

Superintendent Communiqué



Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence

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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.



As you know, this year in addition to our Inclusion & Diversity initiative, we launched our #keepitkindmps campaign. We have purchased a few of these **KIND** posters to rotate among MPS schools for students, staff and visitors to be the "I" in **KIND**.

In this beautiful photo, **Siebert Kindergarten student, Malachi**, is not only the "I" in **KIND**, but he is also

"signing" the word "KIND"!

Way to go, Malachi!

Let's all be the "I" in **KIND** to those around us!



Chemic Anti-Vaping Campaign
Marlee Bone, Ryan Kreusch, Chase Mahabir, and Taylor Sanborn will be presenting the anti-vaping campaign "Get Your Head Out of the Clouds" at the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals first ever Mental Health Student Summit in Lansing. MHS is the only school in the State to have such a campaign. Because of this, the group was invited to present at the fall MASSP conference. Last spring this group was also part of a group that lobbied the Michigan legislature to pass laws limiting the access of these products to teens. **Way to make a difference, Chemics!**



Read by Grade 3 Law – Informational Night for Parents -- Please Join Us!

Who: Parents of current Young 5's, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students

What: Parent Informational Meeting for the Read by Grade 3 Law

When: TONITE — Monday, October 7, 2019

Time & Location:

➡ 5:30-6:15 in **Siebert Gym**—Parents of Siebert, Adams and Woodcrest students

➡ 7:00-7:45 in **Plymouth Gym**—Parents of Plymouth, Chestnut Hill, Central Park and Carpenter Pre-Primary students



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We look forward to meeting with you!

Sincerely, MPS Literacy Team



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>

Team Building



5th grade students paired up with someone they did not know well in **Ms. Renfro's class at Plymouth Elementary.**

Their challenge was to create the tallest tower with note cards, but the catch was, they had to write something they had in

common with each other on each note card.



Dow High Senior, Madden Brady ... Amazing Summer Experiences!

Boys State is a leadership program sponsored by the American Legion. It is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. The program started in Michigan in 1938 and is limited to rising seniors. HH Dow High's Madden Brady was one of 270 young men from across the State chosen to participate. He was sponsored by American Legion Post #18, and his role at 2019 Michigan Boys State held at GVSU was Chief Litigator.



Global Young Leaders Conference is a two-week summit of young leaders from around the world. They spend a week in Washington D.C. and a week in NYC. While in D.C., the young leaders develop communication skills and learn about international diplomacy. They attend sessions by the U.S. State Department and visit embassies. Madden was in a select group of participants that had the opportunity to tour the Saudi Arabia embassy and have a presentation and discussion with staff. Following the week in D.C., the global leaders traveled to NYC to attend sessions at the United Nations headquarters. Participants were assigned a country; they, in turn, presented plans to address the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals from the perspective of their assigned country. There were 347 young leaders from around the globe with over 20 countries represented. Madden was one of only 30 participants from the U.S.



4TH AND 5TH GRADE FUN RUN IS THIS FRIDAY AT STRATFORD WOODS

The Midland Public Schools' 4th and 5th Grade Fun Run will take place this Friday, October 11, 2019, at Stratford Woods City Park. The first race will start at 4:45 pm. The Fun Run is a one-mile run on the cross-country course at Stratford Woods. All races will begin near the pavilion.

The purpose of the Fun Run is to stimulate interest in cardio-vascular endurance among students and to provide them with distance experience.

Please see your student's physical education teacher for a permission slip and to answer any questions.



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Last week
MFG DAY
was held in

**SKILLED
TRADES**

our nation to show the reality of modern manufacturing careers.

Here are just a few facts presented by the Midland Business Alliance in a recent communication:

- ➔ Over the next decade, manufacturers will need to fill 4.6 million jobs
- ➔ Manufacturing supports more than 18.5 million jobs in the US
- ➔ The median income for skilled trades jobs is \$54,000
- ➔ There will be an expected 47,000 annual job openings in Michigan in the skilled trades every year through 2026

If you think a career in skilled trades may be a good fit for your son or daughter, here are a few resources to check out:

Going PRO Michigan

(going-pro.com): Discover training and career opportunities in the professional trades.

MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan

(<https://www.michiganworks.com/introducing-micareerquest-middle-michigan/>): Students from 11

counties will experience an event with heavy equipment, simulators, tools, and hands-on exhibits on **Wednesday, October 30 at SVSU.**

The goal of the event is to create an experience unlike any other career and college-readiness event – with interactive, hands-on, informational and inspiring career opportunities delivered directly to students from working professionals in high-demand industries.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**ARE THIS WEEK FOR MPS
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS!**

Wednesday, October 9 — Evening

⇒ Middle School Conferences

Thursday, October 10 — Evening

⇒ High School Conferences

(Elementary conferences are
Thursday, November 7)

Congratulations to the **Dow High Girls Swim and Dive Team** who took 1st Place at the Tri City Swim and Dive Competition on September 28 at SVSU out of 8 teams and **Midland High** sported a 3rd Place finish.

Dow swimmer Claire Newman was named swimmer of the meet with 1st place finishes in the 50 Free and the 100 Butterfly, setting two meet records. Dow Freshman Ella Roberson took 1st place in the 200 Free. The Dow relay team of Anna Jensen, Ella Roberson, Claire Newman and Sasha Konovalenko took 1st place in the 200 Yard Free Relay.



(Picture by Schaffert)

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.

IMPORTANT—Any child's lunch account that is currently receiving free/reduced lunches who has not completed a new application (or is not directly certified) WILL BE SET TO FULL PAY ON OCTOBER 14.

If you have any questions, please call Jackie at 923-5062.

This past Friday, the **MPS Administration Center** staff had a pink out participating in the American Cancer Society's Denim Days uniting people from across the country in the fight against breast cancer!



This year's **Marching Band Showcase** is the evening of **Wednesday, October 16 at Midland Community Stadium**. Don't miss this high-energy event that showcases the marching band skills and precision by MPS high school bands as well as bands from across the region (and beyond).

Midland Public Schools' 2018-19 Financial Audit presented at September 16 Board of Education Meeting

- ⇒ MPS again received the highest audit rating possible— **Unmodified Opinion**.
- ⇒ Fund Balance shows responsible planning by the Board of Education and Administration.
- ⇒ Recent Fund Balance stability and growth is great news for staff, students and community!



Siebert Girl Scout Troop 50219 collects old, unusable markers and highlighters and turns them into energy through their "colorcycle" program. Over 3000+ markers have been collected and recycled at Siebert in just the past two years.



Thank you to Adio Chiropractic who made Midland Public Schools their September donation recipients. These wonderful community partners collected backpacks and all kinds of school supplies. The supplies were given to two elementary schools who will make great use of them. Thank you Adio Chiropractic. We appreciate you!



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	Location	Posting End Date
Coach, Assistant, Wrestling	HH Dow HS	until filled
MTSS Coordinator	District	until filled
Paraprofessional	Northeast MS	10/15/2019
Paraprofessional	Siebert ES	10/15/2019
School Psychologist	District	until filled
Teacher, Special Education	Elementary	until filled
Teacher, Special Education	District	10/15/2019

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
- ➔ Both Regular & Sub Drivers and Paraprofessionals are needed
- ➔ No experience required
- ➔ Paid Training

Salary:

- ➔ Bus driver: \$13.54/hour starting salary ... within four years: \$17.15/hour
- ➔ Paraprofessional/Sub Paraprofessional: \$9.65/hour to start with steps to \$13.12

Want to know more?

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

**MPS
NEEDS
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS!**

Midland Public Schools contracts through *EDUStaff* for our substitute teachers. You choose the days, grade levels, schools at which you would like to sub!

For more information go to www.edustaff.org TODAY

Nominate a great MPS team member for a SHINING STAR today!

MPS Team Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019-20 school year for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS team member today!

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

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

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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- ➔ Mary Fredell, Treasurer
- ➔ Brad Blasy, Trustee
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*wise thought to
ponder ...*

*"Together we can change the
world, just one random act of
kindness at a time."*

—Ron Hall

