WELCOME BACK MPS STUDENTS!
MPS welcomed more than 7,700 students this morning for the 2017-18 school year.

WELCOME to our more than 30 new teachers hired for the 2017-18 school year. These new teachers will be in our elementary, middle and high school buildings. We look forward to getting to know you!

For the past 15 years, MPS has been presenting Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) to non-teaching staff members who go above and beyond in all that he or she does to make the District a better place for students. For the past few years, we have been presenting the awards at our opening staff meetings. This year we presented the DSA’s on Tuesday, August 29.

Congratulations to these 2017 MPS DSA Recipients (from left to right): Jeanine Steinbrunner, Chestnut Hill Paraprofessional; Julie Buda, Bus Driver; Jolene Laetz, Office Professional; Curriculum Dept., Chris McCaw, Mechanic; Transportation Dept.

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!
Volunteers …
Please sign up TODAY!

Volunteers for Midland Public Schools are registering in droves. More than 1,300 people have registered since the new program, United for Success, launched in July. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED!

Many volunteers still need to upload their Level 2 documents to finish their registration process. If you need to be approved or have a group of volunteers that need approval by a particular date, please contact the Midland Public Schools Volunteer Manger, Renee Urlaub (923-5034 or urlaubrs@midlandps.org).

Click here to register: new.midlandps.org/volunteer

Congratulations Siebert Elementary Staff and Students for receiving word that your school has met all of the requirements to become an authorized IB World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP). This amazing journey began three years ago. Congratulations Siebert on this impressive accomplishment. This means that all six MPS elementary schools are now authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme schools. Wow!

Central Park Elementary
Public Open House
Monday, September 25
6:00-7:30 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

MPS Shining Star
Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017-18 school year for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS team member today! http://midps.org/shiningstarform


MPS is excited to be part of the Chief Science Officers (CSO) program hosted by Saginaw Valley State University. Select teachers and students from the Great Lakes Bay Region kicked-off the program with a two-day event at SVSU on August 22 and 23. The program is designed to build student leadership in the areas of STEM promotion, student experiences and community action. Students will work within their school community to identify opportunities such as speakers, field trips, science nights, STEM related clubs, and other activities to ignite interest and learning in STEM areas.

The following students and teacher advisors are representing MPS secondary schools in this inaugural year of CSO.

🎉 H.H. Dow High School: Garrett Brillhart and Shichi Dhar; Teacher Advisor: Tom McNamara
🎉 Midland High School: Hannah Bartels and Jared Gonder; Teacher Advisor: Brian Edelbrock
🎉 Jefferson Middle School: Mary McLaughlin and Ava Nelson; Teacher Advisor: Christine Brillhart
🎉 Northeast Middle School: Amelia Matthews and Olivia Rey; Teacher Advisor: Jen Lenon

Thank you to The Dow Chemical Company Foundation for sponsoring this first year of CSO. To learn more about the CSO program, visit http://svsu.edu/stem/chiefscienceofficers/.

WISE THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Wise Thoughts to ponder by Dr. Seuss:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

“Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one.”

“A person’s a person, no matter how small.”

“I like nonsense; it wakes up the brain cells.”
We have been asked to share the following document with MPS families:

Ask FEMA

Steven W. Johnson
Federal Coordinating Officer

Michiganders have been wondering: Most-asked questions addressed by the top FEMA official serving in this disaster

The deadline to apply for FEMA disaster assistance is Oct. 2, 2017.

How to Apply:
You can call 800-621-3362 or TTY at 800-462-7585 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT, seven days a week. Or you can register at one of the Disaster Recovery Centers in Isabella and Midland counties, where a FEMA specialist will help you in person.

Help Available:
You may qualify for assistance if you had damage to your home, or for other disaster-caused expenses, such as medical, dental, essential household items, or your vehicle.

Disaster Recovery Centers:
The Disaster Recovery Center in Isabella County is at 4855 E. Bluegrass Road in Mt. Pleasant and in Midland County at 1407 W. Carpenter St. in Midland. FEMA and SBA specialists will answer your questions about the disaster and federal programs, help you complete paperwork, and give you advice and tips on rebuilding.

Documentation Needed:
- Social Security number
- Address where the damage occurred
- Current mailing address
- Current telephone number
- Insurance information
- Total household annual income
- Routing and account number for your checking or savings account
- A description of you disaster-caused damage and losses