2017 Spring Break Notes:

- Spring Break is April 3-7 … classes resume April 10, 2017
- The Administration Center staff will work four 10-hour days—If you need assistance, the Administration Center will be open Monday-Thursday, April 3, 4, 5, 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be closed on Friday, April 7.
- Because of Spring Break, our next Communique will be published Monday, April 10.

We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing spring break with your family!

2017-18 MPS School Year Calendar

The 2017-18 school year calendar has been approved and is now on the MPS website.

Here is the link if you would like to check it out!

Ms. Kalahar's 1st grade class at Plymouth Elementary took action this February by raising money to save and protect ocean animals. The students came up with the name "Dollars for Dolphins." They raised $184.85 for the Shedd Aquarium Kids Care Foundation. The Foundation will use the money to aid in conservation and protection of sea animals. The aquarium sent Ms. Kalahar's class pictures of the donation being shown to the dolphins!

Way to take Action 1st Graders!

2017 MASC/MAHS Principal of the Year
HH Dow High’s
Dr. Steve Poole

This past weekend, as part of the MASC/MAHS State Leadership Conference, Dr. Poole was presented with the 2017 Principal of the Year Award. As stated by the organization, "the principal is the backbone of a school. With their support and guidance, student activity programs can reach levels of success that span the scope of an entire community. Student Leadership opportunities exist because administrators understand the value of leadership development and student ownership in schools. MASC/MAHS recognizes one outstanding secondary school principal for their work to progress student activity groups, as the MASC/MAHS Principal of the Year". This year, the deserving recipient is our very own H.H. Dow High Principal, Dr. Steve Poole.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Dr. Poole!

is a great communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or a member of our staff will do all we can to reply to your message the next work day. Click on the green MPS Connect box on our MPS website (www.midlandps.org) to connect with me!
This past weekend, sixteen MPS teachers and administrators attended the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) Annual Conference in Novi. This year's conference themed "Putting Legs on the New Michigan Science Standards" offered over 200 sessions related to science teaching and learning. Many sessions focused on helping educators better understand the depth and dimensionality of the new standards and continue making the shifts required to align with the new standards. STEM-focused sessions were also prevalent over the two days. MPS is proud of the six teachers who presented at the conference. The four Northeast Middle School teachers presented as part of the Michigan Tech MiSTAR project, which is supported by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation. The two Jefferson Middle School teachers collaboratively facilitated two sessions sharing lessons and learning activities they co-created.

Congratulations and Well Done to these six MPS teachers for being leaders at the MSTA Conference!
Kyle Kotanchek, an 8th grade student at Northeast, won the You Be the Chemist competition that took place at SVSU a couple of weekends ago.

You Be The Chemist Challenge is an interactive academic contest that encourages students to explore chemistry concepts and their real-world applications. Students compete in a quiz bowl format. Kyle will move on to the state-level competition which will take place in April.

Congratulations to the following HH Dow High Automotive Technology students for their wonderful achievement at the recent Delta College STS Automotive Competition:

- **1st place** Thomas Jennett and Austin Bartlett (Automotive Electrical)
- **2nd place** Joshua Strike and Brian Hammond (Basic Automotive Technician)
- **2nd place** Nathan Hitsman and Tristen Harvey (Master Automotive Technician)
- **2nd place** Caleb Stenger and Kyle Brennan (Automotive Brakes)

We send congratulations to Midland High's Diana Kiseleva. Out of 125 students completing in two categories at the recent Delta College Student Technical Solutions Competition, Diana won 3rd place for her work in Shielded Metal Arc Welding. Great job Diana!

Congratulations to the Midland High Chemic Wrestling Program as this year's team celebrated the program's 50th Season. Check out this video clip with some great 2016-17 season memories!

[https://youtu.be/pvP1SRFPxak](https://youtu.be/pvP1SRFPxak)

Congratulations to the Midland High School Moody's Mega Math (M3) Challenge team! Of the 1,121 papers submitted in this year's Moody's Mega Math Challenge, their solution has been selected to receive one of 78 honorable mention awards. This is a great honor, especially given the rigorous and intense scrutiny that each paper endured. Only 8% of the submitted papers were selected for recognition.

The Moody's Foundation provides honorable mention teams with scholarship prizes in the amount of $1,000 per team, to be divided equally among the team's members. The individual amounts will be paid directly to the colleges or universities at which the winning students ultimately enroll.

