

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.



Showing Kindness ... Plymouth Elementary First Grade students sponsored a *Families Helping Families* food drive collecting non-perishable food and personal care items as a part of their PYP Unit of Inquiry: *Who We Are*. Students took action by donating 750 items to help community members who needed a helping hand over the Thanksgiving holiday. Way to go, Pioneers!



Holiday Kindness Chemic-Style! Kudos to the Midland High student volunteers who recently helped at two community events.



→ First, ten Chemics helped to organize clothes at the King's Daughters Christmas Closet. This annual event provides clothes for children and families in need and will serve over 1500 children this holiday season.

→ Secondly, a dozen Chemics helped out at the recent "Shop with a Hero" event held at Meijer. Students helped wrap presents for area kids who would have otherwise not had anything for Christmas.



MPS is gearing up for PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN registration for the 2020-21 school year!

- **KINDERGARTEN Orientation** at all MPS elementary schools is Tuesday, February 4, at 5:45 pm.
 - **4-YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL Open House** at Carpenter Street School is Monday, March 9 at 5:30 pm
 - Registration opens for **YOUNG 5s KINDERGARTEN** and **IB PYP PRESCHOOL** on February 1.
- GSRP 4-Year-Old Preschool** registration window will be announced by the State of Michigan.



Roses to the organizers, performers, emcees, advisors, back stage crew and everyone involved in this past **Saturday's MHS Rhapsody Rendezvous!**



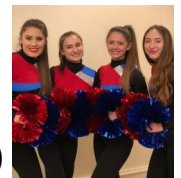
MIDLAND HIGH'S

DEFINITELY GOT TALENT!

An evening of wonderful student (and even some Chemic staff) performances was enjoyed by all who attended!

Kudos to the **Dow High Varsity Pom** members who participated in the 2019 America's Parade in Detroit on Thanksgiving Day with the Mid-American Pompon All-Star team. These four Chargers were part of the 208 member All-Star team. The team has performed in this parade for the past 33 years.

(From left to right, Ann Jennett, Kayla Dominowski, Hannah Morey and Lauria Rodea)



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Robotics Teams (Grades 4,5) Compete at Ready, Set, LEGO!

Our nine FIRST LEGO League robotics teams participated in the Ready, Set, LEGO! Competition this past weekend and had an amazing time running their robot missions and sharing their Innovation Projects with judges, all while practicing gracious professionalism. In this year's challenge—City Shaper—teams solved a problem with a building or public space in their community.

Congratulations to the **Siebert Bulldog Builders** who were the Champions of the event! Their robot finished in 1st place with the event high score of 400 points! The team was also awarded the Robot Performance award. Their Innovation Project - *"Reinventing the Midland Mall" proposed micro-living housing units and additional family attractions using sustainable building practices.*

Congratulations also to the **Woodcrest Cyclone Wolverines** as they applied what they learned from last year and earned the Champions Award - 2nd Place! They enjoyed sharing with the judges their Innovation Project *"River Point Court Sustainable Community."* Their robot finished 4th, enabling the team to participate in the exciting exhibition round of match play along with the Siebert Bulldog Builders.

The **Adams City Warriors** had a great time at the qualifier and enjoyed sharing with the judges their Innovation Project *"Using renewable materials to replace cement in concrete to reduce CO2 emissions."* Their robot finished 9th in qualifying rounds and the team earned the Programming Award.

The **Siebert Binary Bulldogs** focused on being a well-rounded team and having fun this season. They worked hard on programming this year and their robot finished in 11th place. Their innovation project of *"Reinventing the Midland Mall" turned the building into an eat, shop, and play destination attraction.*

The **Adams Ultimate Builders** applied what they learned last year and finished 6th in robot qualification. Their Innovation Project "Solving for Traffic Congestion" focused on various solutions for traffic congestion, including Smart Traffic Lights.

