



# Around the Round!

## Opening Day Newsletter

### 8/11/23

Round Elementary School  
11550 Hibner Rd, Hartland, MI 48353  
<http://round.hartlandschools.us>  
Phone: 810-626-2800 Fax: 810-626-2801

### Important Dates

#### August

- 8/14** Open House 5 -7pm  
**8/16** First Day of School  
PTO Meet and Greet as soon as school begins

#### September

- 9/2 No School  
9/5 No School  
9/8 PTO Meeting 7 pm  
9/12 Fun Run Assembly  
9/29 Picture Retake Day  
Online Ordering:  
<https://store.geskusphoto.com/search/1148KQEDVVVLGT>  
9/30 Fun Run  
8/23 – 9/20 Spirit Wear Sale

#### October

- 10/3-10/14 Yearbook Cover Contest  
10/11 PTO Meeting 7 pm  
10/17-10/18 Yearbook Voting  
10/20 Yearbook Winner Announced  
10/21 No School  
10/27 Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

### Absence Line: 810-626-2805

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

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

### Fridays 8:50 – 2:50 pm

Please know that students are permitted to enter the building at 8:45am.

We provide outdoor supervision at 8:40.

Breakfast Opens at 8:40.

## Welcome Round School Family!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year! A new year, new students, new staff and an updated building are just a few things to be excited about! Our Round School Family is strong, our staff is dedicated, and our students are ready to succeed. We will work together to ensure everyone's safety, wellness, and academic success.

To keep our buildings/district safe, we will continue our Volunteer Policy and Procedures. Please see page 6 for more information. We will have Deputy Wever, Livingston County Sherriff Department, regularly patrolling the district elementaries from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. In addition, we will have, a security officer Mike Fluhart at Round daily.

We are asking that all students bring their own snacks to school; however, we know that sometimes snacks are forgotten. With that in mind, we are seeking snack pantry donations. These donations need to be pre-packaged individualized items that can be easily distributed to students. Snacks that do not require plastic silverware are preferred.

We love celebrating birthdays at Round! The staff at Round work hard to ensure every child feels special on their day. *Decorations on/in lockers are not allowed.* Locker decorations are an unnecessary distraction and children get upset when other students touch/bump into their decorations.

*Due to the high number of life threatening allergies 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. Your child's teacher will share details specific to their classroom. Thank you for your understanding.

Regular attendance is critical to academic success and reduced anxiety (What have I missed? What is happening?). In an effort to partner with you to ensure your child's success, you will receive a notice when your child misses 5 days, 10 days, and 15 days.

Please plan to visit our WatchDogs, Kiwanis, and PTO tables during Open House. Pictures will also be taken in the gym during Open House.

We are asking parents to talk to your child before school starts about the rules at school regarding language and topics. Language about weapons, body functions, Private Parts, swearing, and hurting others physically/verbally are not allowed. It is important to start the year off with a clear understanding of school appropriate language.

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

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Dotty Hottum, Principal

## Beginning of the School Year Jitters

It's hard to believe that our first day of school is right around the corner. Normally, this day is filled with pictures, parents and families gathered around the building, and lining everyone up outside as we march together into the building. We will not have parents leading students into the building. Students managed this well last year. Safety must be our number one priority.

Kindergarten teachers will gather their students by class and lead them into the building when all the kindergarteners have arrived. Our staff asks that you please drop off your student or place them on the bus establishing this procedure on the first day will support your child's success. We encourage you to take pictures at home and enjoy this exciting milestone safely with your family. Thank you for your understanding.



## Important Documents to Complete before the 1<sup>st</sup> Day!

Please log into your child's parent portal and update your personal and emergency contact information. Please be sure to update the following permissions:

- Emergency information/Authorization for Treatment
- Acceptable Use Policy Form
- Student/Parent Handbook Verification Form
- Concussion Form
- Picture Parent Release Form –This allows us to use your child's picture in newsletters, *Community Life*, directory, and other educationally related activities.

