As we celebrate April as National Volunteer Month, please allow us to say …

Volunteers like YOU make OUR MPS-world a better place!
Thank you to all of the volunteers who have completed the United for Success process to be an MPS volunteer. To date for the 2017-18 school year, we have 3,342 approved volunteers who have recorded 22,657 volunteer hours. WOW!

Please know we appreciate YOU!

Here are our 2018 Star Volunteers:

**Elementary Buildings:**
- Adams: Aimee Vandenbossche
- Central Park: Linda Fisher
- Chestnut Hill: Mary Meadow
- Plymouth: Melissa Wolf
- Siebert: Mandy Archbold
- Woodcrest: Beth Sharpe

**Middle Schools:**
- Jefferson: Tom Neuenfeldt
- Northeast: Melissa Bressette
- High Schools:
  - H. H. Dow: Annette Murray
  - Midland: Dr. Dennis Klipa

**Thank you 2018 Star Volunteers for your dedication and contribution!**

“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time; they just have the heart!” Elizabeth Andrew

Thank you to our 3,342 volunteers for sharing your time and your heart with MPS students and staff!

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**Will your child be part of the 2031 Graduation Class?**

If he/she begins Kindergarten in 2018, they will most likely graduate in 2031. Wow!

**NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR 2018-19 KINDERGARTEN.**

For Kindergarten Information:
- Click here: https://new.midlandps.org/pages/district/curriculum/kindergarten/ OR
- Contact your child’s school (school phone numbers are on page 3 of this Communique) for information.

For 3- or 4-year-old Preschool Program Information:
- Click here: https://new.midlandps.org/pages/district/curriculum/preschool/ OR
- Contact Jolene Laetz at (989) 923-5070 or laetzja@midlandps.org.

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**Facts**

On the Thursday before spring break, our office put out a Special Edition (SE) Communique with facts regarding MPS bond projects and funds: http://midps.org/sc032918

The purpose of that SE Communique was two fold:
1. To share information about the many amazing ways the bond funds are, and will continue to, work hard for MPS students, staff and community.
2. Response to a misleading, negative internet post about MPS bond work that has been completed.

In addition we have posted a link on the MPS website with Superintendent Sharrow’s response at the March Board meeting to the misleading information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj7DACbF_xA&feature=youtu.be

If you have questions/concerns about the bond work or claims you read or hear, call our office at 923-5026 or click on the MPS Connect link below. We are always happy to talk with you!
5th grade students at Adams Elementary School celebrated their Unit of Inquiry study on “How We Express Ourselves” in which the central idea of study was about how we use our creativity to reach an audience by combing the Hall of American Heroes with Project Lead the Way robots. Parents, students and staff enjoyed learning from the 5th graders and were excited to hear and see the robots created through the engineering design process. It was a great day of learning and discovery!

Chestnut Hill’s third grade ran the school store for the month of March. This was a great way to practice their making change, counting money and writing announcement skills.

Students also used their artistic skills to make posters. Chestnut Hill would like to thank Ms. Winters, Mrs Kaiser and Mrs. Warczinsky for sharing their time and talents with the Chestnut Hill Chipmunks!
Congratulations to the Dow High varsity cheerleading team for earning Academic All State Honors with a team GPA of 3.6. Additionally, Valentina Behnke, Mikaila Brubaker, Sydney Bryant, Jessica Bunnelle, Cassandra Fewkes, Helena Nitschky, Logan Rivard, and Chloe Welch earned individual academic honors by the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan with GPAs of 3.8 or higher. Congratulations, Charger cheerleaders!"

The H.H. Dow High Charger Shoppe has achieved Gold Level Certification for the third year running. Charger Shoppe managers submitted a report outlining their marketing plan, financial analysis as well as their product and service management. Nick Lipsitt, Shane Oskvarek and Kayla Coltson will be presenting the final project at the International DECA Competition for a chance to be ranked as one of the top three school stores in the world.

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Way to go Plymouth Pioneers!

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- Tied for 20th: Nickolas Moody, Vish Karthikeyan, Alexander Kanar
- Tied for 11th: Hannah Wejrowski (not pictured)

7th grade:
- Tied for 21st: Ryan Rinearson, Brock Adams
- Tied for 16th: Aiden Porritt

8th grade:
- Tied for 17th: Ethan Santos
- Tied for 12th: Stanton Millward
- Tied for 8th: Lawrence Millward

Congratulations to all of the Vikings who participated!

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wise thought to ponder ...

“Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.”

David Thomas