White is a Hartland Graduate. Mrs. Rogers has 15 years of experience teaching kindergarten. We are very excited to add their talent to the Round Team!

Please welcome Ms. Smith as our new full time social worker! We are very excited to have an expert of staff who will support the social-emotional learning for staff, students and parents.

We are committed to excellence, relationships and making our students great people, as well as successful students. Welcome back Round School family. We have missed you all very much. We look forward to a wonderful year together!

Dotty Hottum, Principal

Beginning of the School Year Jitters

We understand the excitement and anxiety parents can have regarding their children and the start of a new school year, especially those in the primary grades. We strongly encourage parents to say goodbye at the bus stop, the school office, drop off location, or the kindergarten line in front of the building. Walking them to the classroom can make separation much more difficult for you and your child. Please remember that these transitions are often harder for parents than children. With that in mind, we understand that parents may want to walk their child to class the first few days of the new year and we welcome you to do so. **We want to work with you to ensure a smooth start for you and your child.**



Sign In Procedures

These guidelines are an important part of ensuring a safe environment for your children. Parents entrust their precious children to us during the school year and we will do everything we can to keep our building safe. Please follow these guidelines to ensure all students are safe at Round.

- **If you arrive after 8:50, please walk your child into the office and sign them in.**
- If you pick your child up during the school day, please sign them out in the office. We will call them down for you.
- During school hours, all parents and visitors are required to sign in at the office in order to keep everyone safe.
- If you are dropping off items for your child during the school day, please bring them to the office. We will make sure they are delivered promptly. **It is important to minimize interruptions during classroom instruction.**

Sign Out Procedures

Round Elementary is dedicated to a safe and secure environment for students, parents, and staff. The entrance is designed for the safety of our students. Students only exit from the gym and the main entrance at the end of the day. The following procedures will make pick up safe and secure.

- If you are picking your child up at the end of the day (3:50), you can wait for them at the entrance to the building. Please sign them out in the office. All students riding the bus will exit the main doors.
- Students being picked up will be dismissed to the gym at 3:40. Parents can sign their child out in the gym using the west parking lot at 3:45. Please call the office or send a note to let us know that your child is being picked up early. We appreciate when parents call before 3:00. Please be advised we are required to put them on the bus without a note.
- We encourage parents to avoid pick up between 3:30 and 3:40 due to the end of the day routines and procedures. Most teachers are teaching at this time, some students are preparing to go home in the hallway and some students may be returning from their afternoon recess. **We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable and we are happy to have your child sent to the office for you.**

Lunch and Essential Times!

Lunch Times:

JK and K - 10:55 - 11:35

2nd-10:55 - 11:35

1st-11:35 - 12:15

4th-11:50 - 12:30

3rd 12:05 - 12:45

Essential Times:

4th - 9:00 - 9:55

3rd - 10:00 - 10:55

K - 12:50 - 1:45

1st - 1:50 - 2:45

JK and 2nd - 2:50 - 3:45

Round School is collecting non-perishable items for our snack pantry. Items can be dropped off in the office at Open House. We are looking for the following items: single-serving crackers (including goldfish and cheez-it), granola bars and slim jims. Our goal is to provide healthy low sugar snacks.



Breakfast and Lunch News

*Round will **BE** offering breakfast this year. Free and reduced lunch applications can be found on the RES webpage and the HCS homepage. Copies are also available in the office.*

If your child received free or reduced meals, they can continue this status for the first month of the school year while new applications are being processed. ***A new application MUST be submitted at the beginning of each school year.*** One application can be used for all of your children. Forms were emailed with your teacher announcement packet.

Student lunch cost is: \$2.75 Reduced: \$.50

Student breakfast cost is: \$2.00 Reduced: \$.30

Please put your child's name on their lunch money envelope or baggie. Checks can be made out to "Student Nutrition Department". Lisa Archey can answer questions you may have about our lunch/breakfast program at 810-626-2867.

Please be aware that students are provided with a daily snack time. We encourage you to send healthy snacks to school such as yogurt, fruit, vegetables, crackers, raisins, cheese, etc.

