2015 Great Lakes Bay Bot Bash!

The 2nd annual FIRST Robotics Great Lakes Bay Bot Bash will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Saturday, October 10** at H.H. Dow High School.

Come and cheer on the local high school robotics teams during this fun, high-energy competition. Both Dow and Midland High Schools will be among the teams competing.

**Admission is FREE and open to students of all ages, parents, and community members. Don’t miss it!**

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We received a phone call this week from a community member asking us to remind students and parents to bicycle safely and have lights on their bikes, especially when it is dark in the morning. The caller remarked on how unsafe it is for bike riders to be on the roadways without lights. Please encourage your child to ride safely!

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5 Minutes to Spare: Elementary School

Building patience, a love of reading and healthy eating habits are all tips included in this video on supporting your elementary school student’s overall development. Check it out! [https://vimeo.com/138020462](https://vimeo.com/138020462)

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We thank the Midland High School Student Council, Drum Line, and Cheer Team for volunteering at the Community Colors 5K run, sponsored by the United Way of Midland County, on Saturday, September 12. The Chemics encouraged the 5K participants by cheering them on, playing music, and passing out water. (This photo shows one of the two water stations MHS volunteers ran during this fun event.)

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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!

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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](http://midps.org/shiningstarform)

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International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme In Action Update

2015-16 began year three of our PYP Journey. We are excited to be entering our Authorization Year for our Phase One schools (Adams, Woodcrest, Chestnut Hill and Plymouth). These schools submitted their application for authorization this fall.

The Phase Two schools (Carpenter, Eastlawn and Siebert) submitted their applications for Candidacy in April 2015 and have been accepted as PYP Candidate Schools. Their journey continues with the Candidacy Phase.

We look forward to another great year learning and teaching within the PYP framework, which is made up of these five essential elements:

- **Knowledge**
- **Concepts**
- **Attitudes**
- **Skills**
- **Action**

We appreciate your support!
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Fun Vehicle Part of Chartwells Nutritious Message/Meal Team

Here is a graphic image of the food truck that you will see around town. “Lil Foodie” will offer nutrition education and healthy packaged meals throughout the community and district year round.

Chartwells Takes 2nd Place in Chili Taste-off

Matt Severson from Chartwells (our MPS food service provider) entered the Chili and Salsa Taste-off in downtown Midland on Saturday, September 26. Matt and Chartwells received the Judge’s Choice 2nd Place award! The chili Matt made and served was one of the recipes made in the Chartwells’ kitchens.

Congratulations Matt and Chartwells. We are proud of you!

Exciting October MPS Events …

철은 Marching Band Showcase is Wednesday, October 7, at the Midland Community Stadium. The first band begins at 6:00 with the Chemic band at 8:15 and the Charger band at 8:30. Admission (at the gate):
• $5 adults
• $2 non-performing students
• Free senior citizens 65 & older

Jefferson Middle School Nature Trail & Outdoor Classroom ribbon cutting and reception October 13 at 2:00 p.m.
H. H. Dow High’s fall play, “The Insanity of Mary Girard,” will be performed October 15-17 at the Central Auditorium. Curtain time is 7:00 with an additional show on the 17th at 3:00. Tickets will be on sale during the lunch hours and at the door.
Elementary Fun Run at Stratford Woods—Friday, October 9 beginning at 4:45 p.m.
High School conferences: Wednesday, October 21 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Grade 5 Spanish Elementary Fiesta is Friday, October 30 at Jefferson Middle School 6:30 p.m.