



Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence

**Midland Public Schools
District Vision Statement**

Superintendent Communiqué

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*Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative
and inclusive culture.
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(Adopted by the MPS Board of Education July 20, 2020)



A LOOK BACK IN THE MIDLAND PS 2020-21 REARVIEW MIRROR

2020-21 MPS Student Learning Options Chosen

Semester 1

- 60% chose face-to-face (F2F) learning
- 40% chose full or partial (hybrid) virtual learning

Semester 2

- 80% chose face-to-face (F2F) learning
- 20% chose full or partial (hybrid) virtual learning

Out of the 180 school days in the 2020-21 school year, students in F2F learning were in school

Elementary: 170 days Middle School: 161 days
HH Dow HS: 135 days Midland HS: 140 days

The remaining days F2F students attended virtually
Only two snow days were used (February 16 & 22)

Miscellaneous Info, Facts & Figures

- MPS celebrated 590 graduates in 2021
- MPS implemented intensive COVID protocols
- Free meals were available for ALL F2F & virtual students
- Music classes were held with safety protocols
- MHSAA & middle school athletics took place as allowed by the State, with safety protocols

Miscellaneous Info, Facts & Figures (continued)

- Building Trades built a garage at Midland High
- Students earned numerous awards and honors while competing/performing virtually
- Social/Emotional supports in place
- Co- & Extra-Curricular activities and clubs met and/or performed virtually

A PEEK INTO THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



- As we released a couple of months ago in the 2021-22 school year calendar, the first day of school is set for Monday, August 23.
- While we don't have a crystal ball, given the current COVID trends, we anticipate masks & safety protocols won't need to be as strict as 2020-21. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be welcome to do so.

- Student support specialists will be in place to assist students with social/emotional wellbeing.
- Certificated educational interventionists will be in place to support students who have experienced learning loss in the past year and a half.
- Virtual learning opportunities will still be available for high school students.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, MPS DADS!

**BEST
DAD**

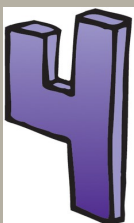
P is for MPS 3 & 4 year old PRESCHOOL!

All 3 & 4 Year-Old Preschool Programs are located at the MPS Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School — 989-923-6411



3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

- ☺ 5-day-per-week program
- ☺ follows MPS school year calendar
- ☺ sensory, play-based, explore, developmentally appropriate
- ☺ tuition: \$30/day
- ☺ just a few seats left for 2021-22



4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

- ☺ 5-day-per-week program
- ☺ follows MPS school year calendar
- ☺ inquiry-based, proven program
- ☺ tuition program
- ☺ response was so great ... we just opened a second classroom



4-YEAR-OLD GSRP PRESCHOOL

- ☺ 4-day-per-week program
- ☺ follows MPS school year calendar
- ☺ research-based, child-focused
- ☺ Income-qualifying families free
- ☺ www.MichiganPreschool.org

(Regional Preschool Partnership — 844-492-7707)

JUNETEENTH

"Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19. In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million enslaved people living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The formerly enslaved people immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance. The following year, on June 19, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century. This year, Juneteenth is celebrated on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future."

"In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society."

Sources:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Juneteenth>

<https://juneteenth.com/>

Check out this webpage for more resources on how to celebrate [Juneteenth!](https://juneteenth.com/)



Kk is for MPS KINDERGARTEN!



- ☺ offered at all six MPS elementary schools
- ☺ follows MPS school year calendar
- ☺ MPS Kindergarten is an inquiry-based, highly effective program designed to successfully launch your child's educational journey.
- ☺ waiver available for students with a birthday between 9/1 and 12/1/2021

Questions??? Call your child's school or Becci at 989-923-5024.

Kindergarten Info

<https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>;

Registration Packet

Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment Packet



Woodcrest Elementary Mandarin Chinese News

From Jingcheng Wang, MPS
Chinese Teacher ...

The last two weeks of the semester, all 4th and 5th Grade students at Woodcrest Elementary learned about Chinese traditional calligraphy and wrote a Chinese character, which means happiness or blessing in a traditional calligraphy way. That is a traditional decoration in Chinese culture. We usually post it at home to wish for a happy and blessed life.



Central Park Elementary Students and Staff Raise Funds for the 2021 Relay for Life

- CPE raised an unbelievable \$2,670.69 for Relay For Life of Midland County
- Ms. Seamster's class came in 1st place and Ms. Birge was a close 2nd, together both classes raised over \$800.
- CPE Office Professional, Brett Seamster, agreed to have BOTH classrooms pie him in the face as a thank you for their hard work in raising the funds. The money those two teams collected will be credited to Brett's *Power In Purple* campaign. The remaining amount will be credited to the *CPE MoonWalkers Relay* team.



KUDOS to Central Park Explorers for making this initiative a massive success for a cause so important for so many!



Midland Public Schools' Summer Office Schedules

- ◎ **Elementary offices** close for the summer June 17.
- ◎ **Secondary school offices** remain open during the summer months.
- ◎ **June 14 through August 13:** MPS employees who work year round will work four 10-hour days. District buildings are closed on Fridays during this time.
- ◎ **Elementary offices** will officially re-open August 2 for the 2021-22 school year.
- ◎ You are welcome to email and leave phone messages during the summer. Principals will be checking in during this time.

