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!

Midland High’s Student Leadership and Student Council are hosting a concert to promote One Billion Rising

Saturday, February 10 at Central Auditorium
Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
Admission is free but donations are appreciated.
This concert is to raise awareness about domestic violence while showcasing very talented musicians.
Some of those performing: Leland Blue, Sarah Schieber, Midland High Meistersingers

Additional details about this event: flash mob, personal story, statistics shared about domestic violence, t-shirts and stickers will be sold, Live Oak will sell their delicious coffee

We hope you can join us for this very special evening!

Christie Gayheart, Science Teacher and Co-Teacher Leader at Jefferson Middle School has been working hard toward a very prestigious educational goal. Please join us in congratulating Christie for successfully completing and earning her PhD from Central Michigan University. Wow!

Congratulations Dr. Gayheart from the students, staff and families of Midland Public Schools. We are proud of you!

Midland Public Schools’ 2018-19 Preschool and Kindergarten ORIENTATION

IMPORTANT: Due to today’s snow day, the 4-Year old IB-PYP Preschool Orientation originally scheduled for tonight has been postponed to next Monday, February 12 @ 5:30 at Adams

Kindergarten Orientation (Young 5’s and Traditional Kindergarten)

TOMORROW—Tuesday, February 6
父子 5:30 pm @ Adams, Chestnut Hill, Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest
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United for Success Volunteers
Volunteers are needed to support 5th grade students working on their IB Primary Years Programme (IB-PYP) Exhibition Projects
If interested or for information, please contact Rene’e Urlaub, MPS Volunteer Manager
923-5034
urlaubrs@midlandps.org

Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence
Looking for something fun to do Thursday or Friday this week?

The Midland High Drama Dept. is performing *FLY BY NIGHT*.

There will be two public performances. Both at Central Auditorium

- Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 pm
- Friday, February 9, at 7:00 pm

The Midland High Drama department is the first in our area to stage "Fly By Night," a rock musical with love triangles, guitars, psychic gypsies and a song about sea turtles.

Tickets are $5 and will be sold at the door only. A dessert reception fundraiser will follow the performance.

The 2018 High school graduation ceremonies will be held at Dow Diamond on Thursday, May 24.

- H. H. Dow High at 4:30 p.m.
- Midland High at 7:30 p.m.

The plan is to rotate the time of the school graduation ceremonies each year. The district will continue to evaluate the graduation processes.

We will continue to unfold graduation ceremony details as they become available.

(In case of inclement weather requiring graduation to be held indoors, the ceremonies will be held in each high school’s respective gymnasium at the same time as previous years—7:00 p.m.)

Chestnut Hill Chipmunks had a contest and collected soup for the Super Bowl. The Students and staff put their soup donations in either the Eagles or Patriots box, whichever team that they thought would win the Super Bowl. One of our girl scout troops also provided a delicious soup lunch for staff.

The SVL wrestling Conference was held in Davison this past Saturday and the Midland High Chemic were shining! The team placed 2nd to Davison, well ahead of 3rd place. The Chemic team had 12 guys enter the tournament and 11 came home with top 6 medals. Final tally: 1 sixth, 3 fifth, 1 fourth, 1 third, 3 runner ups: Sam Hine, Matt Waier, and Jacob Gomola. The team also had 2 champions: Kindaro Kilinton at 125 and Mateo Diaz.

Matthew Waier achieved a milestone and won his 100th career win on the mat. Mateo Diaz was recognized as the Saginaw Valley League’s most outstanding wrestler, and Coach Michael Donovan was recognized for a second time as the Most Outstanding Wrestling Coach in the Saginaw Valley!

The Midland Tennis Center has always been a wonderful partner to Midland Public Schools, especially the week of the Dow Tennis Classic. It is always so exciting to have the tennis pros visit our schools and interact with students.

Kaitlyn Christian, tennis pro from Southern California, spent some time last week at Adams Elementary.

December was a busy month for students in Midland High's French classes! Some classes enjoyed crème brûlée, a delicious French custard dessert. All classes shared their linguistic and musical gifts by singing some traditional and modern French carols with other classes.

All Chemic's enjoyed the holiday cheer spread by their friends in French 1, 2, 3, and IB!
H.H. Dow High School and Midland High School Athletic Boosters have once again joined forces to raise funds for high school athletics via the 2018 Booster Bash. Working together, along with our local community, the two athletic clubs help to support over 2,000 participating student athletes by spending, on average, over $100,000 annually. This spending includes needs-based scholarships and funding for student athletes, uniforms, transportation assistance, equipment and supplies, as well as educational resources and safety needs.

Please help us continue this tradition of support by attending our 7th Annual Booster Bash to be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Great Hall. Our St. Patrick’s Day themed event will include casino games, DJ entertainment, raffles and special events, small plate buffet, open bar and desserts.

Tickets can be purchased for $60 at http://www.mpssportsboosters.com/ Tickets purchased before February 10 will also include $10 in Booster Bucks to use for casino games. Like us on our Facebook page (Booster Bash) for a chance to win a free ticket. Don’t miss this fun event!

In January, Mrs. Sarah Keishian Dergazarian spoke to both MHS and DHS Social Studies teachers about the Armenian Genocide. Mrs. Dergazarian is a former MPS music and choir teacher whose family survived the Genocide in the early 1900’s. The State of Michigan has included the Armenian Genocide in the State social studies standards and Mrs. Dergazarian provided a very personal history to the events and aftermath of this tragic event. Tremendous thanks to her for sharing of her time, knowledge, and personal memories in order to help teach our teachers about this historic event!

THE GERSTACKER NOMINATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN! Nominate an MPS teacher for the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards before March 6, 2018. For nomination information click on this link: https://new.midlandps.org/pages/employees/employee-awards/gerstacker-awards/. You may also send a personal letter teacher nomination via US Mail to: Gerstacker Awards Committee, Midland Public Schools, Attn: Brad Blasy, 600 E. Carpenter, Midland, MI 48640

This past week Adams Elementary 2nd Graders shared their program entitled: Everyone Smiles in the Same Language. It was a wonderful show focusing on the importance of kindness and understanding in our very diverse world.

Click on this link to submit a Shining Star nomination for an outstanding MPS team member: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-wltU4BkZJbAvbjS-yvplDipo_DsG8brYbjLA3q8j86uA/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

Have you checked out the MPS COMMUNITY FLYER BOARD lately? Right now we have lots of info from the Greater Midland Community Center regarding race preparation and upcoming races, The Rock’s Lock-In, Future Pommer Clinic, and more! Click here to visit the MPS Flyer Board: https://new.midlandps.org/pages/community/community-flyers-2/