Please be aware that new Health Department codes prohibit our staff from heating food that students bring from home. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you and your family. Lunch schedules can be found on the RES webpage.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

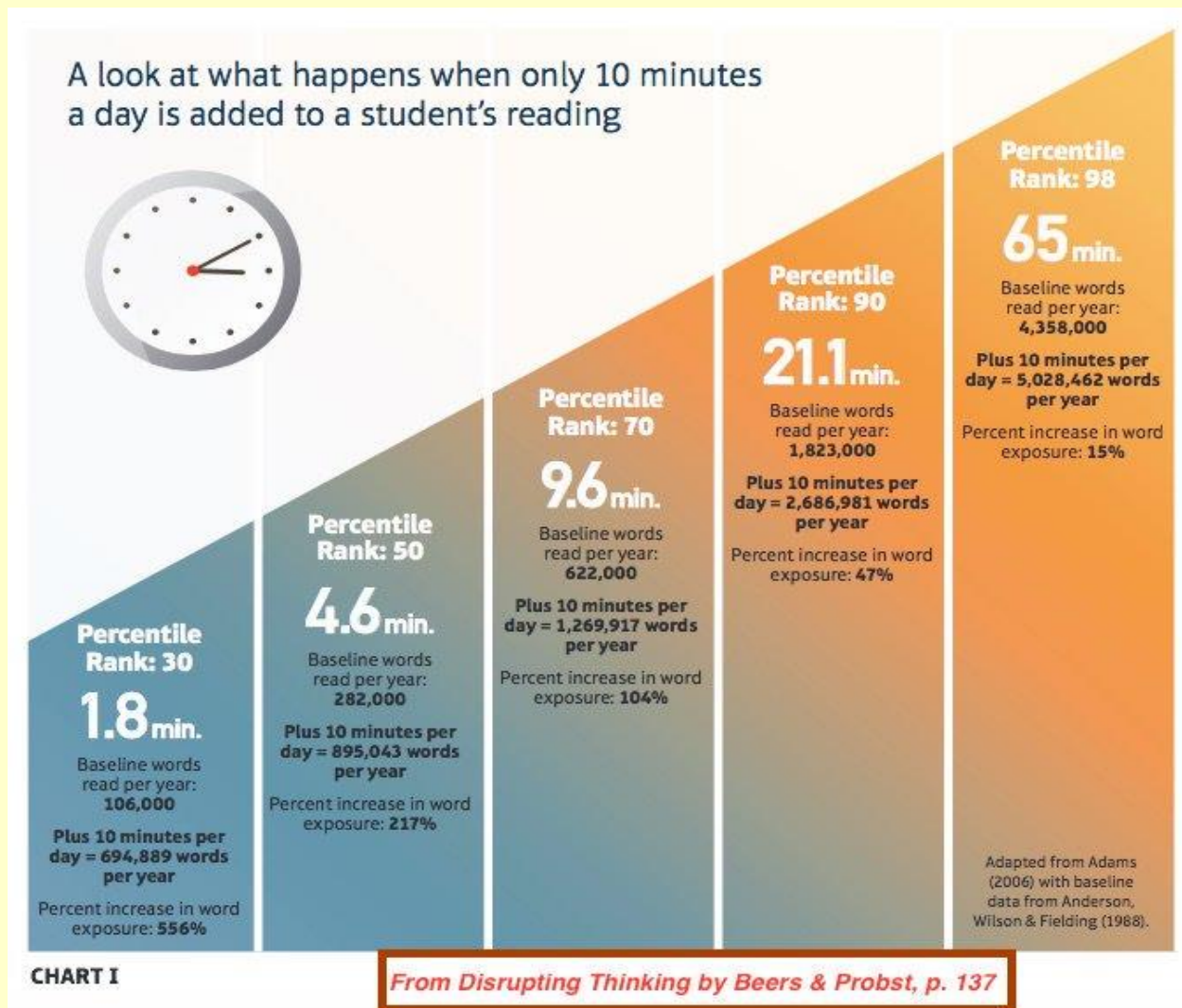
"A child who is on the way to independence needs to read often from many different books selected to be easy for him to 'go it alone.' It is the quantity of successful reading that builds the assured independence of the competent reader." Marie Clay

"Every child a reader" has been the goal of instruction, education research, and reform for at least three decades. We know that children who read the most at home surpass the educational success of their peers (who do not read at home) -*even those who are hard-working, capable students.*

Round Elementary is dedicated to increasing reading achievement and enjoyment at school and at home. To support our efforts and create a unified approach, all students will receive a take home reading bag. The colorful bags are water repellant, plastic and fabric with a carrying handle. Every child will be given a matching grade level colored bag to take home and return their "just right books" every day.

