June 6, 2016

**A Memorable Speaker Brings Memorial Day to Life for MHS Students**

Ana Geib and Amy Guzman’s English classes at Midland High School were honored to receive Pvt. 4th class specialist David Salogar, a Vietnam veteran. Mr. Salogar told a spellbound sophomore audience about his experiences fighting with the 101st Airborne. Ms. Geib and Ms. Guzman’s classes are reading *Fallen Angels*, by Walter Dean Myers. Mr. Salogar brought the Vietnam-themed novel to life telling anecdotes, showing mementos, and passing around photographs. It was a very special experience so close to Memorial Day. We are thankful for all of our veterans’ service!

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**H. H. Dow High School and Northeast Middle School Achieves Level 1 Certification in Marzano High Reliability Schools**

The high reliability school (HRS) program was created by Marzano Research to help transform schools into organizations that take proactive steps to ensure student success. Using a research-based five-level hierarchy, along with leading and lagging indicators, educators learn to assess, monitor, and confirm the effectiveness of their schools. This framework (based on 40 years of educational research) defines five progressive levels of performance that a school must master to become an HRS—where all students learn the content and skills they need for success in college, careers, and beyond. Schools must collect data and validate their performance to climb each level of the hierarchy. Certification is determined by Marzano analysts in cooperation with school data teams.

**Congratulations to H. H. Dow High and Northeast Middle School on this very impressive achievement!**

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**DARE DAY AT DOW DIAMOND CELEBRATES 2015-16 5TH GRADE DARE GRADUATES**

Thank you to Chief Block, Midland City Police Chief; MPS SRO Officers Mahabir and Davis; DARE officers; the DARE Board and everyone involved in planning and carrying out the May 25 DARE Day at Dow Diamond for Midland County 5th Grade students. Games, lunch, memorable activities and more were all part of this great day celebrating 5th grade DARE Graduates!

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**Congratulations to John Streeter, named H. H. Dow High Athletic Director**

Mr. Streeter joined our MPS team in 2013 as an assistant football coach at Dow High bringing with him 15 years of coaching and PE teaching experience from Merrill Community Schools. In 2014 he was hired as a physical education teacher at HH Dow High teaching Health and Wellness and Lifelong Activities for Grade 9-12 students. Mr. Streeter holds his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Alma College and his Master of Education Degree from SVSU. In his new role, Mr. Streeter will spend .5 of his day as the DHS AD and .5 of this day in the physical education classroom.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes, Mr. Streeter!**

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**This year’s Elementary Track Meet is TODAY beginning at 4:30 at the H. H. Dow High Track.**

Come and cheer on our young MPS student athletes!
On May 28, Midland High School students won 3rd place in the top division of the American Computer Science League (ACSL) All-Star contest, beating top schools from the US, Canada, Romania, Croatia, China, Korea, and Egypt.

Competing team members were seniors Max Dykhuizen and Jordan Smith, as well as juniors Hannah Striebel, Nicky Billovits, and Matthew Lile. The team was coached by computer science teacher Robert Fox.

In the computer programming portion of the competition, teams were given six problems to be solved by writing computer code. The team had three computers and three hours to collaboratively solve the problems. Midland High posted the top score in the world in programming, earning 58 out of 60 possible points.

In the written portion of the contest, students were given one hour to solve 12 computer science-based math problems involving topics such as binary, graph theory, and digital logic. Midland High earned 43 out of 60 points for a total competition score of 101.

Individually, Smith and Lile earned awards for having perfect scores in the regular season of ACSL, and Dykhuizen was awarded as a top scorer on the All-Star written test. Second place was won by Poolesville High School from Montgomery County, MD, and first place was won by XV Gimnazija, a computer science prep school in Croatia.

The competition was held at Nashua High School South in Nashua, NH.

