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Dow High Robotics Team Wins Kettering FIRST Robotics District Competition

The H.H. Dow High School Robotics Team 2619, ‘The Charge’, competed at the Kettering University FIRST Robotics Competition on March 3 & 4 with 38 other Michigan teams. ‘The Charge’ finished the qualification matches in first place and became captain of the 1st place Alliance, along with Team 5086 from Cadillac and Team 5215 from Frankenmuth. Their Alliance went undefeated in the playoffs to become the District Competition event winner! Dow High’s robotics team also won two additional awards: The Industrial Safety Award sponsored by Underwriters Laboratories, which celebrates the team the progresses beyond safety fundamentals by using innovative ways to eliminate or protect against hazards.

The Quality Award sponsored by Motorola Solutions Foundation, which celebrates the machine robustness in concept and fabrication for the team’s robot.

‘The Charge’ is coached by Dow High Math teacher, Sean Murray and this is the team’s 10th year of competition. The 2017 competition is called “FIRST SteamworksSM”, where two Alliances of three robots each prepare to take flight by scoring balls to build ‘steam pressure’, gathering gears to start rotors, and climb ropes to board onto the ‘airships’ at the end of each match.

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The Great Lakes Bay Region College Night is TONIGHT—March 13—from 6:30 – 8:00pm at Curtiss Hall in Saginaw Valley State Univ. There will be around 47 colleges from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana represented. This is a good place to start (or continue) your college research. Representatives from the various colleges will be there to answer questions and distribute materials.

A WEEK FROM TODAY—MONDAY, MARCH 20 IS A HALF DAY OF INSTRUCTION

(MPS staff professional development day) Our schools will let you know your child’s exact release time.

A 2017 FIRST Robotics District Competition will be held at Dow High on March 23-25, where both Dow and Midland High’s robotics teams will compete. The event is free and the public is welcome. More information can be found here: http://www.the-charge.com/
For the 2017-18 School Year, we are adjusting the start and end times at our Elementary Schools as follows:

Start Time: 8:40 a.m. <> End Time: 3:40 p.m.
- Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill

Start Time: 8:55 a.m. <> End Time: 3:55 p.m.
- Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest

All Schools
Instruction: 371 minutes per day
Lunch: 45 minutes with 2 minutes passing time before and after (total 49 minutes)

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Central Park Elementary School’s front office. So Exciting!

Congratulations to these Midland Public Schools’ Student Athletes All-SVL Honors!

**MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

- Brendan Witt & Luke Trombley - All-SVL first team honors for hockey!
- Carson Clark & Nick Berchert - All-SVL second team honors for swimming!
- Elizabeth St. Onge - All-SVL second team honors for competitive cheer!

**HH DOW HIGH SCHOOL**

- Brendan Holbrook - All-SVL first team honors for Hockey!
- Jacob Krzciok - All-SVL Boys Swim MVP
- Zach Fewkes, Noah Behm, Collin Che, Ben Newman, Grant Ostergaard, Jacob Pasek, and Joey Park - All-SVL first team honors for Swimming!
- Sophie Roeder, Madeleine Cifrulak, Hannah Hart, and Isabelle Haselhuhn - All-SVL first team honors for Competitive Cheer!
- Trevor Davis - All-SVL first team honors for Boys Basketball!
- Ellie Taylor - All-SVL Girls Basketball MVP
- Kaylee Wasco and Molly Davis - All-SVL first team honors for Girls Basketball!

This year’s ‘BASH’ is Friday, March 24 at 6:30 at The Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center on Bay City Road
(Please note the change in venue for this year’s Booster Bash.)

Go to www.mpssportsboosters.com for tickets and info!

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MPS Choral music has had some exciting times recently! It began March 2 with the Choral Workshop Day that ended in a spectacular concert showcasing the middle school and high school choirs of MPS. For the first time in over five years, choirs traveled to MSVMA District Choral Festival where they received high marks in performance and sight-reading. DHS Chorus, Chamber Singers and the Jefferson 7/8 Choir all received Division I ratings. DHS Chamber Singers will attend State Choral Festival in May.