**IMPORTANT:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) states the following information may be released upon request: student's name, date of birth, phone number, address, parent name(s); school of attendance, picture(s), video(s), publication of student picture(s) with name(s) attached, artwork and school activity groups. If you do not want this information released you must mail a written notice by September 30, 2023 to Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 Highland Rd. Howell, MI 48843.



### ***Breakfast and Lunch News:***

***Breakfast and Lunch are free for the 23-24 School Year***

*Free and reduced lunch applications can be found on the HCS homepage. A new application MUST be submitted at the beginning of each school year.* One application can be used for all of your children. Completing an application is very important to ensure we receive our Federal Funding.

Please put your child's name on their lunch money envelope or baggie. Checks can be made out to "Student Nutrition Department". Please be aware that Health Department codes prohibit our staff from heating food that students bring from home. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you or your family. Lunch schedules can be found on page 3. Lisa Archey can answer questions at 810-626-2867.

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

# Technology Reminder!

Electronic devices such as games and music type devices with headphones may be allowed, on the bus, with permission of the driver. Cellular phones or any other type of communication device capable of texting, talking, taking pictures or displaying images, video or any type of messaging must be turned off at all times while on the bus, playground and/or classroom. These rules are very important to ensure that children are not exposed to inappropriate internet material. In addition, we have families that do not want their children's photos taken or shared on the internet. Please help your child to understand why this is important. Laser pens and pointers are forbidden.

## Arrival and Dismissal Changes

### Arrival

Students will either arrive in person or by bus. Bus riders will be called off the buses by grade level. We will continue to operate a kiss and go lane, which means that it should move quickly. Please have your child exit on the right side of the car (for safety) and pull all the way forward to keep the line moving. Students will follow the sidewalk to the front doors or the gym for breakfast. Students will not be allowed to enter the building, unless they are purchasing breakfast, before 8:45. If purchasing breakfast, access will be granted at 8:40am. If you arrive after 8:50, please walk your child to the front door and have them buzzed.

### Dismissal

At the end of the day students that ride the bus will be dismissed by their teacher at 3:50. Students that are being picked up will be available at 3:45 for pick-up in the gym. We encourage parents to call before 3:00 to schedule an end of the day pick-up. If you are emailing, notify Mrs. Delauder, Mrs. Chinn and your child's teacher. The office is very busy between 3:00 and 3:40 with end of the day routines and procedures. If you call after 3:00, you may have to wait longer than expected as 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. If you arrive at 3:30, you will need to wait in the front of the building for your child.

If picking up your child in the gym, you will need to park your car and come to the gym doors. Students will be called to the gym door for pick-up when you arrive. If you plan to have another family member pick-up your child, please notify Maggie Delauder, Tammy Chinn, and your child's teacher before 3:00 pm on the day of pick-up. Please remember that at no time can we impede traffic on Hibner Rd. If you are picking up or dropping off your student, and will impede Hibner Rd. traffic, please keep going and pull around on one of the local streets. Our buses and the buses for Village need to get down that road to pick-up and drop-off students in a timely manner.

## Lunch and Essential Times

### Lunch Times:

K	10:50 - 11:35
2nd	11:15 - 11:55
1st	11:35 - 12:15
3rd	12:00 - 12:40
4th	12:20 - 1:00

### Essentials:

K:	12:50 - 1:45
2nd:	2:50 - 3:45
1st:	1:50 - 2:45
3rd:	10:00 - 10:55
4th:	9:00 - 9:55

*Students are 20 minutes in the cafeteria followed by 20 minutes outside.*

## PTO News!

Please welcome our 23-24 PTO Board!

Co-presidents: Katie Lewkowicz and Heather Zachow  
Co-VP: Misty Elkins and Hannah Sorg  
Co-Treasurers: Michelle Slater and Jamie Hillson  
Co-Secretaries: Tami Salzbrenner and Hilary Pham

We invite and encourage all our parents and families to get involved this school year!  
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 on the front page of the school's monthly newsletter and included in Wednesday Mass Emails.
- 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.
- 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, and more. In addition, we work with local business for other fundraisers like Hartland Hungry Howie's.
- Please visit our table during Open House to learn more!

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!

