April 15 MPS Board meeting presentation topic: PRODIGY!

The evening started with HH Dow HS Art Teacher Curt Gledhill talking about the DHS Commercial Art program. Student artist Sarah Pisarczyk then spoke about the design process as she created the impressive PRODIGY logo (pictured above).

PRODIGY stands for Promoting Rigorous Opportunities to Develop Innovative and Gifted Youth and is currently an MPS Grade 3 thru 5 pilot program that focuses on MPS gifted students. Chestnut Hill (CHE) Principal Tracy Renfro, 5th Grade CHE Teacher Elizabeth Owens, and students Kelton Kyro, Landon MacLeod, Daniel Farison, Lainey Ringgold, Cadence McPeak, Braylen Weideman, Jensyn Ardouin, Gabrielle Ried, Keira Shaffner did a wonderful job talking about the PRODIGY program at Chestnut Hill.

Midland High Staff Professional Development

Speaker Donice Hannegan from Corteva has spoken to the MHS Gay Strait Alliance student group (pictured here) about what inclusion and diversity looks like in the workplace and in the real world. Midland High School staff welcomed Donice Hannegan as a guest presenter at their April 18 staff professional development meeting. The goal of this staff training was to increase awareness and inform high school teaching staff about the topic of “inclusion.” Specifically, the discussion included tips and suggestions that will help all of our teachers to become visible “allies” in the eyes of the students in our school. Emphasis on being a visible presence in classrooms and hallways was shared, especially as it relates to supporting students and staff colleagues at MHS. This training was another critical step toward empowering our teachers with knowledge (and perspective) to further support our goal of creating a more accepting, equitable environment and preparing students to work in a more diverse world.

Congratulations to Anthony Gates, Midland High School Teacher in the Special Services Department, who has been promoted to the position of Supervisor of Special Education at HH Dow HS and Jefferson MS effective July 1, 2019, following the retirement of Carla Koch.

Anthony joined the MPS team in 2014. Before coming to MPS, he was a Special Education Teacher at Chesaning Union Schools. Anthony earned both his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Special Education and his Masters Degree in Education from Saginaw Valley State University. Mr. Gates received an MPS Shining Star in September 2017.

MPS CONNECT is a great communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or a member of our staff will do all we can to reply to your message the next work day. Click here to connect with me: https://goo.gl/forms/ciB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2
HH Dow HS Automotive Students Shine at Regionals!

In the recent Student Technology Solutions (STS) Regional Automotive Competition held at Delta College
⇒ Dillon Wendt and Katelynne Morse took 2nd place in New Vehicle Prep
⇒ Josh Strike and AJ Reinig took 1st place in Master Automotive Technician (the most difficult automotive competition)
⇒ Sam Fick and Austin Lunsford took 1st place in Automotive Brakes

Congratulations to these and all of the DHS automotive students who participated in this advanced-level competition!
We send our best wishes to those who will be competing at MITES, the State-level automotive competition in May.
Are you a 2018-19 MPS Volunteer?
Would you like to continue volunteering at MPS in 2019-20?

On April 16, our 3,700+ wonderful MPS volunteers received an email from United for Success Volunteer Coordinator Renee Uealub.

The email asks "Yes" or "No" about whether you want to volunteer again during the 2019-20 school year. **Responding either way is key!**

Not only will you be reassured with the screen response upon your submission, you will also receive an email confirming your response.

Those who reply "Yes" will get an email response with helpful information with the subject line: "SAVE: MPS Volunteer Renewal." If you reply "Yes," you will get your background redone before the current one expires.

Those who reply "No" will be inactivated so there is no background check completed.

**Please respond either way as soon as you can.**

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**Most importantly during this month set aside in our nation as Volunteer Appreciation Month, please allow us to again say, "Thank you, MPS Volunteers! You make a tremendous difference for the students and staff whose lives you touch each and every day you are among us!"**

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**Congratulations Alexandra Little, Juliana Vargas, and Annabelle Wilken from Jefferson Middle School for winning a We Are Innovators grant!**

Alex, Juliana, and Anabelle spent many hours at lunch and after school researching, writing, and putting together a plan on how to reduce waste at Jefferson by recycling and composting. They will use the $2,000 grant to put their plan in place. Thank you for making Jefferson, Midland, and the world a better place. We are proud of you!
## Join our Team

**MPS Current Job Openings**

Click on this link for current job postings:  

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In addition, we are always looking for SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS & BUS DRIVERS.

Click on this link for information about these opportunities:  
https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities

Please keep the nominations coming in for MPS staff members you believe are Shining Stars!

Link to Shining Star nomination form:  
https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form

Midland Public Schools now has TWO FLYER BOARDS!

- **Student Flyers**: Fun student activities, events and opportunities for students:  
  https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/

- **Community Flyers**: Information and events that may be of interest to parents & adults:  
  https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers

Check back often. Flyers are coming in all the time!

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**wise thought to ponder ...**

“The glow of one warm thought is to me worth more than money.”  
— Thomas Jefferson

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- **Plymouth Elementary**  
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