And congratulations to our 1st year Rookie teams -

Congratulations to **Central Park Elementary and the Beyond the Brick team** for their inaugural season! Their Innovation Project *"Addressing School Parking Lots" proposes the implementation of angled parking spots at their school. Their robot finished 8th in qualification matches. Congratulations to the team for earning the Judge's Award!*

The **Woodcrest Titan Wolverines** really enjoyed the trial and error aspects of the game. Their Innovation Project *"Shade Trees to Beat the Heat" focused on how their playground at Woodcrest has a need for shade trees and canopies to provide additional shade from the sun.*

The **Woodcrest Warriors** team was excited about their project, *"SPOTS - Solar Powered Overhead Transportation System" which is a monorail type transportation system that would be powered by solar energy and would run through Whiting Forest and other areas of Midland. For their robot, the team came together solving simple missions first, like pushing the blocks and then more complicated ones like dropping the crane.*

And congratulations to **Plymouth Elementary and the Plymouth Programming Pioneers** on their inaugural season! The Plymouth Programming Pioneers focused on teamwork and having fun. A true student-led team, they are especially proud of their Innovation Project *"Implementing a Wheelchair Swing at Miracle Field."* They look forward to funding this project through various donations and ultimately implementing it. They enjoyed building and programming their robot and they were able to complete the crane and bridge missions consistently.

Congratulations to the **Siebert Bulldog Builders, Woodcrest Cyclone Wolverines, Adams City Warriors** and **Siebert Binary Bulldogs** who have qualified for the Michigan State FIRST LEGO League Championship, which will be held next weekend in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Good luck to all the teams!



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MIDLAND HIGH FOCUS EDITORS EXPERIENCE THE NATION'S CAPITAL

From November 21-24, twelve editors from the **Midland High Focus** staff traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual convention of the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association. These Chemics editors attended many valuable sessions and saw some great sights in our Nation's Capital. Midland High Journalism Teacher, Jim Woehrle, also gave a presentation at a session during the conference. The students had a wonderful time and came away with greater journalistic insights and appreciation for the industry and our nation. The Chemics who attended were **Jenna Spencer, Hannah Woehrle, Noah Jacobson, Carter Hazen, Aleah Ward, Brady Woods, Jacob May, Caitlin Quinn, Mary Kent, Spencer Isberg, Lauren Revord, Rachel Applegate.**



Pictures of these amazing FLL Robotics teams are located on the next page of this Communiqué.



READY, SET, LEGO!



Central Park Beyond the Brick



Adams City Warriors



Adams Ultimate Builders



Plymouth Pioneer Programmers



Siebert Bulldog Builders



Siebert Binary Bulldogs



Kudos, Midland Public Schools'
FIRST Lego League Teams.
Way to represent MPS!
We are proud of you!



Woodcrest Cyclones



Woodcrest Warriors



Woodcrest Titan Wolverines

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, Soccer, Girls'	Midland HS	until filled
Coach, Head, Tennis	Midland HS	until filled
Coach, Assistant Track	HH Dow HS	until filled
Paraprofessional	Woodcrest ES	12/10//2019
Paraprofessional (two positions)	Chestnut Hill ES	until filled
Student Support Services	District	until filled
Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	until filled
Substitute Paraprofessional	District	ongoing
Teacher, Elementary	District	until filled
Teacher, Special Education	Northeast MS	until filled
Teacher, Special Education	Central Park ES	Until filled



2020-21 INCOMING 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Mark your calendar for these 9th Grade Orientation Dates



- **HH Dow High School** — Monday, January 20, 2020
(6:00 — Parents/guardians report to cafeteria; students report to main gym)
- **Midland High School** — Tuesday, January 21, 2020
(5:45 — International Baccalaureate Program Info)
(6:15 — Parent Program begins in Cafeteria)

**Don't Miss
9th Grade
Orientation!**

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>

MPS FLYER BOARDS

Have you checked out the **MPS Student or Community Flyer Boards** under the Community tab on the MPS website lately?

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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

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wise thought to ponder ...

"Our chief want is someone
who will inspire us to be
what we know we could be."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson.

