It’s Booster Bash Week … Yippeeee!

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Booster Bash 2017

THE ROBOTS ARE COMING … THE ROBOTS ARE COMING … FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN!!!!!!

Midland FIRST Robotics District Competition March 24-25 at H. H. Dow High School

- HH Dow High’s Team 2619 The Charge and Midland High’s Team 5509 Like a Boss will be competing
- Everyone is welcome to come, watch and cheer for their favorite teams & robots!

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. For more information go to: http://www.first-glbr.org/

ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE!!!!!!
In mid-March, 17 MPS elementary and secondary teachers and administrators attended the 61st Annual Michigan Reading Association Conference in Grand Rapids. This year's conference, *Passport to Possibilities*, provided participants with a variety of opportunities to learn and collaborate with literacy experts, writers, and current practitioners. One notable session was facilitated by Dawn Moulthrop, H.H. Dow High ELA Teacher and ELA Teacher Leader, *Character Gossip: A Conversation to Foster Comprehension and Literary Analysis*. This small group approach fosters comprehension and literary analysis skills for students. Dawn's passion for teaching was evident throughout her session as she shared her own experiences and asked participants to participate in the discussion protocol. Congratulations to Dawn for being selected to present at MRA and for representing MPS so well!

Mr. Patrick Frazee, MPS Board of Education Treasurer, recently spoke with Chestnut Hill Elementary 2nd graders informing them about waste water treatment. Thank you Mr. Frazee!

Congratulations Midland High’s DECA! Recently DECA traveled to Detroit for the State Conference the following students were awarded. Ethan Bruce for his test, Sarah Pell & Olivia Freidinger for their role play. Shelly St. Louis, Hypatia Swanson, Jonah Dykhuizen & Nick Kerkau were all Qualifiers. Devin Granzo and Maddie Roberts will be going to the international conference next month. Ms. Libby Marsh is the team’s faculty advisor. Best wishes Devin & Maddie!

Northeast Middle School's 6th grade ELA class lead by Denise Bujalski and Bridgit Sova has established a relationship with Kim Noey’s first grade class at Plymouth Elementary. A number of times throughout the year the sixth graders have visited the first graders to share reading experiences. In the coming month’s the Viking and Pioneer friends will be working on writing activities. These photos were taken at their last visit on March 9.

A message for MPS sophomores and juniors interested in foreign travel ...

The cities of Midland and Handa, Japan, are sister cities that started a popular student exchange program some 35 years ago. Every other year, Midland selects a team of three student ambassadors to send to Handa. In alternate summers, we host three Japanese high school students here. In 2017, Midlanders will go to Japan. The goals are to build international friendships and understanding between the two cultures. It becomes a life-changing experience for the students. Generous local donors underwrite the costs. **Applications are due March 31.** You can find more information and the simple form online at [www.CityofMidlandMi.gov/SisterCity](http://www.CityofMidlandMi.gov/SisterCity). Questions may be directed to [MidlandHanda@gmail.com](mailto:MidlandHanda@gmail.com).
H. H. DOW HIGH SCHOOL

Dow High achieved amazing results at the recent Math Olympics at SVSU on March 17, earning team championships at Level I, Level II, and Overall Testing. Individual honors for test participants are as follows:

Level I Honorable Mention:

3rd Place:
Anish Middha, Sasha Konovalenko (17/25)

2nd Place (tie):
Irshad Husain, David Lin (18/25)

1st Place:
Scott Gilbert (20/25)

Level II Honorable Mention:

3rd Place (tie):
Michael Moore, David Wang (yes, there are two)

Kudos to everyone who participated!

Congratulations to Dow High’s Model UN team of Will Adams, Kevin Kraef, Abe Yum, Sagar Kamaraju, Jerod Javier, Lillian Pressnell, Hadley Camp, Sarah Harrison, Noah Nichols, Senthior SKV, Nihal Manjila, Hannah Jackson who competed at the highly competitive MSU tournament this past weekend. Over 900 students from across Michigan and the country competed against the Dow High contingent. These students earned individual recognition: Kevin Kraef Best Delegate, Sagar Kamaraju Verbal Recognition, Lillian Pressnell Verbal Recognition and Noah Nichols Outstanding Delegate, Will Adams Honorable Mention. Great job Chargers!