The importance of at-home reading for all students is well-documented. Children who read the most, both inside and outside of school, are the best readers, writers, spellers, possess the best vocabulary, and perform better in content-heavy areas like science and social studies.

We have book bags for each child from last year. Kindergarten students will receive the new book bags. The cost of the bag is \$5.00. Please consider donating \$5.00. If your child's book bag is lost or damaged during the school year we will provide them with a gently used bag.



Birthday Celebration Policy

We love celebrating birthdays at Round! The staff at Round work hard to ensure every child feels special on their day and are celebrated during the day. **Please be aware that birthday decorations on/in lockers are not allowed.** Locker decorations are an unnecessary distraction. Many children get upset when other students touch or bump into their decorations. We appreciate your support as we work to make all birthdays special.



Due to the high number of life threatening allergies at our school it is necessary to eliminate food items from our birthday celebrations. Celebrating with non-food items will ensure that our school is safe for all students. Classrooms and the office will continue to ensure that birthdays are special days for students. We will continue to celebrate holidays as we have in the past. Your child's teacher will share details specific to their classroom. Thank you for your understanding as we work to make school safe for all students.

Parking Lot Update!

As in years past, the drive in front of the building is reserved for busses. For the safety of our children, we now have an official "kiss and go lane" in the west parking lot. In addition to the signs directing you to the drop off area, maintenance has painted a designated lane and a safe area for students to walk. **Please remember that students need to exit your car on the passenger's side.** Please allow students to exit your car from the gym to the "stop" sign. This makes drop off efficient and safe!

We have two V.I.P. parking spaces reserved for our auction winners, thank you for your cooperation!

Finally, you may use the east parking lot to drop your child off in the morning (due to limited parking in the west lot), we ask that you park and walk your child into the building. The buses exit through the east parking lot so children need to be accompanied by an adult to ensure their safety.



Important Attendance Policy Update!

As you may know, research has shown that physical attendance at school correlates to academic success. High absenteeism is linked to lower grade retention, reduced student achievement, and increased dropout rates. It is difficult to ensure that students who are not attending school regularly gain the social, emotional, and academic skills necessary to be successful. Hartland Schools is working hard to improve the attendance of our students in an effort to ensure their success now and in the future.

Hartland Consolidated Schools has a rich history of working collaboratively with parents and the community to ensure student success. We understand that children get sick and appreciate parental efforts to follow the HCS Elementary Parent-Student Handbook guidelines in regards to illness related absences. Absences accompanied by a doctor's note or a call on the absence line are considered when evaluating the number of absences. In an effort to work collaboratively with parents to increase student attendance, we have created a process that will prevent the negative effects of high absenteeism.

Steps in the Process:

1. When your child has been absent for 5 days you will receive a notification letter. This letter is intended to inform you that your child has missed 5 days.
2. When your child is absent for 10 days you will receive a notification letter. This letter is intended to inform you that they have been absent 10 days. 10 days is approximately 5% of the school year.
3. When your child has been absent for 15 days you will receive another letter and be contacted by the building principal to set up a meeting to create an attendance improvement plan/contract. Copies of the plan will be sent to our District Attendance Officer Mr. Mike Capra so he can begin monitoring your child's attendance plan and help reduce the likelihood of additional absences.
4. If your child's attendance does not improve and he/she reaches 20 absences, Mr. Capra will send a letter and a LESA Truancy Referral form to the LESA Attendance Officer for consideration of further action. 20 absences is more than 10% of the school year.

Round School Tardy Information

Arriving to school on time and staying the full day are very important to your child's education!

Students will be considered tardy between 9:00 – 9:20 am. Students will be marked absent after 9:20 am.

Students being picked up between 3:20 and 3:45 pm will be marked as an early dismissal. If your child is picked up in the afternoon before 3:20 they will be marked absent in the afternoon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email dottyhottum@hartlandschools.us



Round PTO News

The Round Elementary PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a wonderful, caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and effort to give our students the best education possible!! It is an exciting time to be a volunteer. Please consider joining the PTO this year.

Please join the Round School Parents on
August 22nd after the opening bell in
front of the building for a
"Meet and Greet" with coffee and donuts!



