To quote the very wise Dr. Seuss, “You’re off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So…. get on your way!”

Best Wishes
2017 MPS Graduates!

MPS DSA NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Midland Public Schools’ Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) were established to honor MPS support personnel.

The following MPS employee groups are eligible for nomination:
- Administrative Asst./Office Prof.
- Grounds
- Manager
- Maintenance
- Paraprofessional
- Technician
- Transportation

This award is separate from the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award. Support staff only are eligible for this award. (Please do not nominate a teacher; they are not eligible for this award.)

Additional DSA information is available on the MPS website.

Here is a link to the on-line nomination form: https://goo.gl/forms/YGNqOJ8CxAtYqfGA2

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 29, 2017

Nominate a great MPS support “staffer” today!

Caps off to you, MPS 2017 Graduates! We wish you all the very best!

Congratulants to 2017 International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates who celebrated their IB Graduation this past Thursday evening.

Midland High: Mary Beall, Salomé Do, Brittney Duford, Selena McCray, Madeline Morgan, Marie Plaver, Sarah Remsing, LeeAnn Rielle, and Brynn Rohde (not pictured Madeline Morgan)

H. H. Dow High: Victoria Anaele, Bo Brucek, Sean Clark, Maia Donahue, Carolina Donoso, Emma Eisenman, Danny Kim, Molly Lahaie, Hannah Martin, Nikhil Melgiri, Jack Morgan, Carter Musselman, Anna Mylvaganam, Apoorva Ojha, Nicolas Pereira, Maggie Schaller, Anna Sebaly, Emily Wall

At yesterday’s Memorial Day Parade, Jefferson Huskies and Northeast Vikings joined their musical talents in a combined marching band representing MPS proudly and paying tribute to those we remember and honor on Memorial Day!

Way to go Jefferson Huskies and Northeast Vikings!

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!
Mr. Al Paas gave guided tours of the solar system to Siebert 4th grade classes last week. The solar system model is laid out to scale on Siebert and Jefferson property.

Carpenter Street School didn't have enough girls for a Girls on the Run team this spring so they joined an Adams Elementary team and ran their 5k last weekend. Here is a pic of the joint team "A & C Squininjas."

Forty CAD 2 students from both Midland High and Dow High visited the Nexteer Automotive Engineering Center in Saginaw on Friday, May 19, to learn about career opportunities related to engineering. Mitch Donnenwerth, the CAD manager for the worldwide company provided a tour that included stops in the CAD design, Vibration Analysis, Testing and Validation, and 3D printing areas. Students interacted with personnel to learn more about job and education opportunities for these positions.

Sunday, May 21, Kim McMahan and the Adams 5th Grade Culture Club attended the Midland Community Orchestra's spring concert featuring music from around the world! The students had a chance to hear international music, share Culture Club, and cheer for Adams' Administrative Assistant Mrs. Janet Matcheck on cello, and Para-professional Cyndi Marsh on piccolo. It was also inspirational to the students as they have spent this year learning instruments through band and orchestra. Member Autumn Brutyn said she was anxious to practice her French horn after hearing what years of practice can produce!

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- Matt Rassette

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Sam Forshee from Mrs. Shaffer’s 4th classroom at Siebert Elementary organized a fundraiser for the nonprofit Camp Fish Tales. Camp Fish Tales is located in Bay County and provides an outdoor camping experience for children and adults with special needs. He presented the check at the open house on May 20th. Way to go Sam!

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Thank you to Dow High’s Robotics Team 2619 The Charge and Midland High’s Team 5509 Like a Boss who brought their 2016-17 competitive robots to the Administration Center to demonstrate for the Parent Information Committee (PIC) and Administration Center staff Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to these articulate, knowledgeable student presenters: MHS—Kevin Coombs, Megan Greer, Jacob Miller, Brendan Powers, Courtney Rathbun, JP Zaremba and their Coach, Ben Younkin; DHS—Cameron Curtis, Rebecca Kowalczyk, Kiley Mowry, Ethan Poupard, Daniel Zhang and their coach, Sean Murray. A very impressive presentation and demonstration!

Carpenter and Plymouth students were offered a creative writing opportunity to write about JOY. What brings you joy? What is the joy inside you? Students could write a poem, essay, or short story. Young Fives and Kindergarten authors could also choose to write one idea of joy, along with a lovely picture. 23 authors were celebrated at a special "Author's Night" on April 27 in the Northeast Middle School Little Theater. We were joined by Midland author, Mrs. Tonya Huber. Mrs. Huber talked about the art of writing and the life of an author. Student authors read their pieces, and we enjoyed a lovely cookie and punch afterglow. Mrs. Huber generously gifted each author an autographed copy of her book, Alphabet Alliteration. This was our third annual "Authors' Night".

Family Stargazing Night—Friday, June 2—9-10:30 pm
Astronomy and Telescope Night at MSU—St. Andrews
(1910 W. St. Andrews Road, Midland)
This month holds the best opportunity to view both Jupiter and Saturn for all of 2017!

Telescopes will be available, but you can bring your own binoculars.

Program:

- At 9:00pm, there will be a short presentation about astronomy, describing the different telescopes
- When it is dark (about 9:30pm), we will go outdoors for an observing session.

Cost: Free! (This program is made possible in part by support from the Dow Chemical Company Foundation.)

Audience: Recommended for elementary-age children and above and their families.

All are welcome.