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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)



Kudos to the Jefferson Middle School community

for donating to the PPE (personal protective equipment) fundraiser for the Homeless. The Jefferson team delivered 50 individual PPE kits, and 20 larger PPE set bags to the Open



Door of Midland. Each kit contained many items such as disposable and reusable masks, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, dry shampoo and other personal supplies.

Way to go, Jefferson, for your generosity and thinking of others during this pandemic. *Mia Chappell, Ashtyn Vance, Callie Outinen, Adam Metcalf, Krystina McCarthy, Jaya Knot, Ondine Matteucci, Lauren Yao and Mrs. Brillhart.*



MLK's Day of Service Midland High Food Drive was a great success!

This was in Midland High Student Announcements last week: *Student Leadership wants to thank you for your generous donations for the community food drive that was held yesterday*

afternoon/evening. The quantity of food, money, and gift cards that have been donated were well beyond any expectations we had for this event. Thank you for all you have done to ensure the success of this event that will be helping many, many members of our Chemic family and the Midland community. Whether you read an email, told your neighbor, posted it on social media, or brought in donations, THANK YOU SO MUCH! Congratulations hockey team for bringing in the most items followed by the softball team by a close second place! Chemics, know that, together, we are making a positive impact on our community!

MHS Student Leadership Advisor, Monique Albright, remarked late last week, "We have given out about 140 bags of food and have likely 4-5 times that much food still remaining. It is just so amazing."

The MHS Student Leadership group sincerely thanks all our MPS families and community members who participated to make this event such a huge success.

**WAY TO GO, MIDLAND HIGH
STUDENT LEADERSHIP!**

Photos thanks to Lauren Revord



**The Murtha Family from
Adams and Northeast**
shared this great photo with
us as they were on their way
to Midland High to drop off
food on MLK Day.



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



2021-22 MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS Preschool & Kindergarten

4-Year-Old Preschool

Two proven Programs at Carpenter Pre-Primary Center

5-day-a-week Program

*Inquiry & Play-Based Preschool
(Fairly priced tuition program)*

4-day-a-week Program

*Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
(Free for income-qualifying families)*

Who better than Midland Public Schools to set your child on the right path for their K-12 educational journey? Call 989-923-6411 with questions.

Developmental Kindergarten

Developmental Kindergarten (formerly known as Young 5's) is located at Carpenter Pre-Primary Center

- ⇒ DK is perfect for children who may not be quite ready for traditional kindergarten. DK is the first year of a 2-year Kindergarten Program.
- Is DK right for your child? Call 989-923-6411 for more information.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten flourishes at all 6 MPS Elementary Schools

- ⇒ Will your child be 5 before 9/1/2021? If so, now is the time to register him/her for the Fall of 2021 Kindergarten class. If your child's 5th birthday is between 9/1-12/1/2021, we have a waiver for you to complete.
- ⇒ MPS is looking forward to launching your child's K-12 journey!

For info call 989-923-5001 or go to www.midlandps.org then click *Parents & choose Preschool Program OR Kindergarten*



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Gerstacker Winner Celebration

Sarah Doughty, 4th Grade Teacher at Woodcrest Elementary, celebrated her Gerstacker award with her family and her school family last week.



Gerstacker Winner Celebration

Kara Eddy, Special Education Teacher at Central Park Elementary, enjoyed a "virtual celebration" with her Central Park colleagues.

In a message to her CPE colleagues, Kara wrote, "Thanks again for the celebration, gift cards, gift basket, flowers, and words of kindness. And please remember that as stressful and crazy as this whole year has been, you all do good things every day."



Have a child going into Kindergarten in the fall?

Check out this document with lots of info: <https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>

Welcome to Midland Public Schools' Kindergarten!



HH Dow High DECA

Congratulations to the 114 DECA members who recently competed in the virtual District Competition. These impressive Chargers earned a total of 66 test medals, 58 role play medals with 99

members qualifying to move on to the State Competition in March. Great job, Chargers! MI DECA District 1 Conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8OzENJkkg>



We apologize for our error!

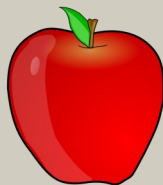
The Elementary Summer Math/Reading Opportunities summer school information we included in last week's Communique was published in error. (It was actually last year's summer school information). MPS Elementary families: Stay tuned to the Monday Communiques for 2021 summer school info when it is available.

