PLYMOUTH, WOODCREST & CENTRAL AUDITORIUM (PHASE II) CONSTRUCTION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN ...

WE ARE SO EXCITED!

The Central Auditorium as well as Plymouth & Woodcrest project bids were approved by the MPS Board of Education on January 16:

Central Auditorium — Phase II (work begins this spring)
- In August 2016, Board members approved Phase I auditorium renovations, which included mechanical, electrical, masonry work ... in other words the stuff we don’t see when we go into the Auditorium to enjoy a performance
- The Phase II bids just approved are for entrances, painting, stage equipment, theatrical seating, electrical stage lighting, acoustical upgrades, enhanced AV/technology & more

Plymouth & Woodcrest Renovations (work begins this spring)
- Secure entrances, addition of a new gymnasium and a new cafeteria, retrofit current media center to STEM maker space, retrofit current gym to media center, HVAC upgrades, building controls & management system, electrical, painting, flooring, asbestos abatement, enhanced AV systems, technology, infrastructure, exterior improvements including roofing, pavement, sidewalks & more

Secure Entrances—Adams, Chestnut Hill, Siebert, Jefferson, Northeast, DHS, MHS
- Bids for secure entrances will go to the MPS Board of Education on March 20.
- The scope of the secure entry construction work to be done at each individual school will determine when the work will begin—early or late spring or summer. Once the bids have been awarded, we plan to hit the ground running!

BE READY … YOUR SCHOOL IS ABOUT TO BECOME A CONSTRUCTION ZONE!

Dow High’s Ashton Brooks and her mother, April, were invited to join Representative Gary Glenn at a private reception in Governor Snyder’s office before his State of the State address last week. Ashton then joined Rep. Glenn on the House floor for the Governor’s speech. Ashton, you may remember, was the Dow High Varsity football team’s kicker this past football season. mLive quoted Ashton as saying, “The visit meant more to me than words can account for. Representatives are only allowed to bring one guest to the floor, so the fact that Rep. Gary Glenn chose me to be that person, in itself is something to look up to.” (photo courtesy of mLive) Kudos Ashton for representing Midland Public Schools so admirably!
On Friday, January 13, MPS students participated in the 44th Annual Midland County Snow Sculpture Contest at Midland City Forest. The students did a great job with their wonderful glacial creations even though their sculptures were more ice than snow because of weather conditions.

Congratulations to these high school teams:
- First place and People’s Choice: Bird in the Hand (HHDow High)
- Second Place: Beatific Busker (Midland High)
- Honorable Mention: Ursula is not my Mom (mermaid) – HHDow High

Congratulations to these middle school teams:
- Second Place: Gary the Snail (Jefferson)
- Third Place: The Artist (Northeast)
- Honorable Mention: Gayla’s Hippio (Northeast)

Here are some fun, chilly memories from this year’s Snow Sculpture Contest …

Thank you to HH Dow High Art Teacher, Curt Gledhill, for organizing this great event!

At the Monday, January 16, MPS Board of Education Organizational Meeting, President Angela Brandstadt conducted the Ceremonial Oath of Office with recently elected Board members (from left to right) Brad Blasy, Scott McFarland, Lynn Baker and Mary Fredell. These Board members were elected by MPS voters in November for a four-year term of office. Thank you Mr. Blasy, Mr. McFarland, Ms. Baker and Ms. Fredell for your service to MPS students, staff, families and community!

Mark your calendar for these important dates!
To ALL Midland Public Schools parents/guardians,

The official eSchoolPlus Family App is now available for both **Apple and Android** devices.


To use the application on your phone or mobile device, you must be registered in Home Access Center. If you are not registered in Home Access Center (HAC) and wish to set this up, please contact the main office where your student attends and they will be able to help you get started. The process requires you to provide your email address. For more information, click here [https://new.midlandps.org/pages/district/technology/home-access-center-help/](https://new.midlandps.org/pages/district/technology/home-access-center-help/) for the HAC and Family App Help Site.

There are a couple of limitations currently with the app. Elementary report cards are not available from within the app due to the complexity of the report card and screen size limitations. Also, third party apps such as the easyHAC App, and others, are not official apps of SunGard K-12 Education and are not supported nor recommended.

David Dziedzic
Director of Technology, Midland Public Schools

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**Michigan State University’s St. Andrews STEM Center**

**Family Stargazing — Astronomy and Telescope Event**

**Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**1910 W. St. Andrews Road in Midland**

A number of telescopes will be available for viewing during the event. Families will learn where to find Venus, Mars, the crescent moon and more (weather permitting).

This free event is ideal for families with elementary-aged children.

Kudos to Midland High students (David Draves, Melissa Draves, Misa Halphen, Therese Joffre, Andrea Sova, and Allison Gray) for volunteering their time on MLK Day of Service on January 16. These giving students volunteered in Katrina Spry’s classroom at Eastlawn sorting, cleaning, and helping with bulletin boards. *Way to go Chemics!*

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**MPS HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS THIS WEEK**

We send our very best wishes to all MHS and DHS students as they take final exams Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. MHS/DHS students will follow a special exam schedule January 24, 25, 26.

Our elementary and middle school students follow their regular school schedule.

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**NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY IS RECORD’S DAY**

MPS teachers will be busy as they

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 1. Wrap up Semester 1 &
 2. Gear up for Semester 2

It is hard to believe but 2nd Semester begins Monday, January 30. Wow!
On January 13, Carpenter first graders in Ms. Cooper’s class took to the outdoors to chase the sun! Students made sun trackers and used them to track the sun’s movement. This is part of the first activity in the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) unit, "Light: sun, moon, stars."

Midland High Varsity Boys’ Bowling Coach, John McClelland, and his two sons, Joshua and Jacob, who are MHS Juniors on the bowling team, along with their mother, Jacqui, were recently named Midland Bowling Family of the Year by the Midland Bowling Association.

Congratulations to the McClelland Family! (photo courtesy of Midland Daily News)

On January 5, as part of a unit on health and accidents, students in Mary Swanson’s Spanish 3 class at HH Dow High got to interact with an ambulance and a paramedic in Spanish.

Students toured the ambulance and were able to role-play various accidents/scenarios.

Did you know that MPS partners with The Rock for a fantastic after school opportunity available to Northeast and Jefferson Middle School students.

Several weeks ago, The Rock launched ROCK it learning experiences for the middle school after-school program students. These experiences are STEM based to get kids excited about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Their most recent ROCK it project was inspired by “Archimedes screw” and challenged teams to transfer (colored) water from one location to another as fast as they could. Kids learned that water can be pushed “up” the vinyl tube, wrapped around a piece of PVC pipe, simply by turning it.

In an earlier ROCK it experience, students learned how to make a batch of Slime with special guests from CPI Fluid Engineering while creating colorful snowflakes in the project.

Thank you to The Rock for being a great MPS community partner!

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”
— Harriet Tubman

“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.”
— Rosa Parks

“Whatever you are, be a good one.”
— Abraham Lincoln

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