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**Superintendent’s Weekly Communiqué**

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Congratulations to **Dow High Senior, Madeline Davis**, for designing the logo that was chosen to represent a Midland information technologies firm—Linked Technologies Inc. This was an even more exciting endeavor given that Linked Technologies’ President, Jim Mahoney, is an alumnus of H. H. Dow High School.

Congratulations to **DHS Teacher Curt Gledhill** and to all of the Commercial Art students who participated in this great community partnership!

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**Important Upcoming calendar dates**

- **January 18**  
  No School  
  (Martin Luther King Day)
- **January 26, 27, 28**  
  Final exams at high schools  
  (high schools have exam schedules; middle & elementary schools follow their regular school day schedule)
- **January 28**  
  End of 1st semester
- **January 29**  
  No school  
  (Records day for teachers)
- **February 1**  
  Beginning of 2nd semester

2016-17 Kindergarten Enrollment Plans are Underway!

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2016 please plan to attend a parent orientation meeting at your child’s school.

If you know of a neighbor and/or friend’s child who would qualify, please pass on this information. Thank you!

- **January 27:** 6:00 p.m. Woodcrest
- **February 2:** 5:30 p.m. Chestnut Hill, Eastlawn, Plymouth
- **February 2:** 6:00 p.m. Carpenter, Siebert
- **February 3:** 5:30 p.m. Adams

These members of Ms. Kerr’s IB/AP Advanced Biology 1 class from Midland High posed for a photo after completing an activity modeling cell-signaling transduction pathways. This helped students answer the question, “How is it that cells communicate with one another in multicellular organisms?”

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When you are seeking information about the bond projects: current, completed and upcoming, check out the bond projects page on the MPS website: https://new.midlandps.org/bond-proj/

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

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Kudos to the Advanced Marketing classes at Dow High who broke all records from the past 19 years when they donated $8,800 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation this holiday season. The DHS students created a product or service and worked with Northwood University students to create a slogan and advertising campaign for their products. The students marketed, sold and kept financial records for their businesses. All profits received were donated to Make-A-Wish. The Advanced Marketing students would like to thank the Midland Community for their support.

Midland High welding students Brady Brown, Sabrina Ross, and Ries Van Der Grijn sold snowflake ornaments before Christmas at MHS. The Welding Club sold 240 snowflakes in 2014 totaling over $1,000 and were on track to sell 200 in 2015. Proceeds will help offset entry fees for welding competitions.

Culture Clothes Day at Adams
Friday, January 8, was a special day at Adams Elementary—Culture Clothes Day. This great day was suggested by Abdullah Jawed, Levi Haines, Nik Pavledes and Zach Steger, 3rd graders in Mrs. Griffin’s class after they read, If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island. They felt that doing this as an action plan would promote opportunities to “learn about different countries or states and it would be nice to see people wearing their traditional clothes.” Students and staff were encouraged to wear clothes that represented their cultural heritage, the state they are from, or a culture they love or have visited.

What a special day for students and staff to be proud of their heritage and share it with others.

More Midland High Kudos!
- KIVA Club had a very successful 2015 year of lending. This group was able to lend out $1,000, changing 40 lives. They look forward to an even greater 2016 year for KIVA.
- MHS Chemics had an incredibly successful Adopt-A-Family fundraising drive. The MHS third hour classes raised $1,729 and provided gifts for 13 Chemic families.

Eastlawn and Carpenter Elementary held a holiday family film night in mid-December
Students and their families were treated to pizza, popcorn, and other treats while watching “Frosty the Snowman” and “The Grinch.” Students were able to earn prizes based on their attendance leading up to the event. This fun night was made possible by a generous donation from the Midland Contemporary Review Club and gave families an opportunity to take a night off of cooking and enjoy time together during the busy holiday season.

Are you interested in finding out about our 4-year-old preschool program for 2016-17? Attend the Preschool Orientation on Tuesday, February 2 from 5:30-6:30 at Adams Elementary.