No School Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving

full of joy and happiness family and friends!

Have you checked out the Community Flyer Page lately? Fun seasonal opportunities for students and families come in all the time. Right now there is info on Creative 360, The Rock, Greater Midland Family Center & more!


Roses to the cast, crew and advisors of H. H. Dow High’s Drama Department for presenting Alice in Wonderland last week.

Kudos to all involved in these memorable performances!

On Saturday, November 11, Midland High School Students Lizzy Bott, Ethan Bruce and Jessica Herron won 2nd place at Eastern Michigan University’s 10th annual high school computer programming contest. Over 200 students competed from Michigan high schools from across the State. First place was won by Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center.

Congratulations also to Preston Millward, Olivia Johnson, Brylee Pavlik, Katherine Perry, Elliot Moore, John Marinan, Hadley Samarco, Noah Adamcik, Holly Stauffer, Ethan Bruce, Jessica Herron, Lizzy Bott, Alec Ehrmantraut, Jacob Hartwick, and Gabe Poprave for competing and to their coach MHS teacher, Robert Fox.

SAVE THE DATE: March 18, 2018 <> 1-4 pm H. H. Dow High School’s 50th Anniversary Celebration

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Alumni Spotlight

H. H. Dow High 2006 Alumni, Thea Neal, has been named to Forbes “30 Under 30” list for marketing & advertising professionals. According to her Forbes Profile, “Neal runs social media for Hallmark’s 2,000 Gold Crown stores.” Thea has her Bachelor of Arts from MSU and her Masters from Duke University.

Congratulations Thea! We are proud of you!
MIDLAND HIGH CELEBRATES LOCAL VETERANS

On Friday, November 10th, MHS staff and students welcomed over 55 local veterans and current service men and women from all branches of the military for their first ever Veterans Day Celebration. Throughout the day, well over 500 students in grades 9-12 participated in the event by meeting, greeting and interacting with the many veterans.

Event organizer, MHS Social Studies Lead Teacher/Teaching Coach Connie Beson-Steger said, "It was a celebration to honor all the veterans in our community and to make real life connections to our social studies curriculum. The event provides opportunities to model an attitude of gratitude as well as demonstrate the Core Democratic Value of Patriotism."

Veterans were greeted by students and staff and then shared their personal stories and experiences while serving in the military. From the oldest veteran, aged 82, to the youngest veteran, age 25, from the Korean War to Vietnam to the Gulf War to Iraq to Afghanistan, the men and women that shared their life stories truly illustrated, as Beson-Steger said, "that freedom is never free and comes at a great cost and personal sacrifice."

Midland High School is already excited to plan their 2nd annual Veterans Day Celebration Friday, November 9th of 2018!! Thank you to all those who serve in our Armed Forces!

Plymouth Elementary fourth graders worked with different tools representing bird beaks and gathered food. This experience helped students figure out which tools worked best to collect different food items. Students have a better understanding of how beaks are one type of animal adaptation.
On October 13, more than 400 students from Midland and Dow High Schools attended an exciting WE event sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company. WE is a movement that brings people together and gives them the tools to change the world. Inspired by the WE presentation a Dow High junior, Lauren Estes, decided she wanted to do a fundraiser to benefit the Midland Community. Lauren’s fund raiser was the DHS Glow Dance that was held in early November. Students who came were asked to bring non-perishable food items that would be delivered to a local food pantry before the holiday season to help those in need. There were many steps to make the DHS Glow Dance happen for Lauren and her team (Ruth Pasek, Carly May, Abby Peterson, Jacob Pasek). For instance, getting signatures in support of the DHS Glow Dance from students and teachers, proposing the event to school administration, getting chaperones, a professional DJ, decorations, advertising through social media, making a promotional video, and much more. The dance was a huge success with 150 students attending and bringing over 400 non-perishable food items that were delivered to Midland’s Open Door the next day. Great job to Lauren and her team. Way to take action and make a difference for the Midland Community!

