

The Villager

Village Elementary School

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January Calendar

January 5 ■ PTO Meeting – 4pm
January 10 ■ BOE Meeting – 6:30pm
January 17 ■ MLK Day – No School
January 31 ■ Book Review Drawing – 7pm

School Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50pm

Fridays

8:50-2:50pm

Please note that students are only permitted to enter the building at 8:40 for breakfast. All other students may enter the building

Resolved

I have a confession – I am terrible at making resolutions. Every New Year I get psyched to develop a list of goals that I am going to accomplish or work toward throughout the year. Alas, each New Year goes by and no list graces my desk. I spent yesterday reflecting on why this is such a struggle for me. What is it about making a resolution that creates a barrier in my mind? After some quiet reflection I came up with an idea – instead of resolutions or “new” goals that I plan to set, I will be more resolved in the goals that I currently have. I will dig into the ideas and challenges that I am currently chipping away at, and see, with the increased pressure, what the outcomes may be.

Too often we try to overhaul our lives, our look, our thoughts, our ideas, or even our homes. We feel like a “refresh” will do us good. What we fail to do in these moments where we feel that change is needed, is reflect on what is working. What are we grateful for? What makes us thrive? Starting from a place of gratitude and resolving to grow and become better from there will help us on our journey.

This year, I hope that things continue to change and move forward in a positive way, while maintaining many of the blessings that we have uncovered over the past year. I am resolved to continue to create meaningful relationships with my staff and students. I am resolved to support our teachers and community in ways that help us grow together. I am resolved to laugh more and find joy in the small moments. I am resolved to continue to advocate for the future of public education.

Happy New Year and I wish you blessings and joy throughout the year!

Be Well – Principal, Angelina Kreger

Winter is Coming – LABEL YOUR STUDENT'S CLOTHES

Our building usually has a very robust Lost and Found, and unfortunately, we cannot house that this year. Please make sure that you label **ALL** your students' items so that they can be returned. This is especially important as the winter months set in. Also, our refillable water stations are **UP AND RUNNING!** Send your refillable water bottles in with your kiddos and make sure they are labeled.

Cromaine Winter Reading Challenge

Our neighborhood Cromaine Library kicked off their winter reading challenge on December 1. We are excited for our Villagers to get a chance to participate in this exciting event. Please see below for the winter reading challenge documents based on your student's grade-level.

Pre-K - <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.snr6jwvy32qh>

Grade K-2 <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.a6xvfhpewgqk>

Grade 3-4 <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.gn6rupyx0k9r>

Adult <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.8elts8ov3ra0>

The library also put together a wonderful list of books that are great for each age-level.

<https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.h3hvhfepd9as>

Also, you can always reach out to the library to assist you in any way. They are wonderful and happy to help.

Absences & Dismissal Changes? – Let the Office Know

Have a last-minute dismissal change or planning to be absent? Email or call the main office and let us know your plans. For dismissal changes, we cannot ensure changes will be honored if you do not contact the school **prior to 3pm**. We need to make sure that teachers have enough time to check their messages. Email your dismissal changes or student absence information to kaloolahfelver@hartlandschools.us and gayleroberts@hartlandschools.us or call 810-626-2850.

TikTok Challenges – We Need Your Help

I was recently made aware of a slew of TikTok challenges that are particularly geared toward schools. We already experienced the “challenge” that was promoted on the platform this month. I am sharing this information with you to ask that you monitor your student and speak with them about these challenges if they use TikTok. Additionally, please know that each one of these challenges violates our Student Code of Conduct. Students need to know prior to engaging in any behavior that they see online being marketed as “cool” or “funny,” that there will be consequences if they participate at school. Thank you for your support and assistance.

| Month | Challenge |
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| January | Jab a breast |
| February | Mess up school signs |
| March | Make a mess in the courtyard or cafeteria |
| April | Grab some “eggs” (theft challenge) |
| May | Ditch Day |
| June | Flip off the front office |

It's Cold Outside – Dress Warm

Students will be outside until the windchill factor is above 15 degrees. When the wind chill drops below 15 degrees, we adjust the length of time for recess to last no more than 15 minutes. If the wind chill drops below zero, our students will remain indoors. We encourage you to send your student with boots, snow pants, hats and gloves each day. These items may remain in their locker but are useful all winter season long.