MPS 2021
SUMMER
SCHEDULE



Summer eLearning Opportunity for High School Students

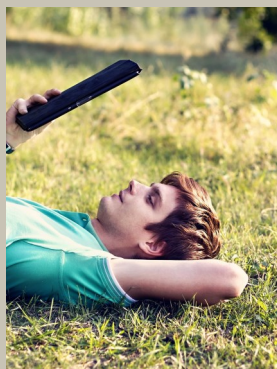
Once school has ended for the year, Midland Public Schools will again offer the Summer eLearning Program.

- **Initial Credit:** Through this program, online courses are available to high school students who wish to earn initial credit in select courses.
- **Credit Recovery:** If you are interested in Credit Recovery courses, please contact your building administration.
- **Quizzes & Tests:** While being onsite is not a requirement for daily work or quizzes, tests and exams must be monitored. This can be by appointment onsite or by appointment virtually. Appointments will be scheduled with the teacher on duty between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00 Monday - Thursday, unless other arrangements are made.
- **Hours & Place:** Students should expect to invest 45-60 hours to complete each course and may work on their course any place that they have an internet connection.
- **Dates:** Courses will begin on June 14, 2021 and must be completed by August 12, 2021.
- **# of Courses:** Students may only register for one course at a time.
- **Course Costs:**
 - ⇒ Midland PS students: \$150 for Standard Edgenuity courses (EDG - Edgenuity on course list); \$235 for Edgenuity Instructional Services courses (EDGIS - Edgenuity Instructional Services on course list)
 - ⇒ Non-Midland PS students: \$175—EDG and \$250—EDGIS



For info or to register:

[www.midlandps.org/
content/Summer%
20Program](http://www.midlandps.org/content/Summer%20Program).



Read all summer ... Read all summer ... Read all summer!!!!

A reminder from the MPS Media Center Program ...

MPS students have access to ebooks ALL SUMMER LONG!



Look for the symbol and you can read this book anytime, anywhere!

Log into [Follett Destiny](https://www.follett.com/destiny) just like you do from your classroom!

Don't hesitate to "Ask the librarian" if you have questions. peilll@midlandps.org

<https://readingpartners.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/SummerAtHomeOnePagerFinal.pdf>

The Summer 2021 MPS Free Food Service Program

will run from June 15 through August 19. The free grab & go meals will be available for pick up on Tuesdays & Thursdays during varied morning hours at nine (9) different sites around the Midland community.

Here is a link to the Summer 2021 food service flyer with the details:

<https://www.midlandps.org//>

[Summer2021 MPS Food Service Program](#)



Midland High 2020-21 Sports Accolades



Midland High won Saginaw Valley League championships in:

- ★ Football
- ★ Wrestling
- ★ Girls Track
- ★ Baseball
- ★ Lacrosse MHS/DHS boys
- ★ Lacrosse MHS/DHS girls
- ★ **Izaac Goergen** (Senior) was the State champion boys' bowler

Congrats!

MEET UP and EAT UP™



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JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

MPS Employment Opportunities Link:

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

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Position	Location
Coach, Asst Sideline & Assistant Competitive Cheer	HH Dow HS
Coach, Assistant Hockey	HH Dow HS
Coach, Assistant, Swim, Girls	HH Dow HS
Coach, Pom Pon, Fall and Winter	HH Dow HS
Handyman/Person, Maintenance	District
MTSS Coordinator	District
National Honor Society Advisor	Midland HS
National Honor Society Advisor	HH Dow HS
Paraprofessional, Special Education (3 postings)	District-wide
Student Support Specialist	District
Teacher, Associate 3-year-old Preschool Program	Pre-Primary Center
Teacher, Lead 3-year-old Preschool Program	Pre-Primary Center
Teacher, Business Education	District
Teacher, Special Education	District
Teacher, Special Education	Juvenile Care Center
Teacher, Summer School Support Lead-Elementary	District
Yearbook Advisor	JMS

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

June Wellbeing Offering — Midland Area Wellbeing Coalition

Power Half Hour Workshop on Psychological Safety

Register here! (offered monthly on different topics)



Join this free, fun and engaging half hour workshop to discover how developing psychological safety can have a positive effect in your life. In this workshop you will learn what psychological safety is, the science behind the importance of developing strong psychological safety, and practical tools to enhance wellbeing in your own life! This workshop is interactive and practical- each participant will leave prepared to use this tool personally and will be encouraged to share it with others. Or maybe you have already learned about psychological safety and just want time to practice and troubleshoot with others. Come one, come all! Let's play!

You may also register at www.midlandareawellbeing.org

WORKSHOP DATE & TIMES (on Zoom): **Wednesday, June 23**
12:30-1:00 pm or 4:15-4:45 pm

Want to know more about the Wellbeing Coalition? Here are some links ...
www.midlandareawellbeing.org, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)!

MPS Website: www.midlandps.org

Twitter:

@MichaelSharrow2
@MidlandPS

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MidlandPublicSchools>

Student Flyers:

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

Community Flyers:

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

**DON'T
FORGET
TO
CHECK
OUT THE
FLYER
BOARDS**

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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WISE WORDS TO PONDER ...

*"The most important influence in my
childhood was my father."*

— DeForest Kelley