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MPS Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Vision

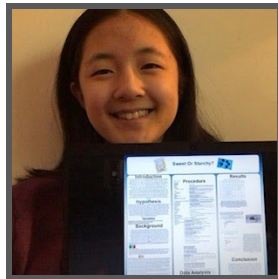
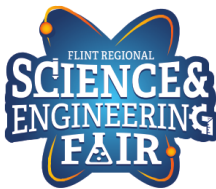
Lead with respect, trust and courage.

**Ensure an equitable, collaborative
and inclusive culture.**

Enable all to achieve success.

In late May 2020, the results of the Flint Regional "Virtual" Science and Engineering Fair were announced. **Evelyn Wang**, an 8th grader at **Jefferson Middle School**, earned 5th place in Life Sciences and an Excellence in Plant Sciences. Her project was designed to answer the questions "Does Mold like sugar or starch better?" And "What is the best time to keep banana ripe yet prevent it from rotting?" There were 58 students from surrounding districts competing in the Junior Virtual Fair this year. Due to the coronavirus situation, the Fair became "virtual." Students uploaded their project reports, data points, photographs, notes, and other relevant materials to the FRSEF website. Judges downloaded the projects and reviewed them using a common rubric.

Congratulations,
Evelyn!



As we celebrate this 4th of July, may we as citizens of the United States celebrate our diversity and come together as an equal and inclusive community, nation and world!



**Have a safe and healthy
4th of July holiday weekend!**

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO 'GRAB & GO' FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

If your family utilizes the free "grab & go" MPS meal program, please note the following IMPORTANT CHANGES to the program.



Beginning THIS WEEK, the free "grab & go" meal program will undergo pick-up site & pick-up days changes.

Beginning TOMORROW, meals will be available for pick-up on Tuesdays & Thursdays ONLY. Families will receive the same number of meals for the week, however, the meals will be available for pick-up two days a week instead of three.

The number of pick-up sites are decreased slightly. Here are the updated site and morning pick-up times:

- ✓ Bus #1—Curling Center 9-9:45;
Gerstacker Spray Park 10-11
- ✓ Bus#2—Longview 9-9:45;
Ingersoll Township 10-11
- ✓ Bus #3—North Family Center 9-9:45;
Carpenter Street School 10-11
- ✓ Bus #4—Westown Grocery 9- 9:45;
Windover 10:00-11:00
- ✓ Bus #5—E Free Church 9-9:45;
Alpine Park Village 10-11
- ✓ Central Park Elem 9-11
- ✓ Plymouth Elem 9-11
- ✓ Chestnut Hill Elem 9-11
- ✓ Woodcrest Elem 9-11
- ✓ Siebert Elem 9-11
- ✓ Midland High 9-11

*Thank you to Chartwells,
Transportation, Building &
Grounds workers for their
hard work during this time.
335,000 meals have been
served since March. Wow!*

Please call 989-923-5062 if you have questions.

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>

Midland Public Schools Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Our District's DEI Journey Continues

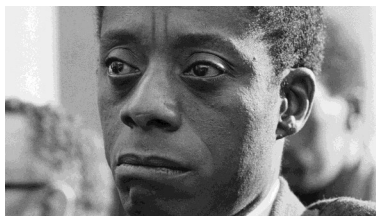
MPS DEI Vision: Lead with respect, trust and courage. Ensure an equitable, collaborative, and inclusive culture. Enable all to achieve success.

June has been designated Pride Month in honor of the LGBTQ+ community. Pride Month recognizes the long heritage of struggle as LGBTQ+ pioneers worked for civil rights and equal treatment. It is held in June to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, a pivotal moment in the movement for LGBTQ+ civil rights. Pride Month celebrates a heritage of acceptance, love, and belonging within the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. Many cities all over the world celebrate Pride Month with parades, events and opportunities for education. This year, we choose to highlight Black LGBTQ+ icons in history who have blazed a trail for modern educators, authors and politicians. More information and resources on Pride Month can be found at www.glaad.org and www.hrc.org.

James Baldwin

James Baldwin was a novelist, essayist and civil rights activist who was born in New York, 1924. Baldwin is well known for his essays on being Black in America (*Notes of a Native Son*) and his work alongside Martin Luther King Jr. in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. His essays were integral to the movement, especially 1963's *The Fire Next Time*, which offered White Americans a perspective of their culture from the Black American experience. James Baldwin's fiction works broke ground in their portrayal of LGBTQ+ and interracial relationships. Later in life, Baldwin became a college professor, teaching at University of Massachusetts Amherst and Hampshire College on race and American culture. He died in 1987.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."-James Baldwin



Barbara Jordan

Barbara Jordan was an educator, an attorney, a civil rights leader and a political changemaker. She was born in 1936 in Houston, Texas. She was elected in 1966 to the Texas Senate as the first Black American, man or woman. Several years later, in 1972, she won election to Congress as the first woman and first Black American to represent Texas. She was the first Black Congressperson to represent the Deep South. Jordan earned a seat on the House Judiciary Committee and helped to lead it during the Watergate scandals. The NAACP honored her in 1992 for her groundbreaking work in civil rights and political leadership, and in 1994 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Bill Clinton.