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL

On March 11, Midland High Schools’ Kenny Steinhilber was recognized at the annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition banquet for earning one of the top 100 scores in Michigan. At the banquet, he learned that his score in the competition was the 31st-highest in the state. As a result, he won a Bronze Award and a $250 scholarship.

On March 17, 25 MHS students participated in the Math Olympics at SVSU. The students won the following team awards:
<> 3rd place at level 1 <> 2nd place at level 2 <> 2nd place combined team award for both levels

And the following individual awards:
<> Kenny Steinhilber: 1st place (level 2)
<> John Marinar: 2nd place (level 2)
<> Kyle Kotanchek and Hadley Samarco tied for 3rd place at level 1; Honorable mention to all of the following students: Jacob Miller, Gabe Poprave, Nicholas Scott, Joshua Lang, Preston Millward

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

The Midland High Moody’s Mega Math (M3) Challenge team has advanced to the second round of judging. Only 200 teams from the nation are selected to move on to the second round, and this is only the 2nd time a MHS team has advanced. The team members are Matthew Lile, Kenny Steinhilber, Jonah Dykhuizen, Nicky Billovits, and Ashton Doyle (pictured left-to-right) and coach Kendall Root.

SOME EXCITING HIGH SCHOOL MATH ACCOLADES FOR MPS STUDENTS!

Congratulations to Dow High School students who traveled to Frankenmuth High School as part of the Dow High Green Band, Gold Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Orchestra, and Symphony Orchestra to participate in MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival. These students had to perform three prepared pieces for a panel of three expert judges. Then they went to another room where they were given a piece they had never seen before. After five minutes of studying the music without playing, they had to perform that new piece for a judge. Each ensemble was rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with a 1 being the highest score an ensemble can receive. The Dow High Concert Orchestra performed on March 3, earning 2s in performance and a 1 in sight-reading. Green Band also performed on March 3 and earned straight 1s. Symphony Orchestra performed on March 10, earning straight 1s. Gold Band and Symphonic Band both performed on March 11, also earning straight 1s. Congratulations all Dow High Band and Orchestra students. Congratulations Chargers on these wonderful accomplishments!
**Woodcrest kindergartners** were exposed to various forms of art during their culminating activity “Let’s Get Arts Smart” fair to wrap up the PYP Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves. Artists from the Midland community presented short demonstrations on how they express themselves through their particular form of art. The arts included: music, pottery, graphic artist, architecture, dancing, wood working, jewelry making, quilt making, storytelling, painting and cake decorating. The artists shared personal prior experiences which inspired them to pursue their art form. They displayed the tools needed for their specific art. The children showed enthusiasm before, during and after this experience. The art fair inspired the kindergartners. The children expressed their desire to learn some of these art forms in the future. The time and talent of these artists was greatly appreciated by all! This event reinforced the idea explored throughout this unit: “Art is using your imagination on the outside!” (Kelly Light)

**Congratulations to our March Shining Stars Lori Hallberg, HH Dow High School Counselor, and Judy Wisniewski, Woodcrest Media Center Paraprofessional.** These dedicated, hard working members of the MPS team are being recognized at tonight’s Board of Education meeting. Thank you Lori and Judy 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](http://midps.org/shiningstarform)

**Congratulations to Jefferson 8th Grade Students, Anna Stolz (1st), Tess Striebel (2nd), and Caleb Qiu (3rd),** who have been named local winners in the 48th Annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. We send our best wishes to Anna, who now advances to the State-level competition.

*Thank you to Tony Howell, Farm Bureau Insurance Agent of Midland for sponsoring Jefferson’s participation in this year’s Essay Contest.*

**Congratulations to** **HH Dow High State Swim Team—Hans Dehn, Jacob Krzciok, Zack Fewkes, Collin Che, Joey Park, Ben Newman, Noah Behm.**

All team members brought home a top-16 finish at the state meet last weekend as part of the 200 medley relay (15th), 200 free relay (8th), or 400 free relay (11th) team. Individual qualifiers Jacob Krzciok swam to 4th place in the 100 free and 9th in the 50 free. Zack Fewkes had a finals swim in the 100 backstroke, placing 14th. Dow was also represented in the 50 free by Newman, the 100 free by Fewkes and Park, in the 100 breast by Newman and Behm, and the 200 IM by Behm. **Kudos to this talented group of Charger swimmers!**

**Thoughts to ponder about life:**

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.”

— Maya Angelou

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.”

— Reba McEntire

“The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.”

— Bertrand Russell