I wish you and your family an abundance of reasons to be thankful this year. Have a wonderful, memorable Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends!

Thank you to the more than 560 who completed our survey last week regarding the new STEM elementary school.

We appreciate your feedback and will take the results of the survey and the more than 175 comments we received into consideration as we decide on the new STEM elementary name, tagline and mascot. Such an exciting time for Midland Public Schools. Thank you Voters!

Thank you to these Carpenter Crusaders for doing a wonderful presentation at the Monday, November 16 Board of Education meeting. They presented information about Carpenter’s IB-Primary Years Programme as well as Carpenter Leaders’ Action from the Heart, which is a collaboration between their Student Council and their Everyday Heroes program. The Carpenter presenters were: Jeff Lauer, Carpenter Principal; Teachers Barbara Jacques, Chelsea Sauve, Emily Scharnott, Jennifer Servoss, Rebecca Stem; and students Ben Root, Samantha Binkley, Sydney Cluff, Katherine Potts, Zachary Keinath, Makenna Weihl. Well done Carpenter Crusaders!

Charge Into STEM Winter Camp! Students ages 7 -12 are invited to join Dow High’s Robotics Team 2619 for an exciting day of interactive, educational activities on Saturday, December 5. Camp will be held at the Franklin Robotics Center in Midland from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers will explore science, technology, engineering and math through fun activities. To register, send an email to sparky@the-charge.com or find camp information at the Team 2619 team web site: www.the-charge.com.

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
CULTURAL EVENING A SUCCESS!

Last week, a Cultural Evening for all MPS elementary students was hosted by four Dow High IB-CAS (creativity/action/service) students. IB students are required to do a project to earn an IB diploma. This fun culture night at Adams had 15 different countries represented with posters and artifacts. Many of the presenters dressed in traditional clothing. A fun, memorable evening was enjoyed by all.

Midland Public Schools has such amazing community partners. Great Lakes Safety Training Center (GLSTC) is one such partner. Thank you GLSTC for your recent donation of a table saw, hand drills, a ladder and other tools for the MPS Building Trades program. Teacher Kevin Dodick commented, “These drills are a great addition to update our equipment and to show students the best tools out there. With 27 students in a class we get a lot of use out of the drills and they are used on a daily basis.”

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“pearls” of wisdom ...

“Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are.” – Joyce Giraud

“Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving.” – Amy Grant

Congratulations to the 2015 Midland High Girls’ Volleyball team for winning the District title and representing MPS so well at regionals recently!

Kudos to the DHS Girls’ swim team for a great season and for representing MPS so well at States last weekend!

First graders in Kim Noey’s class at Plymouth wrote thank you letters to veterans in honor of Veteran’s Day. Inspiration for the letters came from classroom read-a-louds and the Learner Profile attributes and attitudes of the PYP. The letters will be mailed overseas in care boxes through the Aaron’s Gifts from Home organization.

The Midland Santa Holiday Parade on Saturday was a wintery, fun, festive event. Even though the high school bands couldn’t march this year because of the weather, MPS was well represented. Thank you to all of the staff and students who marched and represented MPS so well!