Roses to the performers, emcees, organizers and advisors of this year’s 63rd Annual Midland High Rhapsody Rendezvous held this past Saturday.

What an amazing night watching Midland High CHEMICS SHINE!

Adams Elementary Alumni Spotlight

CALEB WHITE, a former Adams student, was honored recently at the Nickelodeon HALO Awards for his work in Detroit. Only four kids are given this award each year by Nickelodeon and Caleb was one of the four for 2017.

The Caleb White Project is a Detroit-based non-profit with a two-fold mission: to help the homeless and less fortunate and to build youth leaders through volunteerism. The goal of the Caleb White Project is to remove judgement and stereotypes and to show young people that they have the power to change the world around them.

Congratulations Caleb. We are proud of you!

(photo from hometownlife.com)

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 DOW HIGH’S MUSIC BOOSTER FRUIT SALE, Girl Scouts, Used Books Pop Up Sale at the Grace A. Dow Library, the Rock & more! https://new.midlandps.org/pages/community/community-flyers-2/

Congratulations Midland High Math and Special Education Teacher, ELAINE MAHABIR, A NOVEMBER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD recipient from TV5 and the Michigan Lottery.

Each week, the Michigan Lottery and TV 5 recognize outstanding K-12 teachers who are making a significant impact in the lives of Michigan students. These educators represent the very best of our State’s public school system. Selection is based on the following characteristics:

- Excellence
- Dedication
- Inspiration
- Leadership
- Effectiveness

One of the most recent Excellence in Education Winners is our very own Midland High School Special Ed/Math Teacher...Mrs. Elaine Mahabir. In addition to a personal monetary award from TV5 and the Michigan Lottery, $500 will be awarded to the MHS Math Department. Watch for Mrs. Mahabir to be in the December edition of Excellent Educators on TV 5!
Kudos to these six Dow High sports that won SVL Championships this fall!

FOOTBALL
5th Consecutive Playoff Appearance

GIRLS’ GOLF
#4 in the State

GIRLS’ CROSS COUNTRY
Ana Tucker & Maija Rettelle Advanced to States

Soccer
District Champions

BOYS’ TENNIS
#2 in the State

GIRLS’ GOLF
#4 in the State

GIRLS’ SWIM
#9 in the State

MORE DOW HIGH CHARGER SPORTS NEWS ...............
MHS Volleyball Team - The team tied the all-time record for wins in a season with 52 and kills per game with 11.8, were 2nd all-time in winning percentage with 83.9. Alex McMath is the all-time best in kill assists and assists per game in a season and Grace Rekeweg is top 10 all-time in five different categories. Peyton Gerstacker and Emma Jamrog are top 10 all-time in two different categories while Bethany Wilson and Katherine Perry are top 10 all-time in one category each. A truly impressive season!

(Photo from Midland Daily News)

Midland High School honored athletes from the class of 2018 who will be joining other Chemacs at the College Level in a celebration on Wednesday, November 8th in the MHS Cafeteria. This recognition coincides with the National Signing Day for NCAA Division I and II bound athletes, however, Midland High recognized all Chemics from the class of 2018 who have thus far been offered and have accepted an opportunity to further their athletic career at all levels of collegiate athletics. It is noted that other athletes may commit later in the year.

Class of 2018

- Drew Gandy
  Golf
  Hillsdale College
- Garrett Willis
  Baseball
  Saginaw Valley State University
- Maddie Barrie
  Basketball
  Grand Valley State University
- Hannah Smith
  Basketball
  Hope College
- Grace Rekeweg
  Volleyball
  Northwood University
- Peyton Gerstacker
  Volleyball
  Saginaw Valley State University
- Bethany Wilson
  Volleyball
  Lake Superior State University
- Nicole Miller
  Softball
  Northwood University
- Gillian Schloop
  Softball
  Northwood University
- Carlee Davis
  Soccer
  Saginaw Valley State University
- Riley Rajewski
  Soccer
  Northwood University
- Abbie Fowler
  Soccer
  Fairmont State University
- Rylie Johnstone
  Gymnastics
  University of Illinois - Chicago

MHS Equestrian Team - Allie McMillan was 9th, Serena Fleming-Dittenber 5th, and Madi Pfahl was 3rd out of all the riders in our district in points. In addition, Madi Pfahl was undefeated in all district meets for hunt equitation and Allie McMillan undefeated in flag. The team finished second in the district and placed third in regionals.
Throughout November and early December, it has been my pleasure to sit in on many different classes (from Kindergarten through Grade 12) in all ten MPS elementary, middle and high schools.

I have observed, interacted, participated and absorbed during these classroom visits. I can unequivocally report that exemplary teaching, learning and doing is happening at ALL MPS schools!

This past week, I had the pleasure to sit in on Susan Shaffer’s 4th Grade Class at Siebert Elementary. Part of my time in Ms. Shaffer’s class was a time for Q & A. Students asked questions of me and I was able to ask questions of them. I thoroughly enjoyed our shared dialogue.

Elementary FIRST Lego League Teams from across the State competed this past weekend at Freeland Middle School. Three Adams Elementary Teams were among those who competed. Kudos to all students who competed and thank you to all of their coaches! We will share more info on this exciting event as it becomes available!

Dave Landis from Dow presented a STEM lesson to 5th grade classes at Adams Elementary. In connection with their study of the digestive system, the lesson focused on how our bodies can digest the iron in breakfast cereal by completing a hands on activity using magnets to attract iron filings and connecting the learning from the activity to explain why we need that mineral as a nutrient. The next focus for study will be learning about the heart, blood, and circulatory system.

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! https://new.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form/

Interesting thoughts to ponder from Margaret Mead

“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”

“The solution to adult problems tomorrow depends on large measure upon how our children grow up today.”

“I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings.”