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Midland Public Schools
District Vision Statement
Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative and inclusive culture.
Enable all to achieve success.
(Adopted by the MPS Board of Education July 20, 2020)

This past week, Midland High Seniors began a new tradition—Senior Sunrise—as they gather one morning a week on the football field before first hour to have breakfast together and visit with friends. Take a look at the big “M” they formed in the top photo.

MPS Covid-19 Update: Because the District now receives a daily update from the Midland County Health Department, we have added a Daily Update link to the MPS website.  https://www.midlandps.org/News/mps-covid-19-update

- Midland County COVID-19 Dashboard:  https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/abfabc9f43a74363b7ad28a763d4d2b6/
- MDHHS FAQ sheet. Here is the link:  http://www.midlandps.org/MDHHS-FAQs

Midland PS Points of Pride

We are thrilled to keep the 2020 MPS Points of Pride going …

Did you know …
During the 2019-20 school year, MPS had 42 FIRST Robotics teams that involved students from Grades 2-12? Kudos to the students and thank you to the staff and advisors involved!

Midland Public Schools’ Fiscal Responsibility:
- At the September 2020 Board of Education meeting, CPA Dave Youngstrom, Principal at Yeo & Yeo, presented the District’s 2019-20 Audit. The District is proud to report that once again we have earned an “Unmodified Opinion” which equates to a clean audit. This is a herculean task with a lot of behind the scenes work by all MPS business office, administrators and support personnel.

MPSCConnect is a convenient communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or another MPS staff member will do all we can to reply to your message within the next work day.
https://www.midlandps.org/content2/706

— Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent
Kudos to the MPS students who completed and shared their “Hello Neighbor” sheet in their neighborhood. We heard reports of smiles all over Midland from these fun greetings from Midland Public Schools’ students! Thank you, MPS Art Teachers, for participating.

From the City of Midland Parks & Rec Dept.

“You love our City’s parks, trails, and recreation programs... and now, you can help make them even better! Shape the future of the City’s parks, trails, and recreational amenities by taking a quick survey from the City of Midland. Visit www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/ecityhall by October 11 to give feedback on our current parks and amenities as well as share your ideas for the future.”

Midland Area Wellbeing Coalition to Launch Journey Toward Wellbeing community workshops

Learn how improving your personal wellbeing has a ripple effect on families, friends, workplaces, and communities. Better understanding the components and importance of wellbeing allows individuals to use research-based tools to feel good and function more effectively.

Join this fun, FREE, and informative workshop to strengthen your personal Journey Toward Wellbeing. Invite your friends, families, and co-workers! Sign up now for the time and date that works for you: Registration.

At this time, all workshops will be an hour in length and will take place on Zoom. The link to the workshop will be sent to registrants the day before the scheduled time.

Workshops will be delivered by members of the Midland Area Wellbeing Coalition. Participants from outside Midland County are also welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule this free workshop for your group or organization, please email info@midlandareawellbeing.org.

On Friday, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that Governor Whitmer does not have authority to issue or renew executive orders related to COVID-19. This ruling does not impact current Midland PS practices and procedures. The District’s Return to Learn Plans are MPS Board of Education approved and continue in effect. To continue the District’s commitment to health, safety and transparency with all stakeholders, MPS will continue to work closely with the Midland County Health Department.

Thank you, Midland Walmart, for being such a wonderful community partner! For the past several years, at the beginning of the school year, Walmart has donated a plethora of wonderful school supplies. This year the value of the donated supplies exceeded $400.

Thank you, Walmart, for your generosity and for assisting Midland PS students in their education through your very kind donations!

SHINING STARS... Have you seen or heard reports from your child of an MPS staff member who goes above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students? If you would like to nominate a deserving MPS team member, please complete and submit the Shining Star nomination form.

Here is the link: https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences 2020

As you've probably guessed, MPS Parent-Teacher Conferences will look and feel a bit different this year.

As you can see from the 2020-21 MPS School Calendar, middle and high school conferences are scheduled to take place this week, however, face-to-face conferences will not take place for the middle and high schools.

Your child’s teacher(s) will reach out to make a two-way communication with you regarding your child’s progress. Specific information about your school’s fall conferences has (or will) come your way from your principal.

Elementary Conferences are scheduled to take place November 11. Watch for information from your principal as the date gets closer.
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### Current Open Positions

**MPS Employment Opportunities Link:**
https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities

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Want to drive a big yellow school bus?

OR are you interested in being a **transportation paraprofessional** and riding around on a big yellow school bus and assisting students on their way to school or on their way home?

**If so, Midland PS NEEDS YOU!**

Bus driver salary range: $14.22-$18.01
Para salary range: $10.47-$13.89

Call 923-5041 TODAY for training and CDL information.

### MPS Website: www.midlandps.org

- **Twitter:** @MichaelSharrow2 @MidlandPS
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  https://www.youtube.com/user/MidlandPublicSchools
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  https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/
- **Community Flyers:**
  https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers

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### Wise words to ponder ...

“I have noticed that nothing I never said did me any harm.”
—Calvin Coolidge