Thank you to the hot air balloonists who came to our elementary buildings on Friday morning to share their majestic balloons and their love of these exciting “flying machines” with MPS students.

These beautiful photos are from the balloonists who visited Eastlawn and Plymouth!

On Friday, Plymouth Pioneers wore YELLOW to celebrate “FRIENDSHIP.” The idea of this day was from our wonderful mental health organization community partners.

Pioneers were encouraged to make a new friend, invite someone new to play and be caring to each other.
Parent Information Committee (PIC) …

An Invitation to MPS Parents

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: budget, STEM Strategic Plan, bond project updates, assessments, food service, IB Primary Years Programme, school security, special education, school calendar, student achievement data, and much, much more.

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

FILL OUT FORM

Thank you for considering being part of this committee!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library!

If you or your child need a library card for the public library, now is the perfect opportunity to get one! With a card, you and your child have access to many electronic and print resources. The electronic resources can be accessed by students for assignments both during and after the school day only if they have a card. Stop by your child’s school office to pick up an application. Students can also get an application from their school library. Please remember that: residency rules apply, the form needs to be returned directly to the public library (child and parent must both be present), and a photo ID with current address is required as proof of residency.

Midland Public Schools would like to thank Grace A. Dow Memorial Library for their partnership in supporting our MPS family.

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 ...," 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.

Quotes by Henry Ford

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

“One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn’t do.”

“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”