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"Though I have the unique perspective of being both new to the district and the State of Michigan, I've been made to feel like a welcome and valued member of the team in just a few short months."

-Daniel Jordan

"I chose Midland High because that is where I graduated from. This is where I want to plant my roots."

-Scott Little

"One of the many positive aspects I have liked so far upon joining Midland Public Schools is the welcoming feeling I get each day from the students and staff. The students are ready to learn, the staff is willing to help, and the administration is there for support."

-Troy Lynch

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ADAMS ELEMENTARY

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MICHIGAN AUTHOR JOHNATHAN RAND VISITS ADAMS!

We recently welcomed Michigan author Johnathan Rand to Adams for a visit. The award-winning writer of the Michigan Chillers and American Chillers books entertained students and talked about the value of reading and writing. It was a fun, enlightening visit, and our students were a great audience. What fun!



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP IS A SUCCESS

Our recent Kindergarten Roundup was a great success, as we had the opportunity to meet many of our incoming 2023-24 Kindergarten families. If you know of someone in the neighborhood with a child that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall, please let them know that now is the time to sign up! You may refer families to the school office, or they may call us at 989-923-6037, or email at sekelywj@midlandps.org. Welcome, to our newest Adams Atoms!

ADAMS 3RD GRADERS STUDY AND LEARN FROM MICHIGAN'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

As our third graders investigate Michigan History, one of their topics is the lives of Michigan's Indigenous Peoples, the first people that lived in our great state. Mrs. Kathy Joffre helped our students explore the history of Native Americans in Michigan. Our students enjoyed tasting maple sugar, learning to use the drill bow, and studying arrowheads and other artifacts.



CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY

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The 5th Grade CPE Choir and instructor Mr. Farison had the opportunity to perform our National Anthem at a Chemic boys' basketball game this winter!



Saginaw Spirit Hockey Players came to visit various classrooms at Central Park during their physical education classes and shared tips and tricks of hockey and engaged in some fun games with students!



"Pizza, PJs, & Pages"

Central Park families enjoyed a Title family event where Sarah Owens and Emily Schriber presented to parents about attunement/attachment and then families had the opportunity to connect with their children during a read-in while enjoying great books and pizza!



CPE International Day Provocation

Central Park first graders were thrilled to participate in their 7th annual International Day Provocation to kick off their "Where We Are in Place and Time" unit of inquiry, a unit centralized around learning about their own family traditions and influences, as well as examining those that are different from theirs. This year, we were ecstatic to host 13 students from Dow High School, representing 7 countries (Haiti, India, Iran, Italy, Nigeria, China and Latvia) from around the world. Each presentation provided opportunities for students to learn about different cultures and traditions; from making paper lanterns, sampling homemade Italian pizzelles, looking at traditional Latvian jewelry and woodworking, and learning about the art of mehndi in India, students experienced oodles of fun in one afternoon!

CHESTNUT HILL

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Second grade students enjoyed a visit from Midland High Students on September 14th. MHS Students read "*Just Kidding*" by Trudy Ludwig, and talked with second graders about bullying and teasing, and how words can be hurtful.



The PTO Chestnut Hill Walkathon was held on October 21st. Students raised \$18,000! Staff volunteered to have a pie in the face if students surpassed the \$10,000 mark. All enjoyed this assembly.

Fourth grade student, Owen Huckins, and his father built and donated this wood table for Lego League! It has foldable legs for storage and works well with the team's robot.



PLYMOUTH ELEMENTARY

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Students from Megan Max's class participated in the "Water on the Go" program where they learned about the Great Lakes ecosystem and the effects of the invasive carp entering our waterways. Students worked as a team to create a solution to the carp entering our Great Lakes. They came up with some great ideas! Check out the photos!



Kindergarten classes had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Temple Theatre in Saginaw. Students enjoyed riding a bus to get there and watching Pete the Cat, a storybook favorite, on the big screen!



