Superintendent’s Weekly Communiqué

October 19, 2015

MPS FIESTA HISPANA

¿Quién?: All 5th grade students with parents/guardians
¿Cuándo?: Friday, October 30 (When) begins at 6:30 pm ends around 9:00 pm
¿Dónde?: Jefferson Middle School (Where?)
¿Por qué?: To give students the free opportunity to interact with Hispanics in our community and try Hispanic dances, foods and crafts

Dow High Soccer Players Share Their Sport as TOPSoccer Buddies

Kudos to the DHS Soccer players who recently served as “Buddies” for young soccer players with special needs. This very special TOPSoccer program reaches out to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer in a safe, secure environment to any child (age 5-19) who has a disability.

What a great way for our students to share their love and expertise for this sport with these young athletes.

Kudos to the MHS Pom squad and their coach Katie Stearns for providing the leadership and spirit for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on Saturday morning (10/17). Another way our amazing MPS students are making a difference in the Midland Community!

On Wednesday, October 14, former Cook Elementary staff, students and parents gathered on a beautiful fall evening and shared cherished memories of their Cook Cougar days before the building is razed this winter.

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. http://midps.org/shiningstarform

No doubt our high school families have been hearing about this event for the past few weeks, but for our elementary and middle school families, this Friday (October 23) at 7 p.m. is this year’s Dow High vs. Midland High Varsity football game at Midland Community Stadium.

Come and be part of this exciting evening and watch the athletes compete, the students in the stands cheer, the bands march, the cheerleaders/pom squads perform and so much more.

The stadium will be electric. Don’t miss it!

The 2nd issue of Our Schools for 2015-16 will be published as an 8-page color insert in the Sunday, October 25, Midland Daily News; it will also be available on the MPS website.

MPS Public Schools World Language

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MPS has such amazing community partners!

Thank you to the Chemical Bank employee volunteers for painting, sprucing up the front lawn and clearing out weeds at Siebert on their recent Day of Caring! Your help is sincerely appreciated!

Congratulations to our October Shining Stars:

Lou Ann Bensinger, Curriculum Specialist
Amy Hutchinson, Assistant Principal, Midland High

These dedicated, hard working MPS staff members are being recognized at tonight’s board meeting. Thank you Lou Ann and Amy for going above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students!

Please keep the Shining Star nominations coming in. We have many, many dedicated, hard working employees. Please take a moment to let us know why you think an MPS staff member is a Shining Star! Here is a link to the nomination form: http://midps.org/shiningstarform

Are you the parent of a child in 8-10th grade wondering about the benefits for your child to take part in the International Baccalaureate program?

The Saginaw Township Community Schools are hosting a program entitled, “International Baccalaureate: The benefits of Adding IB to your Student’s Resume!’ on Tuesday, October 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Sherwood School Theater (3870 Shattuck—corner of Mackinaw & Shattuck Roads) in Saginaw. After a keynote speaker, a panel of admissions experts from colleges across the State of Michigan will discuss IB and advanced study. The evening will include a time for questions and answers. A flyer has been posted on our flyer board for more information: http://midps.org/community-flyers/

Upcoming district calendar items...

10/21: High school evening conferences
10/30: Grade 5 Spanish Fiesta 6:30-9:00
11/03: PD Day—No School
11/11: Middle school evening conferences
11/12: Elementary conferences afternoon & evening (elem. students only half day)
11/12-14: MHS performs To Kill a Mockingbird
11/13: End of marking period
11/21: Midland Santa Parade
11/25: Afternoon records day for teacher (half day for all students)
11/26-27: Thanksgiving break—no school

Does your child qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch?

THE BENEFIT RESET DATE IS TOMORROW—OCTOBER 20!!!!!

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/

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

“pearls” of wisdom...

“The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you find yourself.”
— Mark Caine

“If you want to achieve excellence, you can get there today. As of this second, quit doing less-than-excellent work.”
— Thomas J. Watson