October 12, 2015

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 was September 16. We were excited to see more than 25 parents join us!
⇒ For 2015-16 we will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12:00-1:00.

Our October meeting will be Wednesday, October 21.

⇒ 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 on October 21 at noon at the MPS Administration Center (600 E. Carpenter)

Dow High’s Drama production of “The Insanity of Mary Girard” will be performed at the Central Auditorium October 15, 16, 17 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available during the lunch hours, after school and at the door. Ticket prices are $8 for students and seniors; $12 for adults.

Come and support these talented Charger thespians.

Jefferson Middle School is celebrating their beautiful new Nature Trail and Outdoor Classroom with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 2:00 p.m. Please join Jefferson staff and students at this event and experience autumn on the Nature Trail with cider and donuts to follow.

Thank you to all of the MPS staff and students who so graciously hosted our recent visitors from China who were here for two weeks. This photo of the MHS homecoming court with our Chinese guests was just one of the wonderful memories they will treasure and remember for many years to come!

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!

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 at http://midps.org/shiningstarform

Did you know that October is National Principals Month?

October is set aside each year as National Principals Month to recognize the essential role that principals play in student achievement and student success.

Our principals are dedicated to each and every MPS child; they are selfless servants whose every decision begins with the question … is this best for children?

As you enter your child’s school, please take a moment to say thank you to the dedicated leader of your school.
Senior Jonathan Haynes was presented with a $10,000 college scholarship and an iPad from Nordstrom. Members of Jonathan’s family, nominator/teacher Becky King and representatives from Nordstrom surprised Jonathan with the award in his Calculus class on September 29.  

*Congratulations Jonathan!*

Kudos to the Dow High Volleyball Program who hosted their Annual Volley for a Cure on Tuesday, October 6.

The Midland High Equestrian team became Regional champions recently. The team won 22 first place ribbons and placed in all but one of their 42 events. They also had the highest points in the entire region, even against those with twice as many riders. This is the first time in ten years that MHS has made it to finals. *Good Luck at States!*

Jefferson Middle School – New Robotics Team! Jefferson has a new FTC (First Tech Challenge) team, which is a FIRST robotics competition for middle schoolers. This year the challenge is called FIRST Res-Q Challenge. Jefferson's FTC team has just received their robot kit and are working hard to get ready for the competition. Their goal is to learn more about robots, programming, working as a team, and of course, they hope to have lots of fun.

#1 ranked Dow High girls’ golf team won the Division 2 Regional #8 at Emerald Golf Course in St. Johns. This is the 3rd consecutive Regional Championship for the girls’ team and coach Doug Bradford. Stephanie Carras was the Regional Medalist. *Good Luck at States!*

**“pearls” of wisdom ...**

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”  
— Abraham Lincoln

“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.”  
— Rosa Parks

**Does your child qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch?**

**THE BENEFIT RESET DATE IS LOOMING!!!**

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/](https://fs.midlandps.org/)

Please direct questions to Chartwells, our MPS food service provider, at 923-6841.

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