In fourth grade news, students explored an inquiry into fractions. Students were taught some initial vocabulary and then given time to explore using fraction manipulatives at different stations.



The 2022-2023 National Art Honor Society has achieved a victory! They have completed the Foreign Language mural that has been in production for 5 years. A combination of busy schedules and Covid restrictions caused this to be the "never-ending mural" but this group took it upon themselves to be the ones to bring it to completion. The executive board of Jacob Nguyen, Raegan Woodiwiss, Clara Allington, and Paige Dolph were integral in helping to motivate the club members to come in and get it done. It features landmarks and cultural celebrations from various cultures as well as the word "WELCOME" in ten different languages, including American Sign Language. This mural will soon be installed in place of the Art Department mural that used to be above art room 355. Great work, everyone!



DHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

In January, members of Dow High Student Leadership attended a MASC/MAHS Student Leadership Regional competition in Bay City. The team of Caleb Kaiser, Wil Kuper, Taylor Neuman, Emilee Bonter, and Lauren VanSumeren presented a Student Showcase about recent service projects conducted by the class, and Hannah Ober created a Michigan Student Voice presentation about the importance of being kind to yourself, in addition to others. Both presentations won at the regional level competition and will present again at the state conference in Grand Rapids.



PEER 2 PEER IN ACTION

For their February project, DHS Peer 2 Peer planned a lunchtime activity to promote self-love and positivity. Students had a chance to write something they love about themselves on a paper heart. The hearts were turned into a collage in the main hallway of the school.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM BRINGS IN 'PERSIAN IMMERSION' EXPERIENCE

Last year, IB Language and Literature junior Emily Ammerman read Persepolis, a memoir of growing up in Iran during the Iranian Revolution during the 1970s by Marjane Satrapi, in Shelby Burr's Language and Literature class at Dow High. She commented on her Persian background, and that led to Emily providing a personal introduction to the culture for her class. This year, Emily's mom Sudie helped the English team at Dow get a grant to sponsor a "Persian Immersion Experience" for all juniors the day before Thanksgiving break.

After an introduction to the culture by the Ammermans, students rotated through 3 stations: food and customs, traditions and dance (including art and architecture), and an introduction to the Farsi language which reads right to left and is not alphabetic. Shelby has noticed students are connecting to the literature in a very real way. "In the past, Persepolis was just a story to them. After this experience, students realize this happened to real people - even people they actually know - and had real consequences."





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The Chemics hosted their 2nd annual Human Library on November 23, 2022. The Human Library is an international organization that publishes people as open books. Human books represented Midland community members that often are subjected to prejudice.

Both the books and readers (senior students) had the opportunity to create empathy and meet people who may seem different, but actually share many things in common.

The overall goal was to create a platform for inclusive and appreciative conversation, presenting high school senior readers with an opportunity to talk to people who represent groups in society that face prejudices, stigma, or discrimination. This experience encouraged students to reflect and “un-judge” because we know that judgment is often rooted in lack of knowledge and fear of the unknown.

CELEBRATING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS

On Friday, November 11th, the MHS Social Studies Department hosted their annual Veterans Day Celebration. More than fifteen Veterans came to speak to students each hour in the Media Center. Veterans comprised a variety of expertise, rank, branch, and ages ranging from 21 years old to 75 years old (former Vietnam Vets).

Of the fifteen who visited, eight were Chemic Alumni. Students from Social Studies classes were invited to attend throughout the day and the event welcomed more than 150 students each hour.

This year we had a panel format and History Teacher Dave McPeak emceed the event by fielding student questions from the audience. All Veterans had an opportunity to respond to student questions and share their individual experiences and stories.

Guest Veterans were MHS family members, friends, and members of our MPS Community. Thank you to the following Veterans: Jimmey Sequin, Edward Reder, Todd Diederich, Brianna McGillen, Charles Murphy, Josh Rutledge, Leslie Novak, Dustin Mansour, Jeff Teft, Owen Mohr, Rocky Maldonado, Fred Honorkamp, Dave Salogar, and MacKenzie Kirkman.