Project 111, Scott Withrow and Saginaw Bay Underwriters and Midland Public Schools would like to congratulate Autumn Wissner (Midland High) and Ryan Merry (Dow High)! Autumn and Ryan were the Project 111 iPad winners for the month of January. These seniors have great driving records and are making great choices behind the wheel and in our community! Thank you to Scott Withrow for providing the incentives in January! The incentives open the door for Project 111 to be heard loud and clear by the teens at MHS! This month we are working to teach them about the dangers of speeding!

Kudos to the Eastlawn Jump Rope Team who wowed MediLodge of Midland residents with their outstanding jump rope skills on Sunday, March 5.

Saginaw Valley League Teacher of the Year Nomination deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017.

Midland High & HH Dow High teachers ONLY are eligible for this award. For information and the nomination form, please go to the MPS website or click here: https://new.midlandps.org/100142646329-2/

Don’t Miss the Nomination Deadline March 24, 2017!

Did you know that Northeast and Jefferson Middle Schools have weather stations on their roofs? Our middle school students use the information gleaned from these weather stations in class.

Here are the links if you’d like to check them out.

The link to the Northeast Weather Station: http://www.weatherlink.com/user/mpsws01/

The link to the Jefferson Weather Station: http://www.weatherlink.com/user/mpsws02/

Way to go Eastlawn Eagles!
On February 25, **4th Grade and 5th Grade Students from across the district** participated in a long-standing MPS winter tradition—the **Elementary Paddleton Tournament**.

4th Graders played at Midland High. Here were their podium placers! Congratulations to these students and all who participated!

- **Niobe Marchalant** (Plymouth), **Elaine Zhang** (Woodcrest), **Jenna Rekeweg** (Blessed Sacrament) and **Emily Gallant** (Adams)
- **Boys are Austin King** (Woodcrest), **Owen Bamard** (Chestnut Hill), **Noah Wall** (Chestnut Hill) and **Prabanjan Jayachandran** (Adams)

The 5th Graders had their Paddleton Tournament at HH Dow High. Congratulations to these students who placed in the top four and to all who participated!

- **1st Riley Schikorra** (Woodcrest), **2nd Klaire Caldwell** (Carpenter), **3rd Kyleigh Golomboksi** (Woodcrest), **4th Laken LeBaron** (Eastlawn)
- **1st Logan Yu** (Woodcrest), **2nd Josh Thurlow** (Chestnut Hill), **3rd Micah Dahn** (Siebert), **4th Carson Everett** (Woodcrest)

Thank you to the MHS Key Club and the MHS Youth Leadership for volunteering at the 4th grade Paddleton Tournament. Thank you to the Dow High Key Club, the Dow High Football Team and the Northwood Men’s Soccer team for volunteering at the 5th grade event. Thank you most assuredly to our Elementary Physical Education staff who organize and run this great event each year!

### March is Reading Month Events

#### At Adams, Siebert and Eastlawn Elementary Schools.

The day I had scheduled to read at Siebert just happened to be Wednesday, the day Siebert lost power at about 9:30 in the morning. Our students and staff were troopers and did a great job “rolling with the punches” with their unusual school day. One of the classrooms I read to was **Mrs. Susan Shaffer’s 4th Grade Class**. Mrs. Shaffer likened my reading to the students to “gathering around the campfire” to hear the “inspiring story of female risk-taker Toni Stone.” The discussions I’m hearing in our elementary classrooms after reading this true story have been insightful and truly thought provoking, proving our students are **thinkers, open minded, reflective, inquirers** and so much more!!

#### At Siebert Elementary, students participated in a March is Reading Month “Book Swap” event – over 240 books were exchanged as students brought a book from home and chose a new one to read.

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Thoughts from some wise women:

“I might have been born in a hovel but I am determined to travel with the wind and the stars.”

— Jacqueline Cochran

“Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher.”

— Oprah Winfrey

“From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are opened you discover that you have wings.”

— Helen Hayes