Happy Birthday Carpenter Street School!

Carpenter students and staff celebrated the 90th birthday of Carpenter Street School Tuesday, January 31. Classes began at Carpenter on January 31, 1927 … oh if only the Carpenter walls could talk … what a fascinating 90-year journey of learning they could share with us!

The dedicated Carpenter educators have enriched the lives of the tens of thousands of Crusaders and their families for almost a century giving them a solid foundation that began their educational journey.

Carpenter Alumni, Bill and Cynthia Schuette, were on hand to enjoy the birthday festivities and reminisce with students and staff.

Congratulations Carpenter!

MDE designates MHS as a reward school

The Michigan Department of Education has designated Midland High as a “Reward School” based on spring 2016 student assessment scores. The MDE also assigned an overall scorecard color ranking of “Yellow.” Color codes are assigned based on performance for each content area, student sub-groups and an overall school ranking. Colors range from red (poor performance) to green (high) in each of these areas. School recognition can be earned by any school that did not receive a red overall score and also achieved one or more of the following distinctions: 1) Top 5% of schools on the Overall School Rankings. 2) Top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement. 3) “Beating the Odds” by outperforming the school’s predicted ranking and/or similar schools. MHS met the criteria for “Beating the Odds” performance. In addition, Midland High’s overall student performance places the school in the 92nd percentile of public high schools in the State of Michigan. Congratulations Midland High!

The third edition of the 2016-17 MPS Quarterly Newsletter Our Schools will be an insert in this Saturday’s (Feb. 11) Midland Daily News. Here is the link if you would like to check it out: https://new.midlandps.org/wp-content/uploads/Our-Schools-022017.pdf

(MDN no longer has a Sunday paper. The weekend edition is now delivered on Saturday.)

Four more HH Dow High Chargers signed letters of intent to play college sports on February 1, 2017. In the picture are (left to right) Spencer Stephenson (football) at Wayne State University, Ashley Rose (soccer) at Central Michigan University, Ashton Brooks (soccer) at Northwood University and Brandon McDaniel (soccer) at Alma College.

Congratulations Chargers!

If you have (or know of) a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2017, it is imperative that parents attend our 2017 Kindergarten Orientation TOMORROW—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7!

5:30 pm: Adams, Carpenter, Chestnut Hill, Eastlawn, Plymouth, Siebert
6:00 pm: Woodcrest

MPS Preschool Orientation is TONIGHT—FEBRUARY 6, 2017 @ 5:30 pm at Adams Elementary
The Charge Robotics from Dow High School and BlitzCreek Robotics from Bullock Creek High School hosted a Safety Workshop for over 40 students and mentors of other Great Lakes Bay Region (GLBR) FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) teams this past Saturday.

The workshop was held at the MPS Franklin Robotics Center. The information presented will help improve the level of safety awareness for local teams. Team safety presentations and guidelines were reviewed and items such as team first aid and battery spill kits were displayed and discussed. Brad Blanchard, a Dow Chemical Environmental Health and Safety employee and Safety Advisor at recent Midland GLBR FRC competitions, discussed a checklist of safety items to review based on his and fellow Safety Advisor observations during competitions. Additional FRC team safety information can be found here: http://www.the-charge.com/safety.html.

Adams’ kindergarten students celebrated a Q & U wedding last week to symbolize that Q & U always appear together.

Congratulations to the Dow High students and staff who performed at Saturday’s Ren Fair. Way to light up the stage Dow High Chargers!

This year’s MPS Elementary Paddleton Tournament will take place Saturday, February 25, at 9:00 AM
★ 4th grade at MHS
★ 5th grade at DHS

Your child’s elementary PE teacher has the info about this fun event!

Thank you to the Greater Midland Tennis Center for organizing the talented tennis professionals competing at the Dow Tennis Classic who visited some MPS schools last week and shared their tennis expertise and passion with our students.

This year’s Midland Area Community Foundation Scholarship application window closes March 1 at 5:00 p.m. There are over 250 scholarships available for students. Check them out! http://www.midlandfoundation.org/apply-for-a-scholarship
The Little Forks Conservancy Visits The ROCK’s After-school STEM Program

During the week of January 23, The Little Forks Conservancy visited all three of The ROCK’s after-school locations with a fun and messy project. Each month during the school year, a STEM-centric organization is invited to lead a demonstration or project as part of The ROCK’s new STEM program—ROCKit. Little Forks Conservation Outreach Coordinator Andrea Foster and Sara Huetteman, a Huron Pines AmeriCorps member serving with Little Forks, brought supplies and materials for students to make native plant seed balls—a mixture of clay, soil, water, and native plant seeds. Native plants are important to the local eco-system and provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife in many ways.

Over 55 students participated to make over five hundred seed balls! Andrea will be visiting the after-school sites after the seed balls have dried to package them. They will be used for giveaways at events and will be handed out to members of the community. Each participating student from The ROCK received a seed ball to take home and toss in the yard!

Thank you to The ROCK and Little Forks Conservancy for being such great STEM community partners!

As a follow-up to last Monday’s Communique about MPS Students taking part in the Coleman Community School’s Agriscience Program through the Midland County CTE Consortium, three Coleman Agriscience students participated in the District 3 FFA Leadership Contest on Feb, 1. Students either participated in mock interviews or presented a prepared speech. Congratulations to Madalye Badgero and Mackenzie Bloom who received Silver Awards.

Congratulations goes to Dow High’s Julia Sanderson who placed first and received a Gold Award in the Job Interview Contest. Julia will be representing the Coleman Chapter and District 3 in the Regional Contest in mid-February at Delta College. Best Wishes Julia!

The Brain Bee is a competition held every year for high school students who are interested in learning about the brain. It consists of a trivia contest held at CMU for our area, regarding a variety of facts about the brain. 125 students from around the State competed in the 2017 Brain Bee.

Dow High had seven finish in the top ten, three finish in the top five and two finish in the final three.

Emily Baldwin took second and Varun Shanker won it all! WOW!

Varun has an opportunity to compete at the National Brain Bee in Baltimore!

Midland Public Schools Fall 2017-18

Schools of Choice Window

for all MPS schools

(including Central Park Elem.)

First Round Schools of Choice applications will be available February 1-28 ONLY
Parents will be notified of their first round application status by March 10, 2017