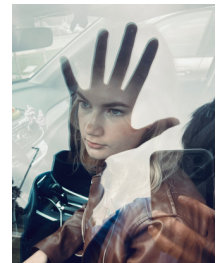
Many thanks to the Chemic Team of Teachers who made this event possible, the ALL-In Fund for helping sponsor, Chartwells Food Service for providing Lunch, and the many parent donors who provided baked goods and decorated cookies for our Vets! THANK YOU, VETS!



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By: Cameron Slawnyk

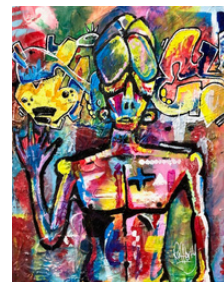


By: Sofia Berlanga



By: Graci Hernandez

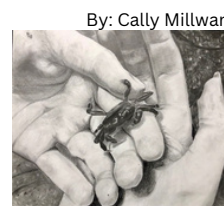
NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS



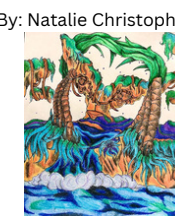
By: Rafferty Gentle



By: Delainey Carrigan



By: Cally Millward



By: Natalie Christopher

National Scholastic Art Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The Awards give students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Congratulations to these MPS students who won awards:

Gold Key: Sofia Berlanga, 11th Grade

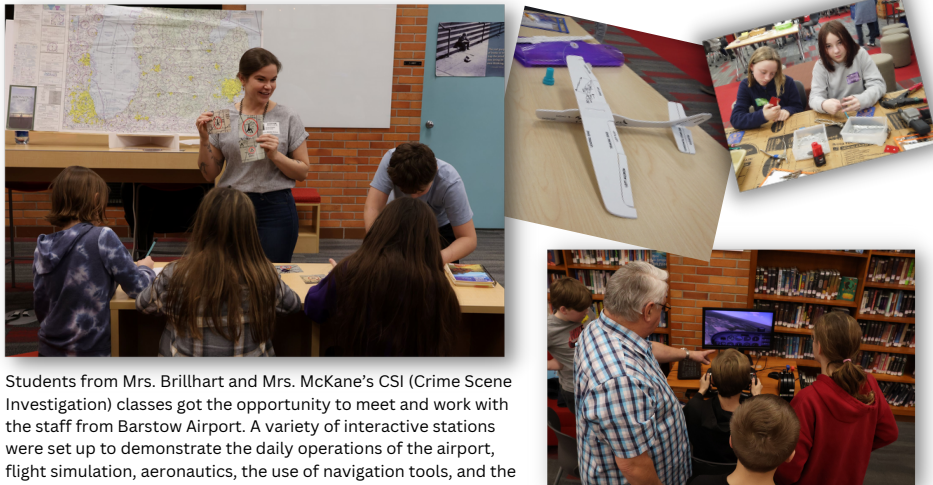
Silver Key: Delainey Carrigan, 11th grade
 Emily Jankens, 12th grade
 Cameron Slawnyk, 12th grade (Placed 2 silver keys)

Honorable Mention:
 Cally Millward, 9th grade
 Rafferty Gentle, 10th grade
 Delainey Carrigan, 11th grade
 Graci Hernandez, 11th grade (Placed 3 Honorable Mentions)
 Emily Jankens, 12th grade
 Cameron Slawnyk, 12th grade
 Natalie Christopher, 12th grade

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Students from Mrs. Brillhart and Mrs. McKane's CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) classes got the opportunity to meet and work with the staff from Barstow Airport. A variety of interactive stations were set up to demonstrate the daily operations of the airport, flight simulation, aeronautics, the use of navigation tools, and the design and construction of planes.



Jefferson students have been rehearsing and preparing for their Spring play, *Annie*, in the auditorium. The cast has been practicing their singing and dancing skills with a choreographer almost every day. Showings of *Annie* will run during the second week of March.