My presence here... is one additional bit of evidence that the American dream need not forever be deferred." – Barbara Jordan



[Note: Photos from Los Angeles Times 02/23/2017 and Texas Monthly 10/1976]



BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY THIS SUMMER

As you know,
Bond funds
have been



working hard since MPS taxpayers passed the 2.95 mills Bond in February 2015. Many very needed improvements have been made across the District in MPS buildings, the transportation fleet, technology, infrastructure & much more.

We currently have many facility projects underway this summer. Here are just a few updates:

- ⇒ Worn out Community Stadium turf has been removed and the site is ready for installation when the new turf arrives in mid-July.
- ⇒ Community Stadium track re-seal will start soon.
- ⇒ Middle school gym renovations are going well and are ahead of schedule.
- ⇒ Dow High HVAC units are being put in place and will be receiving controls this summer.
- ⇒ Franklin Center demo is complete and grounds will be re-seeded soon.
- ⇒ Final demo work at Eastlawn will be complete and grounds will be re-seeded soon.
- ⇒ Midland High tennis courts are removed and are ready to be re-built in the next few weeks.
- ⇒ Cement work; resealing of parking lots nearing completion.
- ⇒ Transportation building roofing, doors, brick repair and painting completed.
- ⇒ NMS & JMS exterior electronic sign work is underway.
- ⇒ Brick staining is beginning at Midland High.

This is not an all-inclusive list, but provides a sense of progress.

Thank you MPS Taxpayers!

Midland Public Schools Summer Hours

- ✓ Elementary offices closed through August 7.
- ✓ Through August 14, the MPS Administration Center and Middle & High School offices will be open Monday-Thursday and closed on Fridays. (Full-year staff members will work 10 hours each day M-Th.)
- ✓ 4th of July week—MPS is closed Thursday & Friday, July 2 & 3.



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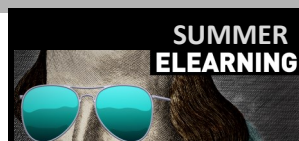


Siebert Elementary
teachers attending *One Clip At a Time* training in

preparation to join others across the district and country in teaching tolerance through service learning and taking action. *Paper Clips* (the documentary film) was released in 2004 and is available to the public for viewing. It follows the story of students learning about the Holocaust and taking action to build a memorial of 6 million paper clips in an authentic German railcar, representing the Jews that were killed during the Holocaust.

High School Summer eLearning Opportunity

As MPS has for many summers, now that the school year has ended, Midland Public Schools will offer the **Summer eLearning Program**. Through this program, online courses are available to high school students who wish to earn either initial credit or credit recovery in select courses. While these courses do not require students to attend classes daily, student support will be provided by email, phone call or video chat. On-site support will become available based on State of Michigan recommendations but will not be required for daily work, quizzes or tests, however, exams must be monitored. Exams will be proctored onsite (when appropriate) or virtually by appointment. Students should expect to invest 45-60 hours to complete each course, but may work on their course any place that they have an internet connection. Courses began June 15, 2020 and must be completed by August 13, 2020. Students may only register for one course at a time. The cost for each course is \$150 for Midland Public Schools' students and \$175 for students outside of the MPS district. To register or for info, please visit www.midlandps.org/content/Summer%20Program or Principal Jeff Lauer (lauerjm@midlandps.org).



2019-20 REPORT CARDS NOW available in Home Access Center (HAC), however, only UNTIL JULY 9.

After that date, the District will be preparing for the HAC rollover of student records for the 2020-21 school year.

Please contact your school office staff to request a copy of your child's report card once the HAC window has closed or with any report card questions you have.

If you need your child's report card when your building is closed, please feel free to contact the District via MPSCconnect.

**The MPS 2020-21**

Schools of Choice application window is open for In-District and Out-of-District students.

If you would like more info, visit our website:

www.midlandps.org

➔ Community

➔ Schools of Choice

**Update to the PSAT and SAT Test Prep Information we sent out in the June 9 Special Edition Communique****Please note these Updated Fall 2020 Testing Dates:**

- ✓ 9th Grade — PSAT 9, Wednesday, September 23
- ✓ 10th Grade — PSAT/NMSQT, Wednesday, October 14
- ✓ 11th Grade — PSAT/NMSQT, Wednesday, October 14
- ✓ 12th Grade — SAT w/Essay, Wednesday, September 23

PSAT Session 1 - 5 Hours - July 27, 28, 29 10:00 AM START

PSAT Session 2 - 5 Hours - Sept 12, 19, 26 SATURDAY CLASS 10:00 AM START

PSAT Session 1 - 15 Hours - July 27, 28, 29, August 3, 4, 5 (6 classes that are 2.5 hours long) 10:00 AM START

PSAT Session 2 - 15 Hours - August 15, 22, 29, September 12, 19 (5 classes that are 3 hours long) Saturday 10:00 AM START

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SAT TEST PREP

To register, go to schoolpay.com. To apply for a scholarship, **MHS students please email wenzellmb@midlandps.org**;

DHS students please email coppensjl@midlandps.org. Call your high school office if you have questions.