Midland PS Food Service remote free meal pick-up continues Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

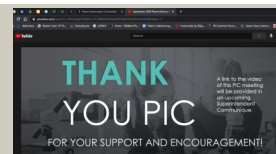
Tuesdays & Thursdays: Meals are available for pick up 11 am to 12:30 pm at Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill, Plymouth, Siebert & Woodcrest Elementary Schools & Midland High.

Saturdays: Meals are available for pick up from 9-11 am at two locations— Central Park Elementary & Midland High.

Thank You, Chartwells Team!



2020-21 MPS PARENT INFORMATION COMMITTEE (PIC) Meetings



MPS PIC is chaired by Superintendent Sharrow to share information and keep lines of communication open with MPS parents. The 2020-21 meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month from 12-1. This year, parents may participate virtually or in person at the MPS Administration Center (600 E. Carpenter). Meetings are also videotaped for parents to watch when it is convenient. We have four meetings remaining for 2020-21: 1/28, 2/25, 4/22, 5/27.

If you would like more information about the PIC meetings, please email youngcd@midlandps.org with the following information: your name, email address, MPS school(s) your child(ren) attend. **All MPS parents are welcome!**

2021-22 Midland PS Schools of Choice

The 2021-22 MPS Schools of Choice (SOC) application window will open on February 1, 2021 for both In-District and Out-of-District students. If you would like more information, go to our website and click as follows:

www.midlandps.org → Community → Schools of Choice (The 2021-22 SOC forms will be posted 2/1/2021.)



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. <https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form>



Own your own home and need assistance with roof repairs?

Midland County Habitat for Humanity has partnered with Home to Stay to offer roofing assistance to help home owners with roof repairs. Applications are being accepted til March 1. Click here to view the brochure: <https://www.midlandps.org/userfiles/5/My Files/Roofing Initiative Flyer 2021.pdf?id=5543>

Click here for the application: <https://midlandhabitat.org/home-repair/roofing-initiative/>





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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
Bus Driver, Substitute	MPS Transportation
Family Intervention Specialist (.8 FTE)	Central Park ES
Paraprofessional, ESL Tutor	District
Paraprofessional, Special Education (5 positions)	District-wide
Paraprofessional, Substitute	District
School Psychologist	District
Student Support Specialist	District
Teacher, Special Education	District

MPS Website: www.midlandps.org

Twitter:

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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>

New MPS Team Members

Please join us in welcoming these MPS staff members who joined our team in January:

Certificated Staff Members

- **Jeremy Yatooma**, Social Worker, Special Services, 1/4/2021
- **Sarah Starrs**, Speech Language Pathologist, Special Services, 1/11/2021
- **De'Ondre Hogan**, Director DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion), Administration, 1/18/2021
- **Justin Page**, ELF (Electronic Learning Facilitator), Virtual Academy, 1/18/2021



Support Staff

- **Shanna Johnson**, Paraprofessional, Adams, 1/20/2021
- **Angelena Villanueva**, Paraprofessional, Chestnut Hill, 1/25/2021
- **Caitlin Teetsel**, Paraprofessional, Central Park, 1/25/2021
- **Sherrie Allen**, Technology Administrative Assistant, Administration, 1/25/2021

Coaching Staff

- **Aleigha Wylie**, Assistant Coach Girls' Basketball, MHS, 1/6/2021
- **Spencer Sandow**, Head Coach Girls' Soccer, HH Dow, 1/22/2021

Welcome! We look forward to working with you!

Looking for Scholarships? The Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF) has 250 different scholarships worth over \$750,000 available to students. Be sure to apply for the scholarships you are interested in on the MACF website <https://www.midlandfoundation.org> before the February 15 deadline!



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

MPS Board of Education Members:

- Scott McFarland, President
- Phil Rausch, Vice President
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- Jon Lauderbach, Trustee
- Lynn Baker, Trustee
- Brad Blasy, Trustee
- John Hatfield, Trustee

Email: board@midlandps.org

Wise words to ponder ...

"The road to success is always under construction."

— Lily Tomlin