Do you Shop at Kroger and use the Plus Card? If so... be sure to link your Plus Card to Hartland Round Elementary School PTO! This is an easy way for us to earn money to give back to our school/staff/students!

It's easy to link up. Enroll anytime by going to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and hit the "Enroll Now" button. Every year you must re-enroll, so if you didn't re-enroll in April, be sure to do it now so Round can start saving!

If you have any questions about the program you can contact Trish VanTichelt,
trishvant79@gmail.com



Have Summer Clothes to clean out?

Round has a clothing drop-bin in our main entry lobby for clean boys and girls clothing infant to teen, women's clothing and accessories and maternity. Round EARNs CASH from your used clothing, which we can turn around and use to support our wonderful school. You can go to <https://www.schoola.com/schools/hartland-round-elementary-school-hartland-mi> and see what we have for sale, what we are earning, where we are even selling clothes! Plus, you can also help Round earn money by shopping to replace the outgrown items!!

If you have any questions about the program you can contact Trish VanTichelt,
trishvant79@gmail.com

FROM YOUR PTO

On behalf of the PTO board, we'd like to tell you how excited we are to help our students SHINE this year! Please allow us to take a moment to introduce the members of our board. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions regarding the PTO or any of our events throughout the school year.

<u>PTO Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
Presidents	Stacy Malik	stacika@gmail.com
	Krystal Milosek	Kmilosek33@gmail.com
Vice Presidents	Ann Miller	Annmiller310@gmail.com
	Jenna McKinnon	Jpoland34@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Moriah Goodall	moriahgoodall@gmail.com
Co-Secretaries	Courtney Wozniak	courtneycwozniak@gmail.com
	Jillian Wahlfors	jilliand1013@yahoo.com

We invite and encourage all our parents and families to get involved this school year! Attending and supporting the PTO-sponsored activities throughout the year is a great way to be a part of your child's school experience and to help make their year the best it can be.

Here are a few easy ways to get involved:

- Attend the monthly PTO meetings. These meetings provide the best opportunity for you to offer input on PTO happenings and purchases throughout the year. Meeting dates and times are listed below.
Free childcare is provided at every meeting.
 - September 13 at 4:00 pm
 - October 10 at 7:00 pm
 - November 8 at 4:00 pm
 - December 12 at 7:00pm
 - January 10 at 4:00 pm
 - February 6 at 7:00 pm
 - March 7 at 7:00 pm
 - April 10 at 7:00 pm
 - May 9 at 4:00 pm
- Join the "RES PTO Hartland MI" Facebook group. This group is a valuable resource to answer your day-to-day questions and to find a variety of information regarding school activities, closings and volunteer opportunities. You can also follow us on twitter: @roundelementary
- Check out our "passive" fundraising opportunities. You can help raise money for our school just by doing the shopping and making the purchases you normally would. We have accounts with Box Tops for Education, Amazon Smile, Schoola, Shoparoo and more. Plus, we work with local business for other fundraisers like Hartland Hungry Howie's.
- Volunteer to help at our events. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cabaf29a75-201819> to check out any open chair or "shadow" positions still available. We can ALWAYS use more hands!

We look forward to seeing you this year and hope we have the chance to work with you too! Make this YOUR year to shine as a volunteer at Round!

Thank you,
Stacy Malik and Krystal Milosek
Round PTO Co-Presidents



Boy Scouts

Would your son like to build and race a derby car? Launch a rocket? Learn life skills and values that will help guide him in life? If so, your Kindergarten – 4th grader should join Cub Scout Pack 380!

Please contact Cristina Van Putten
734-560-1283 to join!
Email: cristinavanputten@scouting.org

Check us out in the gym during Open House!

Girl Scouts, Daisies, Brownies!

“At Girl Scouts, your daughter will get to lead her own adventure (it’s her world!) and team up with other girls in an all-girl environment to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that interest her most. Along the way, she’ll gain important skills, form friendships, and have FUN! We have troops forming and volunteer opportunities available.

Check us out in the gym at the Round Elementary Open House on Monday. Come join and see what it means to be #GirlScoutStrong!”

Learn more at: <https://www.girlscouts.org>



Around the Round!



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
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- **NO** Tissue Products
- **NO** Phone Books
- **NO** Plastic
- **NO** Glass

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