PSAT/SAT



NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2020-21 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

*MPS has proven programs that provide a
SOLID EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION for our
community's youngest learners!*

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Two 4-Year-Old MPS Preschool Programs: (923-6411)

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Proven, inquiry-based reasonably-priced tuition preschool that follows the IB PYP foundation at all MPS elementary schools. MPS invites you to compare our fees against area preschools. We are confident you will find MPS offers a great value!

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

Results-driven, high-quality, **FREE** preschool for 4-year-old students from income-qualifying families. Regional Preschool Partnership — GSRP
Questions: (844) 492-7707 or

(989) 923-6411 GSRP Registration Open: www.michiganpreschool.org For
Preschool forms: www.midlandps.org → Parents → Preschool Program

MPS Kindergarten Program: (923-5026)

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Will your child be 5 before 9/1/2020? If so, now is the time to register him/her for the Fall of 2020 Kindergarten class.

If your child's birthday is between 9/1/2020 and 12/1/2020, we have the waiver for you to complete so your child can be part of the Fall 2020 Kdg. class.



For Kindergarten forms: www.midlandps.org → Parents → Kindergarten



Free Preschool

For Qualifying Families

MichiganPreschool.org

Preschoolpartnership.org

844-492-7707



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**2020 MPS Graduate photos
began
scrolling on
the MCFTA
digital sign
today**



Below are the dates that the Midland and HH Dow High 2020 Graduate photos will scroll on the Eastman Road sign:

HH Dow High
June 29 and July 13

Midland High
June 30 and July 14

*Thank you,
Midland
Center for
the Arts!*



2020 Graduation Ceremony



We recently met with our community partners at Dow Diamond about the tentative July 24 graduation ceremony.

Please know we are still trying to make the ceremony happen amidst pandemic safety protocols.

We will communicate with you via the Communique as soon as we have definite information about whether the event can be held, and if so, number of tickets each student may receive as well as other information regarding safety for graduates and guests.



**Thank you
for your
patience!**



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 |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Bus Driver, Substitute | MPS Transportation | Until filled |
| Coach, Assistant, Football | HH Dow HS | June 30, 2020 |
| Coach, Assistants, Football (2) | Midland HS | Until filled |
| Coach, Assistant, Soccer, Boys' | HH Dow HS | Until filled |
| Coach, Assistant, Soccer, Boys' | Midland HS | Until filled |
| Coach, Head, Basketball, Girls' | Midland HS | Until filled |
| Director of Special Services | Administration Center | July 7, 2020 |
| Paraprofessional | Science Resources Center | July 1, 2020 |
| Paraprofessional, Substitute | District-wide | Until filled |
| Preschool Teaching Associate (Part-time) | Carpenter PPC | Until filled |
| Speech & Language Psychologist (.5 FTE) | MPS Special Services | Until filled |
| Teacher, Social Studies | District | July 7, 2020 |
| Teacher, Summer School | Central Park ES | Until filled |
| Teacher, Summer School, Elementary | District | Until filled |
| Teacher, Summer School | Plymouth ES | Until filled |
| Teacher, Summer School | Midland HS | Until filled |
| Teacher, Summer School | HH Dow HS | Until filled |
| Teacher, Summer School | Northeast MS | Until filled |
| Teacher, Summer School | Jefferson MS | Until filled |

First day of the 2020-21 school year: Monday, August 31, 2020.

Looking for the 2020-21 Midland Public Schools calendar? Here is the link:

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

Upcoming Local Food Pantries

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| July 2, 2020 | West Midland Family Ctr. |
| July 8, 2020 | Aldersgate |
| July 9, 2020 | Coleman Family Center |
| July 23, 2020 | Assumption of the Blessed |
| July 26, 2020 | Virgin Mary |
| Family | Center |
| August 4, 2020 | Midland High |
| August 21, 2020 | Aldersgate |



Midland Public Schools 2020-2021 Calendar

Approved by the Board of Education on 05-16-2020

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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/>

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| 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
- Pam Singer, Vice President
- Phil Rausch, Secretary
- Mary Fredell, Treasurer
- Lynn Baker, Trustee
- Brad Blasy, Trustee
- Jon Lauderbach, Trustee

wise thought to ponder ...

"When we're talking about diversity, it's not a box to check. It is a reality that should be deeply felt and valued by all of us." — Ana DuVernay

