



# Midland Public Schools

Inspiring Excellence

## 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)

## Happy Neighboring Week Midland, Michigan!

As we have been reporting for the past few weeks, MPS Art Teachers have graciously been having their students complete a Hello Neighbor sheet for students to share with the folks in their neighborhood. Jenna Dulude and Buffy Hall, Adams & Woodcrest Art Teachers, shared these fun pictures with us!

We hope you will take a moment to say 'Hello Neighbor' to folks in your neighborhood this week.



### From the Midland County Health Department

As of September 28, 2020:

# quarantined/isolated individuals that attend MPS: 31

- Midland County COVID-19 Dashboard: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/abfab9f43a74363b7ad28a763d4d2b6/>
- Michigan.gov School-Related COVID-19 Outbreak Reporting:  
[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163\\_98173\\_102480---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98163_98173_102480---,00.html)
- MDHHS FAQ sheet. Here is the link: <http://www.midlandps.org/MDHHS-FAQs>



### Midland PS Points of Pride

We are excited to keep the 2020 MPS Points of Pride going ...

#### National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Each year, based on PSAT scores, 16,000 of the nation's high scorers (representing less than 1 percent of the nation's high school graduating seniors) qualify as Semifinalists in the annual National Merit Program.

Congratulations and best wishes to these Midland Public Schools National Merit Semifinalists!

**HH Dow High Semifinalists:** Abigail Jendretzke, Olivia Miller, Caleb Qiu, Faith Tabler, Rachel Weldy, Andrew Zhou

**Midland High Semifinalist:** Zoren Berlanga

For more information, visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org)

*Stay tuned!  
 National Merit Finalists will be  
 announced in early spring.*

### Friday is National Custodian's Day!

**Thank you** to our MPS Building Managers and EnviroClean team that are working so hard to keep MPS buildings and surfaces clean and sanitized during this time of COVID-19!



**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

**MPS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT****BETHANY HAMPTON****Owner, CEO of Bright SchoolKitz****HH Dow High 1989 Graduate**

**Ms. Bethany Hampton** (nee Freeman) attended Siebert Elementary, Jefferson Intermediate and Dow High School. During her post-secondary education, she earned her chemical engineering degree from MSU and her MBA from UCLA. For those who went to school with Bethany Freeman, you may remember her as a gymnast (she continued to compete as a gymnast at Michigan State University).



Ms. Hampton currently resides in the Greater Cincinnati area with her husband Ed and two daughters, Kayla and Hattie. After working at Abbott Laboratories and Procter & Gamble, Bethany began her own business—Bright SchoolKitz ([www.schoolkitz.com](http://www.schoolkitz.com))—that provides back-to-school supply kits that are customized to each student's specific teacher supply list. Her company prides itself in offering the supplies at a comparable cost of local retailers, but also saving parents the time and hassle of back to school supply shopping. Her company provides school supplies to kids all over the nation. Bethany's company's mission is 'to give.'

Midland Public Schools was the very recent recipient of Bethany's company's giving spirit. When Ms. Hampton heard about the devastating flooding in May, she contacted her school supply vendors seeking help for her hometown. Here is what she included in her note to them, *"In a normal year, my company could donate supplies to provide for these children - but with the pandemic, we are struggling ourselves and have had to take loans to get through the year. Nevertheless, I would like to volunteer my efforts and donate some of our supplies to help them. They need more than we can offer though, and I would like your help. Would you consider donating supplies to them as well?"* This was the result. More than five pallets of school supplies were delivered to the Midland Public Schools' warehouse building last week. MPS staff are in the process of sorting and preparing the supplies to be delivered to our schools to utilize.



**We send our sincerest appreciation to Dow High Alumni, Bethany Hampton** (and her suppliers), who so graciously provided the many, many, many school supplies that our students/staff will use and enjoy!

**PIC 2020-21**

We held our first Parent Information Committee meeting of the 2020-21 school year last week.

The topic of conversation was the Midland Public Schools'

return to school plan and how we stand following the first month of 2020-21. We are excited to report that we had more than 20 MPS parents who attended either in person or via Zoom. This school year, PIC will meet the 4th Thursday of each month from 12-1:00 via Zoom, allowing those parents who wish to attend in person to do so within the current meeting guidelines allowable by Michigan Executive Order. In addition, we will share the video link in the Communique following each meeting. The next PIC meeting is Thursday, October 22. If you are interested in attending 2020-21 PIC meetings, please email Cindy at [youngcd@midlandps.org](mailto:youngcd@midlandps.org) with your name, your email address and the school(s) your child(ren) attend.

- ➔ Here is the YouTube video link to last week's PIC meeting: <https://youtu.be/PbQscfgUF54>
- ➔ MPS is working to get more active with podcasting. If you would like to listen to the September PIC meeting without the video, here is the podcast link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Sr3mjpDc8YRivf6YMjMp9826GjEVp/view>

**Chestnut Hill Playground News**

Chip, Chip, Hooray! The new playground structure at Chestnut Hill has become a reality! Our amazing CHE students and families have worked so hard over the last four years to make this happen. This would not have been possible without the fundraising coordination efforts of Danielle Larson and Andrea Shepard, the work of Plainfield Excavating or the grants from the Midland Firefighter Youth Foundation and Midland Noon Rotary Club. These fun playground structures will cultivate many years of active play for our students and the community.

**THANK  
YOU to all  
who made  
this  
possible!**



**SHINING STARS RETURN ...** We are excited to reinstate the Shining Stars that recognize MPS staff members who go 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>





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## JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

MPS Employment Opportunities Link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities>

Position	Location
Bus Driver, Substitute	MPS Transportation
Coach, Assistant, Basketball, Girls' (2 positions)	1. HH Dow HS 2. Midland HS
Coach, Assistant, Basketball, Boys'	HH Dow HS
Coach, Head, Soccer, Girls'	HH Dow HS
Coach, Assistant, Soccer, Girls'	HH Dow HS
Coach, Assistant, Debate	HH Dow HS
Paraprofessional, ESL Tutor	District
Paraprofessional, Special Education (7 positions)	District-wide
Paraprofessional, Substitute	District
Teacher, Special Education	District

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<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/>

**Community Flyers:**

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers>

### 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.**



Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Pre-Primary	923-6411
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

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### Central Park Elementary Virtual Students Art Class

Thank you to Beth Hazen, Central Park Elementary Virtual Art Teacher, for sharing this information with us!

"Here are two examples from our ROCKET Ship Line project. We are learning the elements of art. These were created in our Midland Virtual Academy. This (past) week was line."



### Wise words to ponder ...

"You can disagree without being disagreeable."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg