

Superintendent Communiqué



Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence

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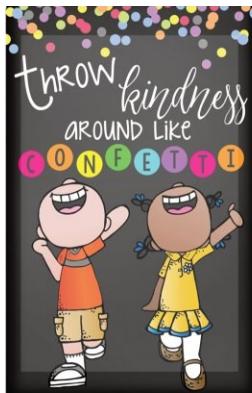
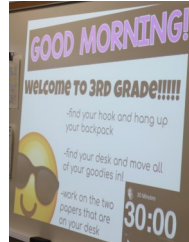
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MPS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT

Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.

TODAY is YOUR day!
Your MOUNTAIN is waiting,
SO... GET ON YOUR WAY!
- Dr. Seuss

Midland Public Schools is excited to have welcomed approximately 7,800 elementary, middle and high school students this rainy morning. We can't wait to see the mountains our students will climb and conquer during the 2019-20 school year!



The MPS Pre-Primary Center has adopted this "Kindness" campaign for the 2019-20 school year: "throw kindness around like confetti."



As part of the Midland Public Schools' Inclusion and Diversity initiative, MPS is starting a **#keepitkindmps** campaign. Among many other things, we know **kindness ...**

😊 **is contagious**

😊 **inspires generosity and compassion**

**Stay tuned ... much more to follow on
#keepitkindmps**



Outside a Siebert classroom, the sign on the window with the students' names reads, "Sprinkle KINDNESS like confetti."



MPS CONNECT is a great communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or a member of our staff will do all we can to reply to your message the next work day. Click here to connect with me: <https://goo.gl/forms/ciB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2>

2019 Midland Public Schools Distinguished Service Awards —

Beginning in 2002, the MPS Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) have been presented to non-teaching staff members who go above and beyond in all that they do to make the District a better place for students. As with the Gerstacker Teacher Awards, the Distinguished Service Awards are made possible through the generosity of the Gerstacker Family.

We are proud to announce our 2019 DSA recipients that were revealed at this year's August 27 Opening Staff Meeting.

(From left to right:)

- ➔ Anne McKee, Paraprofessional, Midland High Media Center
- ➔ Joan Douglass, Paraprofessional, Jefferson Middle School
- ➔ Sue Boydston, Bus Driver, Transportation Department
- ➔ Jodi Spears, Paraprofessional, Central Park Elementary



Congratulations, Anne, Joan, Sue and Jodi, our 2019 MPS DSA Recipients!

MPS BUSES ARE BACK!!!

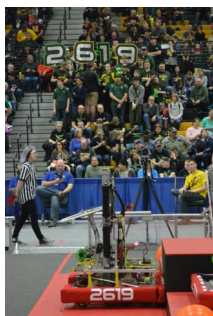
As you have already seen today on our city and country roads, the MPS buses are back out in full force! Our dedicated bus drivers work hard each and every day to get our students to and from school safely. Often with the start of a new school year and the return of the big yellow buses on the roads, drivers find themselves impatient and/or confused about the rules of personal vehicles sharing the road with school buses. Here is a quick, two-minute video just to help us all remember the laws so we can keep our students safe: <http://www.seon.com/videos/2019-08a-Back-to-School-PSA.mp4>

[Thank you, Safe Fleet, for making this video available for us to share!]



2019 Great Lakes Bay Bot Bash — Saturday, September 7!

The 6th annual *FIRST* Robotics Great Lakes Bay Bot Bash will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on **Saturday, September 7th** at H.H. Dow High School. Come and cheer on the local robotics teams during this fun, high-energy competition. Both Dow and Midland High Schools will be among the robotics teams competing.



Admission is FREE!



Do you know a family looking for a 4-year-old preschool program?

A few seats are still available in our Midland Public Schools' International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme 4-year-old preschool. This preschool program, located at our recently renovated Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School, offers a child-centered, play-based curriculum that includes the inquiry-based IB PYP foundation used across MPS elementary schools. Call **923-6411** for more information about this high-quality, well-priced tuition preschool.



Looking for this year's school calendar?

Here is the link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/Calendar>.

Join our Team

MPS Current Job Openings

Click on this link for current job postings:

<https://www.applitrack.com/mps/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp>

Position	Building	Posting End Date
Coach, Assistant, Wrestling	HH Dow HS	until filled
Coach, Assistant, Swim, Boys'	Midland HS	9/10/2019
Coach, Assistant, Swim, Boys'	HH Dow HS	9/10/2019
Coach, Debate, High School	Midland HS	9/10/2019
Groundskeeper	Administration	9/10/2019
Paraprofessional (two positions)	Central Park ES	9/10/2019
Paraprofessional	Siebert ES	9/10/2019
School Psychologist	District	until filled

Here is the link for **MPS School Lunch Program** Information.

<http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/MidlandPublicSchools>

A new free/reduced application is required every year!

Here is the link to the on-line application. www.lunchapp.com.



In addition to the job openings above,

BUS DRIVERS and **PARAPROFESSIONALS**
are needed in our
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
for the 2019-20 School Year!

Interested in working with children? Want the same days off as your child?

Consider becoming a member of the MPS Transportation Team!

Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Pass criminal background check
- **DRIVERS:** Pass pre-employment drug test, physical/back assessment
- **PARAS:** Pass physical/back assessment & Work Keys

Additional Details:

- Flexible schedule
- AM & PM routes available
- No experience required
- Paid training
- Both Regular & Sub Drivers and Paraprofessionals are needed

Salary:

- Bus driver: \$13.54/hour starting salary ... within four years: \$17.15/hour
- Paraprofessional/Sub Paraprofessional: \$9.45

Want to know more?

- Contact MPS Transportation (923-5041) today for info or to apply!

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Student Flyers:

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

Community Flyers:

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

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 thought to
ponder ...*

*"Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can."*

--Arthur Ashe

