Siebert Elementary Principal Moves Out of State
Interim Principal is named

Siebert Principal Susan Johnson has announced that she will be moving out of state with her family in mid-October. We wish Dr. Johnson all the best and send with her our sincere appreciation for her service to the students, families, staff and community of Siebert Elementary School as well as for all she has done for our District through the years. Who could forget last October when Dr. Johnson was taped to a wall after students met their Walk-a-Thon goal. Best wishes Dr. Johnson. You will be missed!

District leadership has determined that given the short timeline before Dr. Johnson’s departure and that the school year is already underway, the best course of action is to appoint an interim principal. This will allow the district to take some time to determine the best long-range plan for Siebert.

Paul Schroll, Jefferson Middle School Assistant Principal, has been chosen to fill the Principal of Siebert position on an interim basis. Mr. Schroll has been with the District for 15 years and as a full-time Administrator for the past 12 years. When asked about Mr. Schroll’s administrative style, he stated, “My administrative style demonstrates dedication to fostering a positive learning environment for all students while maximizing individual student performance.”

The District is in the process of determining how best to fill the duties of the Assistant Principal at Jefferson Middle School. A decision will be made in the very near future.

A Delegation of Educators from China Visiting MPS

From September 20 through October 2, Midland Public Schools, in partnership with SVSU, is hosting eight educators from Chongqing, China. Five high school teachers and three elementary teachers have been visiting classrooms, talking with teachers and administrators, and taking in local cultural sites. Other members of the Chongqing delegation are visiting Bay City Public Schools, Bay Arenac Career Center and Frankenmuth Public Schools.

In mid-October, we will have a group of MPS teachers travel to China in a reciprocal visit.

This wonderful exchange is made possible through a grant from The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.

Congratulations to Physical Education Teacher, Diane Sugnet Recipient of the 2015 Bob Stoppert Coach of the Year Award

Diane is a committed PE teacher. She works with students from our very youngest learners at Eastlawn Elementary to our high school age learners at Midland High.

Mrs. Sugnet has been a hard working, dedicated, successful coach for more than 30 years. Her record speaks for itself. From the September 22, 2015 Midland Daily News, “Sugnet has guided the Midland High School girls’ track and field program to 10 Saginaw Valley League championships and two regional championships in her 24 years as the head coach, and the Chemics have not lost a dual meet or tri-meet since 1998.”

This prestigious award is in honor of a very special man, Bob Stoppert who was a dedicated Midland High teacher, football and baseball coach for many years.

Mrs. Sugnet is the 11th recipient of this impressive award and the first woman ever to receive it.

Congratulations Teacher/Coach Diane Sugnet. We are proud of you!

MPS Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS staff member today. http://midps.org/shiningstarform
“Jump with Jill” Coming to Carpenter Street School

On October 16 from 9-10 a.m. a fun, high energy, good health inspiring live tour rock and roll nutrition show called “Jump with Jill” is coming to Carpenter. Parents … mark your calendar for this exciting event and come and be part of the fun. Check out this link: http://www.jumpwithjill.com/30secondspot/

MPS is so fortunate to have many wonderful community partners

The Alden B. Dow Home and Studio is one such partner

Did you know that the AB Dow Home staff hosts the Young Writers Studio once a month from October through May where our middle school students gather, write and share writing ideas with their peers in this inspiring, unique and colorful venue.

The AB Dow also hosts the HH Dow High and Midland High International Baccalaureate Theory of Knowledge (ToK) classes—HHD goes once a week in the fall, and MHS goes once a week in the spring. It’s a wonderful opportunity for our students to apply the concepts they study in ToK to real-life situations involving Mr. Dow and his architecture work, his family, the Dow Chemical Corporation, and the Midland community in general. The students love being able to access the unique resources of the AB Dow Home and Studio.

In addition, the AB Dow Home hosts many classroom field trips and other school-related events.

Thank you to Director Craig McDonald and his staff for their commitment to education and allowing our students to experience first hand this important piece of Midland history.

The Redesigned SAT Parent Information Session

Thursday, October 8
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 and answers.

Contact Jenna Pacek (923-5027)

The Marching Band Showcase is Wednesday, October 7, at the Midland Community Stadium.

Here is the line-up:
6:00 Ogemaw Heights
6:15 Farwell
6:30 Swan Valley
6:45 John Glenn
7:00 Bullock Creek
7:15 Bay City Central
7:30 Essexville Garber
7:45 Meridian
8:00 City Western
8:15 Midland High
8:30 Dow High

Admission (at the gate):
• $5—adults
• $2—non-performing students
• Free—senior citizens 65 & older

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