Mrs. Brillhart and Mrs. McKane's CSI classes also got the opportunity to work with MyMichigan Health medical professionals this semester. Students learned about the typical day of an EMT and Paramedic, how and when to use CPR, what an ambulance is called for, and toured the inside of an ambulance!



Mrs. Hazen's 7th grade classes worked on some paper mache projects.



Daniel Lowe (near right) wrote an essay for the VFW Patriot's Pen: "My Pledge to Veterans" Scholarship. His essay was awarded first place at the district competition level and he will be moving on to the state level. Mrs. Brown (far right), History teacher at JMS, received the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in recognition for promoting patriotism in the classroom.



NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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This year, Northeast's fall play was *The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes or Less*. Drama students did an excellent job at their two performances.



Individual 7th grade students from Coach Merchant's gym classes paired up/unified with individual students from Mrs. Gardner's classroom to form two Northeast Unified Basketball Teams. The teams played each other during half time of multiple girls' basketball games. These students practiced weekly, hung out, and formed friendships. The Unified team received donations from various sources including LaLonde's Market, Jason & Tracey Merry at Modern Reality, Sandy Ridge Golf Course, Midland Civitan Club, and Terry Hanley. The funds raised were used to purchase team and staff shirts and to start an account to save for future uniforms.



Northeast Vikings For Friendship students challenged all grades to bring in donations to assist Northeast families in need for Thanksgiving. The winning classroom from each grade had the opportunity to throw a pie at a teacher. Mr. Allen volunteered and a student from each of the three winning classrooms took aim at Mr. Allen's face!



SIEBERT ELEMENTARY

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Ms. Vaughn, Siebert's Media Specialist, introduces the new PTO Bookshelf near the entrance of the school. Students can earn tickets from their teachers that will allow them to get a book. Happy reading, Bulldogs!

Siebert Elementary and Judy's Crayons

Back in 2019, a Kindergarten class was throwing out broken and used crayons to be replaced with new boxes. Kim Crump, MPS staff interpreter, asked if she could give the crayons to a deaf artist who recycles them into beautiful and unique art pieces. Since that time, thousands of broken and used crayons have been collected from various staff and students and given to Judy Ann McClain-Lowrie.

Judy has created and donated the Siebert Bulldog which will proudly be displayed in the main office.



The Healing Power of Friendship



Students at Siebert and Adams Elementary Schools in the Midland Public School District, have a unique opportunity to provide regular support to fellow students through the power of friendship. The Circle of Friends program led by Sarah Selaty, Student Support Specialist, offers young students identified as needing extra support in social and emotional development, the opportunity to receive peer encouragement and helpful modeling in the areas of teamwork, communication and problem solving. Peer supporters are selected based on their demonstration of empathy, compassion, and advocacy for others.

WOODCREST ELEMENTARY

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Kindergarten Roundup

This year's Kindergarten Roundup took place on February 7th. The event was a huge success! All six of our elementary buildings participated and engaged with families looking for information on enrolling their students early for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. Woodcrest alone had a line-up of families out the door!

Winter Door Decorations At Woodcrest!



This past December, Woodcrest classes worked to decorate their classroom doors to show winter spirit and teamwork! Each class chose their own theme and worked together to create decorations that others could enjoy while passing by their classroom. Even staff members without their own class participated! These decorations helped reinforce the value of working together while at the same time bringing joy to students leading up to winter break. Pictured above are some of the outstanding classroom and staff creations.

Wolverines Partner with Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network



During the week of November 14 - 18, students at Woodcrest Elementary worked together on collecting nonperishable items to donate to the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network. Thanks to the teamwork displayed by Woodcrest students and their families, the original school-wide goal of collecting 1,000 items was surpassed in remarkable fashion as over 2,500 items were collected and donated to the Emergency Food Pantry Network! Everyone did a fantastic job on this project, and we are proud of the desire that was displayed to make a difference in our community!