This is the first time that a team from Midland High School has won scholarships in this competition. The students who participated (pictured left-to-right) are Matthew Lile, Kenny Steinhilber, Jonah Dykhuizen, Nicky Billovits, and Ashton Doyle. Congratulations to these students and to coach Kendall Root for this great achievement!

Recently 45 Northeast students took part in the annual Delta College Middle School Mathematics Competition.

(More than 300 students from more than 15 schools participated in this contest.)

Congrats to all who participated and the following Vikings who placed in the top 25 in each grade!

**Placing in the top 25 for 6th grade:**
- Ryan Rinearson and Myah Shelton tied for 18th
- Aiden Porritt and Chloe Markell tied for 9th
- Emily Kraenzlein tied for 7th

**Placing in the top 25 for 7th grade:**
- Mallory Fenskie tied for 20th
- Stanton Millward and Mia Allen tied for 15th
- Quinn McMath earned 10th

**Placing in the top 25 for 8th grade:**
- Charlotte Adrian earned 14th
- Connor O'Malley tied for 7th
- Brandon Geib earned 6th
- Nathan Striebel tied for 4th
- Zoren Berlanga earned 3rd
- Kyle Kotanchek earned 2nd

Next Family Stargazing Astronomy and Telescope Night is Wednesday, March 29, from 8-9:30 pm at the MSU Midland STÉM Center 1910 W. St. Andrews Rd
HH Dow High MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Impressive Results!

On March 18, 56 DHS students traveled to Lapeer High School to participate in a total of 43 events at MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble. Students had to perform a prepared piece for a judge, and in the case of sophomore, junior, and senior soloists, they also had to perform scales and sight-reading. Of the freshmen soloists and ensembles who participated, five events earned a second division rating, and 19 events earned a first division rating. Those students included:

- Sean Anderson, Kimia Beigzadeh, Nicholas Bloom, Quinton Bortel, Lucas Braganca, Austin Burlew, Tyler Conrad, Cameron Curtis, Julia Fu, Joel Greene, Rebecca Haines, Sage Haney, Taylor Hunter, Neil Janwani, Nathaniel Kalantar, Marta Kendziorski, Naoki Kihata, Jackie Lee, Jillian Lew, Tia Li, Hannah Loveless, Samantha Ludwick, Alina Malkowski, Ian Matthews, Michael Moore, Yuva Nishida, Sarah O’Connell, John O’Connor, Grand Ostergaard, Max Pavlick, Ethan Poupard, Madeline Poupard, Ben Price, Nicholas Randolph, Peter Redman, Isabella Rhee, Nathan Rhee, Jarod Searle, Michaela Stones, Emilia Teed, Julian Theuerauf, Jacob Thomas, Vikram Vaddamani, Audrey Xu, Rachel Yum, Daniel Zhang

Congratulations to the sophomore, junior and senior soloists who performed a proficiency solo with scales and sight-reading, and achieved outstanding results:

- Shiva Sreeram, Sarah Pisarczyk, Charles Tucker, Austin Burlew, Keon Beigzadeh, Allie Trotter-Wright, Sami El-Nachef, Lucas Foote, Michaela Stones, Sydney Wynne, Daniel Zhang, Naoki Kihata, Jacob Thomas, Gabrielle Dauphinee, Grace Ridley, Hannah Loveless, Nathaniel Kalantar, Tia Li

In addition to these scores, some DHS students were nominated for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, which is held at Western Michigan University in May.

- Grace Ridley was nominated to audition to be a featured piano soloist at the MYAF.
- Nathaniel Kalantar was nominated to audition to be a featured cello soloist at the MYAF.
- Tia Li was nominated to be a member of the MYAF Honors Orchestra on viola. Tia was also nominated to audition to be a featured soloist on both viola and piano.
- Sydney Wynne was nominated to be a member of the MYAF Honors Band on horn.

Congratulations to the Midland High hockey team who earned First Team Academic All-State honors for the 2016-17 season. Congratulations also to seniors Greg Landis, Brendan Witt and Luke Trombley who were named First Team Academic All-State as individuals. In addition, Luke Trombley was named Second Team All-State and Brendan Witt earned All-State honorable mention.

On March 22, Bryan Bachman WNEM chief meteorologist visited Chestnut Hill Elementary to talk with second grade students about the water cycle and weather.

Wise words to ponder:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.”

— Albert Einstein

“Show class, have pride and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself.”

— Paul Bryant