A Great Presentation to the Board of Education Monday, June 12

Thank you Central Park Elementary Principals Shannon Blasy and Bridget Hockemeyer for presenting the Central Park logo, mascot and tagline last week. A special thank you to H. H. Dow High’s Commercial Art students, Gwen Cook, who designed the Explorer astronaut, and Anna Hale, who designed the logo, for sharing their artistic talents with us!

Thank you also to the Central Park students, staff and families who performed their new school song. An extra special thank you to retiring music teacher, Barbara Jacques, for directing the singers and most especially for writing the music and lyrics for the beautiful CP school song.

Best Wishes 2016-17 MPS Retirees (in order taken to Board of Education):
Joe Ostyn, Dean Pfruender, Linda Kartz, Tracy Toskey, Jo Majeske, Judith Scheuffele, Deborah Shaffer, Rosemary DuBay, Susan Storey, Beth Chapman, Barbara Jacques, Brenda Machelski, Diana Ripke, Susan Arent, Rebecca Faust, Sherry Goff, Michael Jarema, Mary Keegstra, Julie McDonald, Suzanne Ostahowski, Kandis Pritchett, Ruth Selle, Mary Ellen Trombley, Connie Waun, Cynthia Asakevich, Pamela Corbat, Don Demko, Guisy Fisher, Jane Greenhoe, Bonnie Otto, Brenda Saunders, Becky Tomaszewski, Janice Valeri-Rose, Claudia Warren, Patrick Welter, Judy Wisniewski, Brenda Zienert, Linda McDonnell. Thank you for your service to MPS students, staff, families and community!

Congratulations 2017 District Champs: Chemic Baseball, Softball and Soccer!
Kudos Lady Chemic Softball for winning your third straight regional championship.
Way to Go Chemics!

Congrats Dow High’s Lady Charger Tennis Division 1 State Co-Champs!

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MPS Summer Hours

Our elementary offices close for the summer on June 23 with secondary school offices remaining open during the summer months. We have one exception this summer, Jefferson will be closed from June 26-July 7 for construction.

From June 26 through August 17, our District employees work four 10-hour days—Monday-Thursday, with all District buildings closed on Friday.

Our elementary offices will officially re-open on August 14 for the 2017-18 school year.

On Monday, June 5th, Midland Public Schools hosted the 43rd annual track and field meet for fourth and fifth graders. This annual event is a great way to provide 4th and 5th grade boys and girls an opportunity to compete for fun. Approximately 420 students participated in this year’s meet. Thank you Chemic track teams and MPS Physical Education teachers for all your work!

Woodcrest Construction is Under Way!

These photos were taken Friday morning … the day following the last day of school for MPS students last week.

As you can see, construction is robustly underway in these 3rd Grade classrooms at Woodcrest.

Congratulations to this year’s Post-Secondary Graduates, Austin Bobalek and Dan Gregory.

Best wishes!

Summer Publication Schedule … Thank you for following MPS news and events through 2016-17 weekly Communiques. Watch for the next “Regular” Monday Communique to be published August 7.

First day of school for 2017-18 school year: Tuesday, September 5
Adams’ IB PYP 5th Grade Exhibition was Outstanding!

This June 12 event was the culmination of the students’ learning throughout the program as they chose a focus and took action to have a positive impact on our community and our world.

Way to go Fifth Graders! Way to take action!

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) is the new STEM Curriculum MPS is implementing in the next two years as part of our STEM Strategic Plan. These Carpenter First Grade students are experiencing the Animal Adaptations Unit.

Activity 1: Camouflage: The students had to see which butterfly was easier to find (solid or pattern)

Activity 2: Which Beak? - The students had to decide which beak was best adapted for different bird food (marbles, toothpicks, or straws). The bird beaks included: spoon, a clothespin, and tweezers.

Activity 3 - The Map - Students had to explore two out of five different environments: Pacific Ocean, The Artic, the Amazon Rainforest, the African Savanna, and the Sahara Desert. They had to explore these environments through a presentation online.

Activity 4: World Traveler - The students had to make a poster of their travel in one of the four areas: Artic, Amazon Rainforest, African Savanna, or the Sahara Desert

Activity 5: Traveling Shoes - Students created a shoe for their environment which needed to be adapted for locomotion, camouflage, and protection.

Some Finished Products:
Carpenter and Eastlawn students get their first look at Central Park this past Wednesday and Thursday.
Marketing students at Dow High discovered the intricacies of product supply and demand during a novel simulation offered by the Midland Research Institute for Value Chain Creation (MRIVCC) within Michigan State University, in cooperation with The Dow Chemical Company and the American Production and Inventory Control Society. (APICS)

Katherine A. Franz, MRIVCC Executive Director, said “Our goal was to establish the important relationship between STEM and business principles, and plant a seed of interest in supply chain management amongst high school students. This is a growing, dynamic field that offers great opportunities for talented individuals.” The program, Business Principles for STEM, gave students hands-on experience buying and selling inventory, managing supply and planning for demand. Aram de Ruiter, the Dow Chemical Company, APICS's Cheryl Daisin, and MSU's Ryan Vincent, were instrumental in bringing the simulation to Dow High.

Dow High Students Explore Business Principles for STEM During Simulation