Superintendent’s Weekly Communiqué

September 14, 2015

Bond Projects

Summer Bond Projects Update:

Jefferson Middle School
⇒ Hot water heating boilers are installed and start-up will take place on or about September 14th.
⇒ Domestic boilers are installed, started and running for the start of school.
⇒ The chilled water loop is back on-line and operational.
⇒ All appropriate inspections have been completed for the start of school. Final Certificate of Occupancy will take place around October 1st.
⇒ Exterior glass, glazing and FRP door is installed and ready for punchlist.
⇒ All devices have been ordered for the building automation portion of the project. We are still anticipating a mid-September install.

Northeast Middle School
⇒ Hot water heating boilers are installed and start-up will take place on or about September 14th. Piping and breeching is on-going.
⇒ Domestic boilers are installed, started and running for the start of school.
⇒ All appropriate inspections have been completed for the start of school. Final Certificate of Occupancy will take place around October 1st.
⇒ Exterior glass, glazing and FRP door is installed and ready for punchlist.
⇒ All devices have been ordered for the building automation portion of the project. We are still anticipating a mid-September install.

Warehouse
⇒ The existing boiler has been removed, new concrete pad has been poured and the Mills boiler is scheduled to be moved next week. Start-up will take place on or about September 14th.
⇒ The unit heaters have been installed. Final connections and start-up will be scheduled prior to starting the boilers.

Portables Removal
⇒ All electrical and data wiring, concrete footings, misc. concrete walks, etc. have been removed. The sites have been fine graded, topsoiled and seeded.

Thank you … H. H. Dow High Front Sign Area Looks Marvelous!

Midland Public Schools is so fortunate to have such amazing volunteers who help in our schools in so many different ways. Thank you to the fabulous volunteers who worked so hard in intense heat recently to create a beautiful setting around the H. H. Dow High Sign. Charger community support above and beyond.

Thank you also to the Class of 2012 and their staff advisor (Jason Gehoski) for donating the resources to make this project possible.

The Redesigned SAT Parent Information Session
Thursday, October 8, 2015
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Central Auditorium

Sarah Thaler, Director of the Michigan SAT, College Board will present a brief session to inform Grade 9-11 parents of changes to the redesigned SAT Suite of Assessments. There will be a time for questions & answers. Contact Jenna Pacek (923-5027) for more information.

MPS Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for MPS Staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. http://midps.org/shiningstarform

Have questions or comments?
Click on the MPS Connect! icon on our website (www.midlandps.org) or call our office at 923-5026. Let’s Connect!

Danna Finney, Molly Kearney
Designed by Advanced Master Gardners
Sheryl Dorais and Jeanie Conley
Jennifer and Grace Glackin
Dow High parent and student
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Keep our students safe—this fall and all year long!

Ever wonder what the traffic laws are regarding school buses ... Here is a link to a great bus safety video created by the Muskegon Area ISD to remind us all as drivers how to keep kids safe. Please take a few moments to watch this important videoclip: https://shar.es/1vSb8C

Parent Information Committee (PIC) ... 2015-16

Wondering what this is ...

⇒ For about 15 years, we have had a group of MPS parents who meet monthly with district administrators about various MPS topics of interest.
⇒ As an MPS parent, YOU ARE INVITED!
⇒ Our first PIC meeting of this year is this Wednesday (September 16) from 12:00-1:00 at the MPS Administration Center (600 E. Carpenter).
⇒ For 2015-16 we will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12:00-1:00.
⇒ We realize it may work for parents to join us some months and not other months; that is just fine. We hope you will come when your schedule allows.
⇒ For more information, contact Cindy Young (923-5026 or youngcd@midlandps.org).

We hope to see you Wednesday at noon!

Eastlawn Elementary
Had Some Beautiful Visitors
Friday Morning

Thank you to this year’s Balloon Festival sponsors, hot air balloon pilots Mr. and Mrs. Strouse and “Captain Jack”, their crew and our very own staff members who helped keep the balloons steady!

What an exciting memory for Eastlawn students & staff!

Some Helpful

⇒ For parent access to Home Access Center, click here: https://hac.mps.k12.mi.us/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fHomeAccess and follow the directions. Parents will have different login information than their child(ren).
⇒ Transportation routes and schedules can be found here: https://www.midlandps.org/SiteAssets/Transportation/2015-2016BusSchedule.pdf
⇒ Free/Reduced Lunch information: Even if you received free or reduced lunch for the 2014-15 school year, you still need to fill out a new form for the 2015-16 school year. Benefit reset will occur October 20, 2015. If you have not filled out a 2015-16 form, your student will be charged at full pay after that date! Forms are available on line and in our schools. https://fs.midlandps.org/

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Our Great Lakes Bay Region has been named one of 27 communities in the nation as a STEM Ecosystem. Want to know more? Log in to the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance STEM website for more info. www.stempipeline.com

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