PRE-PRIMARY CENTER CARPENTER STREET SCHOOL

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DIRECTOR: MS. PAM SHARROW

REGISTRATION WINDOW NOW OPEN FOR MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2023-24 YOUNGEST LEARNERS!

Call (989) 923-5024, visit our website at www.midlandps.org/enrollment, or use the QR code for more information!

We look forward to welcoming our new learners to Midland Public Schools!

The Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School offers:

- 3 year old Tuition Preschool
- 4 year old Tuition Preschool
- 4 year old GSRP Preschool (for qualifying families)
- Developmental Kindergarten



Midland Public Schools Virtual Programs continue to serve students in various ways. Our **eLearning** program serves students scheduled into the day for credit recovery and extends course options based on a student's academic and career goals. Each semester, we serve almost 350 students between both high schools. Some students recover multiple credits to return to being on track for graduation.

The **PATHS (Personalized Academics through High School)** serves students who have not been successful in the traditional school setting. In PATHS, we focus on graduation and connecting students to CTE and career interests. This year, 70 students are enrolled in the PATHS program, and we have already had two reach graduation status.

Midland Public Schools also offers the **Virtual Academy** to assist students with medical conditions that do not allow them to attend traditional school. Currently, 86 students are being served through the Virtual Academy. We are very proud of our work in helping students reach graduation, and we look forward to celebrating our students' success as they cross the stage and receive their diplomas!



Does your family have a 3, 4, or 5 year old ready for Preschool or Kindergarten this fall?

If so, call 989-923-5024.



Midland PS Preschool & Kindergarten Programs ↓

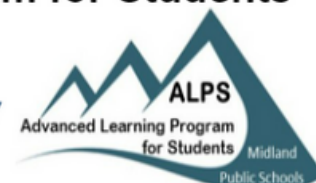
3-Year-Old Tuition Preschool	5-day weeks ☺ sensory, play-based curriculum Competitively priced tuition ☺ follows school year calendar Offered at Carpenter Pre-Primary Center 989-923-6411
4-Year-Old Tuition Preschool	5-day weeks ☺ research-based, child-focused curriculum Competitively priced tuition ☺ follows school year calendar Offered at Carpenter Pre-Primary Center 989-923-6411
4-Year-Old GSRP Preschool	4-day weeks ☺ Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Offered at Carpenter Pre-Primary Center 989-923-6411 Free for income qualifying families 844-492-7707 · 989-631-5892 www.MichiganPreschool.org
Developmental Kindergarten	5-day weeks ☺ year one of 2-year Kindergarten program Register soon ☺ space is limited for this program Offered at Carpenter Pre-Primary Center 989-923-6411 (Previously referred to as Young 5's Kindergarten)
5-Year-Old Traditional Kindergarten	5-day weeks ☺ Inquiry-based, proven, highly effective Robust Kindergarten program to provide a firm foundation Offered at all six MPS elementary schools 989-923-5024

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Advanced Learning Program for Students (ALPS)



Central Park Elementary
a STEM exploration school



For the 22-23 school year, Midland Public Schools started advanced programming for students in Grades 1-5, called **Advanced Learning Program for Students (ALPS)**.

The first year of the Advanced Learning Program for (elementary) Students (ALPS) is off to a great start! This past summer, students from throughout the district were selected to have the opportunity to participate in this advanced program held at Central Park Elementary. Students from grades 1 through 5 are represented in ALPS. The program has allowed students the opportunity to use higher order thinking skills, critical creative thinking, explore topics of their interests and/or passions, conceptual learning, problem-solving and research skills, and a transdisciplinary approach aligning to the PYP framework.

The ALPS staff has worked hard to provide the chance for students to dig deeper in the grade level content presented with continued project-based learning opportunities. With this being year one of ALPS, the staff at Midland Public Schools will continue to learn and improve the program daily to provide students with the best, advanced elementary experience possible.



"Genius Hour" is just one of the amazing projects that students had the opportunity to take part in. The students researched a topic of their choice individually or with a group of students across all grade levels and shared their findings with the community.