No Outside Visitors or Parents Allowed in the Building

To keep our building as clean as possible, NO outside visitors will be allowed in. This means that parents that need to drop things off will need to ring the buzzer and leave the items outside by the door. No parents will walk their children to class or come into the building to pick them up. They will need to ring the buzzer and your student will be brought to you outside. We will have no parent volunteers in the classrooms, and if you are asked to attend a meeting, we may ask that it be held virtually.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Starting at \$18.37 per hour and up to \$21.22. \$2,000 sign on bonus!

Please contact transportation at 810-626-2175 with questions and the attached flyer for more details.



Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Enrollment

I cannot believe that it is already time to begin thinking about the 2022-2023 school year, but alas here we are. This year Kindergarten enrollment for the 22/23 school year will open on February 1 and will take place online. You can access our online learning platform at [Hartland Enrollment](#). If your student is a current junior kindergarten student, you can simply login and recertify your information through MiStar. This is the same process that you will go through at the end of every year here on out.

We encourage you to please share this information with any other local families that you believe would love to attend Hartland Schools. Our School of Choice enrollment opens on February 1st as well for anyone not currently an HCS resident.

Kindergarten Orientation

Please join us at the HESSC on February 5 from 10-11:30 for Kindergarten orientation.

Our panel will include the four elementary principals, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Transportation Director and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

We will answer common questions regarding Kindergarten programming, curriculum, and how you can help your student prepare to start school. Information about our Junior Kindergarten program will also be shared at that time.

If you have any questions that you would like addressed please send them to angelinakreger@hartlandschools.us.

Please see the attached flyers for more details regarding immunization opportunities and vision screening times from the LCHD. We look forward to welcoming our future Hedgehogs at Village.

PTO Book Review Basket Prizes

Village PTO is proud to announce the start of the Monthly Book Review Contests. The contest gets kids excited to READ and share their thoughts and ideas about their books. Here's how it works:

- Has your child completed the Book Review Template – written, video or both?
- Email your completed review to welovevillage@gmail.com
- There is NO LIMIT to the number of entries – monthly or yearly!
- Keep reading for more chances to WIN!

Drawings to WIN a fun book basket occurs at the end of every month. At least 3 baskets per month will be raffled off. All entries carry over throughout the year, so the more you read the more chances you have to win!

October's Book Baskets are fun and spooky so get reading and send in those book reviews! **Whose name will Mrs. Kreger call as the next winners?!**

Check out the baskets in our showcase to see what you could win this month!

Snack Pantry Donations

As you can imagine our snack pantry is a BIG hit. Students often forget to bring snacks to school, are not full after eating their snack, or just need a little energy boost to make it through learning. In response, our snack pantry is a bit bare. If you have extra snack donations, we would love them. Please make sure that they are peanut-free. Some of our student favorites are listed below:

- Goldfish
- Cheeze-Its
- Fruit Snacks
- Applesauce
- Fruit and Grain Bars
- Cheese and Crackers
- Raisins
- Fruit Cups

Looking for the Latest and Greatest Village Updates

Join our Facebook group: We Love Village Elementary

Interested in knowing what is going on in Art Class?

Follow Mrs. Tomyon on Instagram @art_withmrs.t

Want to send us pictures to include in our Village Yearbook?

Email hartlandvillage.yearbook@gmail.com

Have a tip that the school should be made aware of?

OK2Say <https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say>



Discover the wonderful things happening in the community of Hartland by visiting the Hartland Living resources:

www.hartlandliving.com

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