Dow High celebrated Veterans Day and the 100th Anniversary of the End of WWI on Monday, November 12, by having over 650 students listen to veterans share their stories. Guests included not only veterans from WWII to Afghanistan but also professors from Saginaw Valley State University who elaborated on the far-reaching impact of WWII. Veterans and students remarked how thankful they were to have had this opportunity.

Vikings for Friendship from Northeast Middle School spent some time reading to Plymouth Elementary students last week. The books they shared spoke about bullying to their young audiences.

All students enjoyed the experience!

Congratulations to the Midland High Chemic football team and coaching staff for many great 2018 regular and playoff season memories!
Midland High Welcomed Veterans

On November 12 Midland High School welcomed over 75 Veterans throughout the day to celebrate Veterans Day. Making the day even more poignant … 12 of the 75 Veterans were former Chemics! The event was held in the MHS Media Center in which small groups of students were able to meet with Veterans of all ages and branches of service. Our most senior Veterans served in WWII (Age 95) and our youngest Veteran just returned from Afghanistan this summer (Age 23). We welcomed Veterans from the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, as well as the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students and Staff really enjoyed the opportunity to interact with Veterans and ask questions about their service, experiences and life-lessons learned. Veterans really enjoyed the opportunity to speak about the highlights and struggles of their military service and share pictures, medals, awards and other memorabilia. Tremendous thanks to the staff, students, parents, BPA Club, Art Classes, Chartwell, Spectrum partnership and so many local businesses who donated food and/or supplies for the event. A special thanks to the Kiwanis Club for the Flags that lined the circle drive of Midland High. Midland Daily News did a great article of this event. Click here http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODN/MidlandDailyNews/shared/ShowArticle.aspx?doc=HMDN%2F2018%2F11%2F13&entity=A00307&sk=85C6EF80&mode=text to check it out.

This event couldn't happen without the team of dedicated parents & staff who helped coordinate the event. Thank you Laurie Witt, Jamie Eyre, Deb Beson, Anne McGee and Sarah Churchfield!!

Thank you to the following Businesses who graciously donated: Gourmet Cupcake Shop, Lalonde’s Market, Little Caesars, Tim Hortons, YaYa’s, Walmart, Heather & Holly, Lil Pear Tree, Live Oak, Maple Leaf Golf Course, Smith’s Flowers, Chartwell Food Service, the Kiwanis Club, and Spectrum Cable.

Midland High School recognized athletes from the class of 2019 who will be joining other Chemics at the college level in a celebration on Wednesday, November 14. This recognition coincided with the National Signing Day for NCAA Division I and II bound athletes, however, Midland High School recognized all Chemics from the class of 2019 who have thus far been offered and have accepted an opportunity to further their athletic career at all levels of collegiate athletics. It is noted that other athletes may commit later in the year.

Class of 2019

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In honor of Veteran's Day, Plymouth Elementary held "Donuts with Vets" on November 12. Prior to the event, students were encouraged to bring in pictures of a loved one that has served or is actively serving in our country's military. Pictures were hung in the hallway for all to see. Invitations to the morning event went out in email, by social media and by student word of mouth. Students in Mrs. Brege's second grade class, Mrs. Rye-Fisher's kindergarten class and Mrs. Kim Noey's first grade class made table decorations to show their appreciation to our veterans. Plymouth had over 50 veterans and their families, somehow connected with Plymouth, attend the event. In addition to enjoying donuts and coffee, several veterans spoke about their experiences. All stood up and shared the branch of service that they represented.

Jacob Scherzer's Advanced 2d Art Class from Midland High School was asked to create murals for the Veteran's Day event held at MHS on November 12. The students stepped up and took charge designing and creating a beautiful set of murals for the very special MHS Veteran's Day event.

In honor of Veteran's Day 2018, Wendy Julien's Grade K-3 students at Adams Elementary made these very impressive art pieces to honor and thank each of the Veteran's pictured.

