On February 11, over 80 band and orchestra students from Dow High School traveled to St. John’s, Michigan to participate in Solo and Ensemble. Students participated in 71 events, which was the most of any school in MSBOA District V. All events played for a judge and were rated on a scale of one to five. Two events earned third division ratings. Thirteen events earned second division ratings. Fifty-five events earned first division ratings! All students who earned a first division rating are eligible to participate at State Solo and Ensemble on March 18 in Lapeer. Forty-seven events have chosen to take advantage of this opportunity and will represent Dow High next month. Way to go Chargers!

Singing Valentines

On Valentine’s Day, the Midland High Meistersingers went all over town delivering over 250 singing Valentines. They delivered to homes, schools and businesses sharing their musical messages of love and friendship. This has been an annual event for over thirty years and helps to raise money for their spring trip. Kudos Meistersingers for sharing smiles all across the Midland community!
HH Dow High Charger Winter Sports Accolades!

⇒ Girls’ Varsity Basketball is currently ranked #3 in the State—Wow!
⇒ Brennan Doyle, Brent Booth and Aidan Belgiorno all qualified for wrestling regionals at Oxford on February 18. Congrats to Brennan Doyle who was District Champion Wrestler at 152!
⇒ Competitive Cheer placed 2nd in the Saginaw Valley League and competed at Districts this past Friday.
⇒ Boys’ swim won the Tri-City meet at SVSU. The Saginaw Valley League Championship will be later this week. Best of luck!

Winter Sport District Tournament Information

Girls’ Basketball at Saginaw Heritage

February 27 at 6 pm: Midland High v. Bay City Western (BCW)
March 1 at 5:30 pm: Winner of MHS/BCW v. Bay City Central (BCC)
March 1 at 7 pm: Dow High v. winner of Mt. Pleasant/Heritage game

Boys’ Basketball at Bay City Central

March 8 at 5:30 pm: Dow High v. winner of BCW/BCC game
March 8 at 7:00 pm: Midland High v. winner of Mt. Pleasant/Heritage game

Boys’ Hockey at Gladwin Ice Arena

February 28 at 7:15 pm: Dow High v. Bay City Garber
March 2 at 7:15 pm: Midland High v. winner of DHS/BC Garber

Best wishes to our student athletes and coaches in their post-season!

For the past month or so, our Monday Communique has been following the Coleman Agriscience Program, more specifically the group’s Leadership Contest participation. (Through the Midland County CTE Consortium, MPS has several students participating in Coleman’s Agriscience Program.) We are excited to report that HH Dow High Sophomore, Julia Sanderson, competed in the Job Interview Contests at the Regional FFA Contests held at Delta College last week. Julia did very well, placing third and is the alternate to the State FFA Contests in March. Great job Julia!

THE 2017 WOODCREST ELEMENTARY JUMP ROPE CLUB performed on Saturday, February 11, at the CMU Women’s Basketball Game. This impressive team performed 27 different jump rope tricks by 74 of the 128 students in second, third, fourth and fifth grade who are a part of the Woodcrest Elementary Jump Rope Club. The Woodcrest Jump Rope Club meets every morning before school to learn and practice over 60 different jump rope tricks. The Woodcrest Elementary Jump Rope Club is coached by physical education teacher, Wendy LaCourt and parent volunteer, Jodi Remacle. Great Job Wolverines!
The Midland High School National Honor Society participated in a service project to help the Midland Shelterhouse. On February 3, 28 students went to Shelterhouse to help clean and organize rooms, sanitize doors, paint offices and move furniture. On February 4, 31 students (including some who had worked the previous day) went to the Resale Shop to sort donations, hang up clothes, and move items from the donation area to the front of the store. On both days, the Shelterhouse staff commented on how amazed they were at the amount our students accomplished and their willingness to do any job—big or small. We were also told that each volunteer hour saves Shelterhouse approximately $25, and they expressed their great appreciation for the number of students who wanted to help in so many ways. Our students also benefitted greatly, as they learned more about the mission of Shelterhouse and the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. A total of 45 different students worked on one or both days for a cumulative total of 127 service hours.

During the week of February 6-9 the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio were excited to collaborate with Northeast and Jefferson on the seventh grade English program “At the Dow House” which encourages students to examine and identify details about the Alden B. Dow Home and incorporate details and descriptive writing into an original piece of writing. With over 760 students visiting the structure in one week, historic scenarios were staged throughout the home to add a historical element and place the building in the timeframe which it was built. Students wrote creative pieces and then shared their work with one another in engaging group discussions.

Our elementary schools celebrated the 100th day of school last week. Here are a couple of fun photos from Adams Elementary.

Congratulations to our February Shining Stars:

- Linda McDonnell, Special Education Teacher, Siebert and Plymouth
- Danyale Coburn, Bus Driver, Transportation Department

These dedicated, hard working members of the MPS team are being recognized at tonight’s Board of Education meeting. Thank you Linda & Danyale for going above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students! Please keep the Shining Star nominations coming in. We hope you will take a moment to let us know why you think an MPS team member is a Shining Star! Here is a link to the nomination form: http://midps.org/shiningstarform

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YEA! Program cordially Invites students in Grades 6-12 to attend a C.E.O. RoundTable Panel Discussion

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 — 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 3417 W. Main Street, Midland

Featuring:

-Rebecca Cox, President, The Savant Group
-Cal Ieuter, President/CEO, Ieuter Insurance Group
-Sharon Mortenson, President/CEO, Midland Area Community Foundation
-Terri Trotter, President/CEO, Midland Center For The Arts
-Paul White, President, Roth Cleaners, Inc.

Students from Ms. Ecker’s 5th grade class at Siebert made blankets to be used by "Project Linus." Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need. The blankets pictured here were lovingly made by Siebert students.

As an action project Ms. Kim Welter’s 3rd Grade Class at Adams Elem. made over 90 Valentines to be given out at the Valentine Party at Medilodge in Midland.

Kudos to Mrs. Outinen’s HH Dow High Leadership class by "taking action" and putting on Mrs. Lauer’s 4th grade Valentine’s Day party at Siebert Elementary School!

Business attire requested for all student attendees

There is no charge for this event, but RSVP is requested to Emily Lyons from the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce at 839-9901

wise words

Presidential Words of Wisdom…

“I’ve got big shoes to fill. This is my chance to do something. I have to seize the moment.”
— Andrew Jackson

“Too often we … enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.”
— John F. Kennedy

“Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.”
— Theodore Roosevelt

“Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music.”
— Ronald Reagan