Kudos to Allie and Evan Trotter-Wright, Aria Segura and Maggie Reed, Dow High Chargers, who participated in the brand new MSVMA Musical Theater Festival in Grosse Pointe South High School on November 11. Each of these impressive musicians performed two selections for judges and received Division I ratings. Maggie Reed receiving a perfect score!

Congratulations Allie, Evan, Aria and Maggie!

Congratulations to Doug Bradford, H. H. Dow High School Counselor and DHS Varsity Golf Coach for being named the Michigan High School Coaches Association’s Girls’ Golf Coach of the Year! Doug has been the Dow High girls’ golf coach for eight years. Under Doug’s coaching, the DHS girls’ golf team has had 5 league championships, 5 regional championships and 5 trips in 5 years to the Division 2 State Finals. The Lady Charger golf team was runner up in 2015 and State Champs in 2016. Way to go Coach Bradford!

Congratulations to our November 2017 Shining Stars

Julie Villano, Assistant Principal at H. H. Dow High School
Heather Hoppenjan, Paraprofessional at Chestnut Hill Elementary
Sally Matula, Paraprofessional at Chestnut Hill Elementary

These hardworking members of the MPS team will be recognized at tonight’s Board of Education meeting for making 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
Each year the John Alden chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) asks each of the Midland County high schools, plus Beaverton, Freeland and Gladwin to nominate a senior who displays the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Hannah Bartels was Midland High's Good Citizen representative and Anna Blasy was Dow High's representative.

The Chapter held a Good Citizen recognition program on November 3 recognizing 12 good citizens. Based on her application, resume of accomplishments, transcript and a 500-word essay written on "Our American Heritage and our Responsibility for Preserving it", Hannah Bartels was chosen as this year's Chapter winner. She received a State flag flown over the capitol building and a commemorative plaque signed by local state representatives. Best wishes to Hannah who will now go on to the state-level DAR Good Citizen scholarship competition representing the John Alden chapter.

H. H. Dow High School scholars attended at the Distinguished Women 2017 Forum, November 3. Ms. Hockemeyer and Ms. Moulthrop were pleased to bring a contingency of 32 to the event held at Northwood University. The day's activities included a Q & A with student campus leaders, paradigm shift exercise focusing on representation, lunch and the forum. The group was honored to get a one-on-one session with Pamela Good, Executive Director, Beyond Basics, Birmingham, MI following the forum.

Here are a few ways MPS is giving back and helping others this Thanksgiving season:

- **Chestnut Hill** 4th Grade students organized and sponsored a food drive. Their goal was to collect 1000 items, but these over achievers actually collected $1,286 items for donation to Aldersgate United Methodist Church.
- **Plymouth’s Leadership Plymouth** organized and sponsored a nonperishable food drive with items collected going to the Thanksgiving Food Basket to be distributed to local families for the holidays as well as personal care items and cleaning supplies collection for New Hope Village.
- **Adams Leadership** is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Midland County Food Pantry: "With One Box, One CAN...Make a Difference!"
- **Northeast** just had a community food drive with donations going to the Midland Community Food Basket.
- **Dow High** had a glow dance in early November. The entry fee was a donation of non-perishable food items for Midland's Open Door. 400 food items were donated.
- **Midland High National Honor Society** just finished a food drive. The donated food is being donated to the HELP Food Pantry.
- **Midland High** is having a “Pennies for Families” drive during the lunch hours, which will go toward an Adopt-a-Family project.
- **Midland High**—Ms. Marsh's marketing classes are selling a variety of items they have made. All profits will be going to the American Cancer Society.
- **Midland High**—Ms. Berg/Ms. Ruesegger’s 3rd hour class won the contest for collecting the most personal hygiene items in correlation with Northwood’s Go Mad program. This “giving” class collected over 160 toothbrushes. Wow!