Photo (left to right): Matthew Lile, Jordan Smith, Hannah Striebel, Max Dykhuizen, Nicky Billovits

Dow High senior, Ayana Terauchi, held the principal chair in Symphonic Band, and Symphony Orchestra since her freshman year, and principal chair in Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra for the last two years. She has won two national competitions: 1st prize in MTNA Senior Woodwind National Competition held in Las Vegas, and 1st prize and best performance of a newly commissioned work at the National Flute Association High School Soloist Competition in Washington, D.C. Ayana was recently named a quarter-finalist in the National Flute Association Young Artist Competition for performers up to the age of 30. Fifteen quarter-finalists were selected based on their recordings of four pieces. (Many of the other semi-finalists are completing master or doctoral degrees!) There will be three live-performance elimination rounds at the national convention this summer in San Diego. She currently studies flute with Amy Porter at the University of Michigan.

The Midland High Meistersingers’ annual spring tour took them to our neighbor to the north – Canada! The group had a wonderful time touring Niagara Falls on the way to Toronto. In Toronto they were able to perform right in the Panasonic Theater prior to seeing the show “Forever Plaid.” They also performed at the Ontario Science Center in the Great Hall for an appreciative crowd. In addition they went to the jousting show at Medieval Times and toured the Kensington Market area and Chinatown.

Free Summer Meals are once again offered for all children age 18 and under in our community at the Curling Center, Plymouth Park, Eastlawn Elementary, Plymouth Elementary and Gerstacker Spray Park. Go to the MPS Flyer Board for more info: http://midps.org/cf

A wonderful time was had by all!

The 2016 Distinguished Service Awards nomination window is now open (til July 1). Do you know an MPS paraprofessional, manager, office professional, administrative assistant, bus driver, technician, grounds or maintenance worker who goes above and beyond to make a difference for MPS students? If so, visit the MPS website (www.midlandps.org) for more information and the 2016 Nomination Form. Nominate an MPS support person today! (Sorry, teachers and administrators not eligible for this award).
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“pearls” of wisdom ...

“It is far better to be alone, than to be in bad company.”
—George Washington

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”
—George Washington Carver

“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”
—George Bernard Shaw

Great Things from Northeast Middle School!

Vikings for Friendship planted purple and orange flowers in front of Northeast. The flowers represent anti-violence and are a reminder to think before you act and that things you say have a permanent impact, positive or negative. Consider this quote by an unknown author, “Don’t make a permanent decision based on a temporary emotion.” Remember that you have more choices than you think you have. Keep seeking the next option.

Viking Leadership/Student Council

On May 10, Viking Leadership hosted an open house for incoming 6th graders. The new students participated in a scavenger hunt, toured the building, worked on opening lockers, were able to purchase Northeast apparel, and some even got lucky and won items from a raffle. Kudos, Viking Leadership/Student Council members!

On May 24 MPS hosted a teacher job fair. Approximately 400 applicants came to speak with MPS administrators in the hope of securing a second interview for the 40-45 teaching positions open for the 2016-17 school year. Best wishes to all!

Some Midland High Kudos!

- Congrats to Nate Haut, Matt Schaffer and Will Hackbarth for winning first place in the Junior Stockholm Water Competition. Best wishes at Nationals in North Carolina!
- Congrats to the Boys’ Golf team for being SVL Champs
- Congrats to the Girls’ Softball team for being SVL Champs
- Congrats to the Lady Chemic Track team for an undefeated season, being Regional Champs and SVL Champs!

A great opportunity—FREE SAT Practice Test for students in Grades 10-12 in the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Youth Services Area on June 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Registration is required! Space is limited.

Call Youth Services 837-3466 to register.

Dow High recently hosted a Parents 411 evening for incoming 9th Grade families. The session, led by Dawn Moulthrop and Ric Shahin, was very well attended and focused on parents getting all questions asked and answered before high school begins for their son/daughter.

The Young Entrepreneur’s Academy (YEA!) 2015-16 graduation celebration was held on May 25 at the Griswold Center on the Northwood University Campus. What an exciting year for these young entrepreneurs!

Do you know a middle or high school student between 11-18 years of age interested in finding out what it takes to start their own business? The Midland Area Chamber of Commerce is taking applications for the 2016-17 YEA! class. For more information, go to the MPS Flyer Board http://midps.org/cf or contact Lindsay Rotarius at Midland Area Chamber of Commerce at 839-9901 or by email at lrotarius@macc.org.