TO BE PART OF THE
2016-17 MPS PIC
(PARENT INFORMATION COMMITTEE)

Our Midland Public Schools’ Parent Information Committee has been meeting for more than 15 years. This committee is chaired by the MPS Superintendent to share information and keep lines of communication open with our parents.

For the 2016-17 school year, the PIC group will meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:00-1:00 at the MPS Administration Center.

Participants are welcome to bring their lunch or we will be happy to order a staff lunch from our Chartwells Food Service, which the parent can pay for when they arrive for the PIC meeting.

PIC participants are welcome to come every month or just the months when their schedule allows.

Topics for discussion are always timely and thought provoking. Some of the topics covered last year were: STEM Strategic Plan, bond project updates, assessments, food service, IB Primary Years Programme, robotics and much, much more.

If you are interested in being part of 2016-17 PIC, please complete this very brief form: FILL OUT FORM

2016-17 MPS CALENDAR LINKS:

- First Day of School for 2016-17 school year: Tuesday, September 6

Elementary offices will officially open next week (August 22) for 2016-17. School office phone #’s are listed on page 2 of this Communique.

Your Child’s 2016-17 Teacher(s) ...

Elementary teacher assignments will be e-mailed to families on August 29.

Middle and High School student schedules available as follows:
- JMS: August 30—Orientation
- NMS: August 24—Schedule Pick Up
- DHS: August 29—Schedule Walk
- MHS: August 29—Schedule Pick Up and Freshman Chemic Kick Off

Check your school’s website for specific times and details.
Thursday, August 4, was a celebration of summer learning for students at Eastlawn Elementary School!

Students held a STEM Extravaganza for parents, families and community members!

Students shared their learning of science, technology, engineering and math through the PYP transdisciplinary theme: How the World Works.

In addition to sharing experiments, learning experiences and field trip adventures, students talked about all of their inspiring guest readers and shared their reflection journals with visitors.

A wonderful luncheon was shared by all that attended!

Summer extension students at Eastlawn had a wonderful STEM and PYP learning experience this summer. Many students shared that they can’t wait to attend next year!

Interested in being a financial supporter of Central Park Elementary’s STEM Playground areas?

The Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF) is granting $50,000 toward a creative playground project for Central Park Elementary that is slated to open just one year from now. In addition to the $50,000 grant, MACF has a goal of raising $50,000 via community donations and providing a 2-to-1 match for donations up to $100,000 total. Gifts of $50 or more will allow donors to have their name permanently engraved on one of three large donor walls paying tribute to famous names in STEM. "Every gift is matched two to one, meaning $10 becomes $30, $500 becomes $1,500," said Sharon Mortensen, MACF President & CEO. "This is an excellent way to support our future students, be involved in your community and help build a playground worthy of our new school." Those interested in giving a gift have a couple of donations options:

- cash or check to: Midland Area Community Foundation, 76 Ashman Circle, Midland, MI 48640. OR
- online at www.midlandfoundation.org

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."
— Vince Lombardi

“Desire is the key to motivation, but it’s determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal—a commitment to excellence—that will enable you to attain the success you seek.”
— Mario Andretti