MPS Shining Star nominations are being accepted for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Click on this link to nominate an MPS team member today:
https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form
On November 9, 5th grade students, parents, community members and elementary World Language teachers gathered together at Central Park Elementary School to participate in the Midland Public Schools’ 5th Grade Fiesta Hispana. Fifth graders and their parents from elementary schools all over Midland were able to enjoy an evening of interaction and exploration of Hispanic cultures. Twenty-two Midland area residents representing eight Hispanic countries volunteered an evening to share a little of their culture with the students and parents in attendance that night. Students had the opportunity to speak Spanish with native speakers and learn about many different cultures through displays and experiences shared by the presenters. Students also had the opportunity to try food from many countries, make a craft, and explore Hispanic music and dance through Zumba. To close the evening, participants enjoyed a wonderful performance by Roxanne Y Los Compadres, a musical group from Saginaw that shared a glimpse into the traditions of Mariachi and folk music of México. This was a very exciting addition to this year’s event. The elementary World Language staff is grateful for the many volunteers that contributed to the success of the evening including parents, high school students and community members. The event was organized by MPS elementary World Language staff.

Roses to the more than 350 H. H. Dow High Chargers involved in this past Saturday’s Ren Fair at Midland Center for the Arts. This year marked the 50th Anniversary of this wonderful event that has showcased our talented Chargers.

Woodcrest Spreads Kindness to End Violence
The Woodcrest Non Violence Committee spent the week spreading kindness and working to end violence in our community. The committee wanted to educate students about how their words said aloud, texted, or shared on social media can make a positive or negative impact on others. Students spent the week visiting classrooms reading picture books about kindness to lower elementary students and presented information about cyber bullying to upper elementary students.

The committee also promoted Thoughtful Thursday, where classroom doors were covered in positive Post It Notes written by all students to lift one another up. Committee members also handed out device holders with the words, “#bekind” to remind students to say kind things when calling, texting or posting on social media.

Woodcrest concluded the Week of Non Violence with a Unity Day, where students and staff wore orange and/or purple, colors representing their unity against violence.
Jefferson TechnoHuskies Win Awards at 2nd Qualifier Competition

The Jefferson TechnoHuskies FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics team competed in their 2nd Rover Ruckus qualifier in Constantine, MI. As the 4th seed alliance captain, the TechnoHuskies worked very well with their alliance partners and broke high score records in the playoffs. They finished the exciting competition in 1st place as the Winning Alliance. In addition to being finalists for the Control, Design, Connect, and Rockwell Collins Innovate Awards, they were the recipients of the Inspire Award, which is the award that recognizes the team that embodies the 'challenge' of the FIRST Tech Challenge program and is a strong ambassador for FIRST programs. The TechnoHuskies team earned the opportunity to compete at the State Championship in Battle Creek, MI in December. Congratulations!
Inspired by the book “Turkey Trouble” by Wendi Silvano, Mrs. Baker’s second grade students at Chestnut Hill designed some very creative disguises for their turkeys in an effort to keep them safe and off the table at Thanksgiving! Their turkeys dressed up as super heroes, Pikachu, a gumball machine, hockey player, book characters, a Christmas tree, other animals, and a ninja, just to name a few. Chestnut Hill Chipmunks definitely saved these turkeys from becoming Thanksgiving dinner!

Congratulations to Benjamin (3rd Grade at Adams) and Madeline (7th Grade at Jefferson) Cha who recently competed in the Golden Classical International Music Awards. Benjamin placed second in piano and Madeline, first in violin. They then had the opportunity to perform this past weekend in the Winners Concert at Carnegie Hall in New York! Congratulations to these talented student musicians!

On Wednesday of last week Chestnut Hill students showed kindness towards teachers/staff. Students put sticky notes on doors throughout the school, with things they love about that staff. Then CHE (450) students and staff lined the halls and did a smile relay, it took them 7 min. 55 seconds to go from one end of the line to the other. 

The Siebert 4th & 5th graders celebrated November 13th World Kindness Day by creating kindness coins in Tricia Jendretzke’s art classes. The students kept one and gave their second coin to someone in the community to “spread smiles far & wide and share kindness to make the world a better place.” Students said they were going to give their 2nd coin to a coach, the mailman and many others.

Way to take action Siebert Bulldogs!

Midland High School sports accolades ...

Congrats to Delaney Randall for being named to the SVL 1st-team for girls’ swim and to Maya Albright, Katherine Perry, and Ryleigh Kramer for being named to the SVL 1st-team for volleyball!

wise thought to ponder ...

“I have a lot to be thankful for. I am healthy, happy and I am loved.”

— Reba McIntyre