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### Refillable Water Bottles

We are so excited that we have a refillable water station in the gym hallway. Thank you, RES PTO! Please send your kiddo to school with a water bottle that they can refill. Make sure that you have their name clearly labeled on the bottle so that they do not end up in the hands of a friend.

### OPEN HOUSE!

Please join us at Open House to give your child an opportunity to walk through the building and find his/her classroom/s and meet their teacher/s. Please use your oldest child's last name if needed.

5:00 - 5:25 Last names A - D

5:30 - 5:55 Last names E - K

6:00 - 6:25 Last names L - P

6:30 - 6:55 Last names Q - Z



**Please follow these procedures:**

1. Pictures will be taken in the gym. It is recommended that you have pictures taken before or after your classroom visit.
2. Parents may accompany their child/children into the building. No additional people will be allowed in the building.
3. You should limit your time in the building to 25 minutes.
4. If you cannot make your scheduled time, but can go during a different scheduled time, please notify the office. Please do your best to go during the times we have scheduled for your child. If you cannot make it during any of the times listed, please know that your child will be helped on his/her first day of school. His/her teacher will be more than happy to assist them with any concerns, problems, etc.
5. If you will be picking-up after school, please stop in the office and show your ID to Mrs. Maggie Delauder or Mrs. Tammy Chinn during Open House.
6. Please bring all medications to Mrs. Maggie Delauder, in the office, during Open House. You will need a doctor's note for over-the-counter medications as well as prescription medications. Your doctor's office can email the prescription.
7. Mrs. Tammy Chinn will also be collecting missing enrollment information during Open House.

## **Label, Label, Label...ALL YEAR!**

Please label everything! Here is a list of items that are often lost and rarely found:

- Lunch boxes and/or bags
- Gloves, hats, coats, sweaters, boots and shoes
- Backpacks
- Water Bottles



## 2023-2024 K-12 Visitor and Volunteer Expectations

HCS believes in providing a safe, secure, and orderly environment for our students and staff, as this ensures the best learning opportunities for our students. HCS also values the involvement and partnership with our parents and community. Our visitor/guest protocols and procedures have been developed to support these ideals.

The following protocols and procedures have been put in place with the aforementioned ideals in mind:

### K-6 Protocols for Visitors and Volunteers

- All visitors must use the main entrance and report to the office upon arrival.
- A visitor tag must be worn at all times during the school day.
- All volunteers must complete a *Volunteer and Visitor Agreement* form prior to volunteering in the building.
- The building principal must pre-approve all volunteers.
- Parent visitors/volunteers are restricted from the cafeteria during lunch and on the playground for recess.
- The number of classroom volunteers will be limited for indoor events.
- Expectations for outdoor events will be communicated by the building principal.

### Elementary Volunteer and Visitor Agreement

We appreciate your support and your help with keeping our school safe. The following rules and procedures have been put in place to maintain a safe and orderly environment. We are requiring all volunteers/visitors to follow these procedures during the school day. Please sign that you have read and agree to the following visitor/volunteer requirements:

1. You must sign up for a specific day and time (with prior approval from the building principal).
2. You must remain in the area where you are volunteering in the building.
3. You must avoid the use of your cell phone to eliminate distractions within the classroom.
4. Photos of students and staff are not allowed unless approved by the building principal.
5. Staff and student confidentiality is expected. Discussing students' academic, social or emotional information is prohibited inside and outside of the school.
6. Volunteers are expected to leave promptly after completing their volunteer work.
7. No siblings are allowed in the building while you are volunteering.
8. If you need assistance please ask the office staff. We must protect instructional time by avoiding interruptions within the classroom.
9. All volunteers/visitors must sign-in and sign-out when entering and exiting the building.
10. Volunteers need to leave discipline or corrective action to school staff. If you see something, you should report it to a school staff member.
11. I understand that a violation of this agreement would mean I would not be allowed to participate in future volunteer opportunities.

I agree to follow the above guidelines/procedures:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer/Visitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# 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 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 and new students will receive new book bags. If your child's book bag is lost or damaged during the school year we will provide them with a gently used bag.

