Superintendent Communiqué

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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)

Jefferson 8th Grade Students Present at October 19 Board of Education Meeting
At the October Board meeting, JMS Science Teacher, Christine Brillhart, introduced this project and the four Jefferson Middle School students—Margaret Hitt, T’Emimimo Oshin, Jessica Chai, Sahiba Kaur—who spoke about the Water Conservation project they recently presented at the Internal Space Station Research and Development Conference. Following their presentation, the students answered Board questions and spoke about their experiences.

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

In yesterday’s print Midland Daily News, you may have seen MPS’ second Our Schools newsletter for the 2020-21 school year. This Our Schools includes our annual 4-page State of the District. Please take a moment to check it out: https://www.midlandps.org/our-schools-October-2020

NOTE:
- The window to move your child from virtual to F2F learning has been expanded to two weeks: Nov. 9-23.

Virtual/Hybrid Learning
Interested in having your child move from Virtual/Hybrid Learning to full Face-to-Face (F2F) Learning in their home school for 2nd Semester?
Face-To-Face Learning

Want to move from Virtual to F2F at Semester?

The November 9 Communiqué will include a link to the form and the procedure to follow to move your child to the full F2F learning platform in their home school.

The window to move from virtual/hybrid to full F2F will be open for two weeks—November 9-23.

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
2021 National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Students

MPS is proud to report that both MPS high schools have Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program:

**HH Dow High:** Abigail Ahn, Kathryn Ault, Joseph Dauenhauer, Jashvi Desai, Odin Drake, Evan Gebo, Sonya Hansen, Alex Kuo, Rehan Manjila, Evan Trotter-Wright

**Midland High:** Connor O’Malley, Nathan Striebel

These Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students national-wide who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Congratulations to these high achieving MPS students!

### Looking for parenting support?

You are invited to join a webinar series by MSU Extension entitled, *Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting.*

[Link to flyer](https://www.facebook.com/MilkMeansMore)

This FREE online series begins November 16 and is for parents of toddlers to teens who will help you develop family routines; build emotional control in your child; be a calm, assertive parent, develop consistent rules and relationships and develop empathy as a parent.

Registration is open now and the class begins on Nov. 16. Class will run once a week for five weeks from 7:30-9PM EST. Certificates available for up to 7.5 parenting education hours.


Space is limited. If interested, register today!

### GREAT JOB, MPS CHARTWELLS TEAM!

Our very own MPS Chartwells Food Service team was recently recognized by the United States Dairy Association for serving meals during the pandemic and dam failure. They also received recognition for a “Cow Carts” grant we received.

“The Chartwells School Nutrition Team at Midland Public Schools is a hard-working crew and passionate about feeding their students nutritious meals. Adapting to the many changes, the team is finding creative ways to make sure every student has access to breakfast and lunch. Free meals are available for pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays to all community children at select locations 11:30-12:30 pm and on Saturdays to all community children at Midland High and Central Park Elementary from 9:00 am -11:00 am.”

[https://www.facebook.com/MilkMeansMore](https://www.facebook.com/MilkMeansMore)

### STUDENT SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

As we all know, it is very dark in the mornings these days. Students who walk or ride their bike to school are urged to wear light or reflective clothing so it is easier for drivers to see them.

Please stress the importance of being safe to your child as they make their way to and from school and at bus stops.

### 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](https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form)
JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

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

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October PIC Meeting — All MPS parents are welcome to attend PIC meetings. We hosted our October PIC last week. Our 2020-21 meetings are a little different because parents are encouraged to attend virtually, however, some are welcome to attend in person within social distancing guidelines. This month’s topic was Social Emotional Learning. We thank MPS administrators who presented: Ann Sheffer, Jen Servoss and Alison Cicinelli. Here is the link to this month’s meeting video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ix5DnhpXWns

The video is approximately 45 minutes in length. Please note from 9.56 to 11.05 on the video, we were having sound issues with a link imbedded in the presentation, however, after about a minute, we were able to get the sound working and re-started the short video clip. If you are interested in taking part in PIC meetings, please email your name, school your child(ren) attend(s), and email address to youngcd@midlandps.org. Our next PIC meeting is January 28 at noon.

Midland County Department of Public Health is hosting a WALK-IN FLU CLINIC (with drive-thru service available) from 9 am to 6 pm on the following dates:

- **Holiday Inn Conf. Center** (810 Cinema Dr) Tuesday, November 3
- **Homer Twp. Fire Dept** (222 S. Homer Rd) Wednesday, October 28
  - Wednesday, November 18

Flu shot form to print and complete before you arrive, if possible: https://www.midlandps.org/Flu-clinic-Form-2020-2021

**Wise words to ponder …**

“*We need diversity of thought in the world to face the new challenges.*”

— Tim Berners-Lee