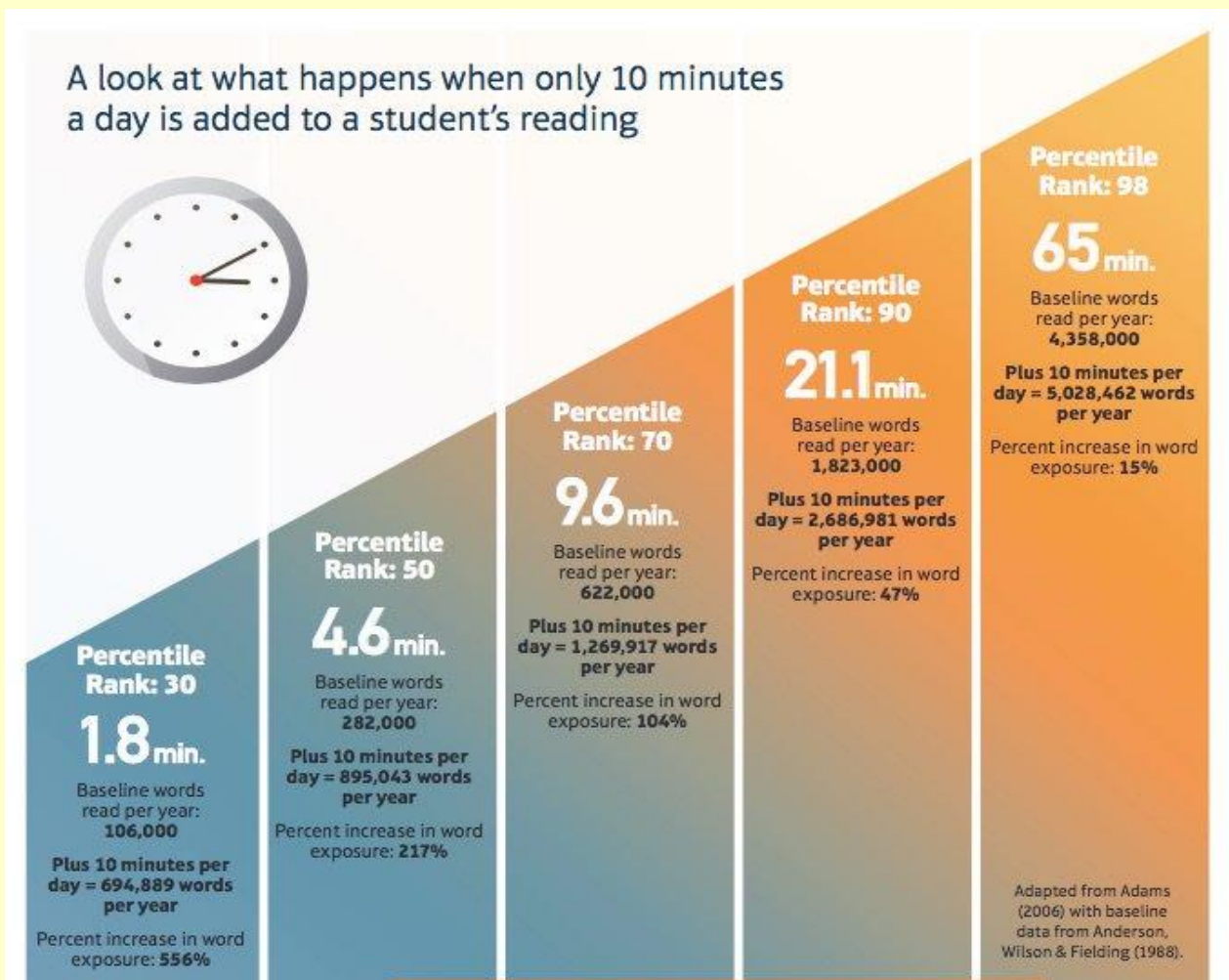


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From *Disrupting Thinking* by Beers & Probst, p. 137

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

Ms. Shelly Gordinear

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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**Thank you for recycling!**