PLEASE JOIN US ... COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES ARE THIS WEEK

We hope you and all of your neighbors, family and friends can come and see their tax dollars hard at work at our buildings that have seen major renovations and additions completed using the bond funds.

All of the Open Houses will run from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

- Monday, June 4  Central Park Elementary
- Monday, June 4  Central Auditorium
- Wednesday, June 6  Plymouth Elementary
- Thursday, June 7  Woodcrest Elementary

Thank you MPS voters for your support!
The projects completed using bond funds are accomplishing great things for MPS students, staff and community!!

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE 2019 MPS GRADUATION CEREMONIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

Midland High will have the early start time

H. H. Dow High will have the later start time

2019 Graduation Ceremonies will take place at Dow Diamond (weather permitting)

Students at each Midland County School planted flowers provided by the Violence Prevention Partnership through the Midland Area Community Foundation in our joint focus on anti-violence. These are a reminder to think before you act and that things you say affect others.

"Be kind to everyone, including yourself..."

was the message to our students at all schools. These photos are some Adams students making their school beautiful and helping to get the Be Kind message out.

Thank you Violence Prevention Partnership and Midland Area Community Foundation!

Final day of school for the 2017-18 School year:

Thursday, June 14.
At the recent Midland Public Schools AP Art exhibit at the MCFTA, five students’ artwork were selected to be displayed in downtown Midland for the entire summer. From Midland High school the artwork of Olivia Ortiz and Grace Trosin and from H.H. Dow High School the artwork of Jessi Brooks, Hannah Rose, and Cristina Garcia Segura was selected. Posters of their work will be displayed from June 1 through Labor Day. This was made possible by the Midland Area Community Foundation. The entire event is called #ArtConnectsMidland. Follow this link to see a map of all the artwork: http://bit.ly/artconnectsmidland

Over Memorial Day Weekend, members of the Dow High School Symphony Orchestra traveled to New York City. They participated in two orchestral workshops while there. First, they had a clinic with Michael Adelson, a staff director with the New York Philharmonic. The Charger student musicians also had a workshop with Brent Frederick, a Broadway pianist who is currently playing for both Kinky Boots and The Band’s Visit. After working with Mr. Frederick learning to play Somewhere from West Side Story, they were joined by Eddie Korbich, a Broadway singer, who performed the song with them. Mr. Korbich has been in a dozen Broadway shows including Wicked and The Little Mermaid. In addition to these two fantastic workshops, the students were able to sight-see and attend performances of the New York Philharmonic and The Phantom of the Opera.

MPS schools welcomes new printers

Thanks to our taxpayers through the passage of the bond in February of 2015, our tired, worn out copiers and printers are being replaced with new models. It will be wonderful to begin a new school year with these efficient, time-saving, reliable office machines!
Making the PYP Happen!

Amy Slabaugh’s fifth graders at Plymouth Elementary wrapped up their Who We Are unit of inquiry by creating slide shows and models of the human body systems. They teamed with the 3rd graders in Cindy Greskowski’s class who are exploring structures and functions in their unit of inquiry How the World Works. Students related systems in the body and how they are interdependent on each other through structure and functions.

The Midland High School Trap Shooting team has six members who have qualified to compete in the USA High School Clay Target League National Tournament in Mason, MI in July. To qualify, the student athletes must have a minimum overall season average of 19. To achieve this goal, each student shoots two rounds of 25 clay pigeons each week for 8 weeks. The team representing Midland High School at Nationals is Aaron Garcia, Nate Miller, Dale Johnson, Joe Pastula, Allie McMillan, and Noah Adamcik. Congratulations to this skilled group of Chemic trap shooters!

Best wishes as you compete at Nationals in July!

MPS DSA NOMINATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN!

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2018

The Midland Public Schools’ Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) were established to honor MPS support personnel.

The following MPS employee groups are eligible for nomination: Administrative Assistant/Office Professional, Grounds, Manager, Maintenance, Paraprofessional, Technician, Transportation. This award is separate from the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award. Support staff only are eligible for this award. (Please do not nominate a teacher; they are not eligible for this award.)

Additional DSA information is available on the MPS website (www.midlandps.org). Here is a link to the on-line nomination form: https://goo.gl/forms/vlSeMihJjiW8QBf83

Nominate a great MPS support “staffer” today!

Thank you to the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation for making the MPS Distinguished Service Awards possible!

Midland Public Schools’ Summer Hours

- Elementary offices close for the summer June 22
- Secondary school offices will remain open during the summer months.
- June 25 through August 16: MPS employees who work 12 months will work four 10-hour days. District buildings are closed on Friday during this time.
- Our elementary offices will officially re-open August 13 for the 2018-19 school year.

We hope your summer is filled with smiles, your toes in the sand and many hours reading good books!
Huge Used Book Giveaway

At Central Park Elementary School

(Look for book giveaway signs)

**Monday, June 25**
MPS staff only: 4:00 pm—5:00 pm
Open to all: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

**Tuesday, June 26**
Open to all: 4:00 pm—7:00 pm

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is offering a free SAT practice test for students in grades 10-12 on Wednesday, June 20 from 1-4:30pm. This is a great opportunity for students to determine where to focus their study efforts in preparation for the SAT. Registration is required. Please call 837-3466 to register or sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

The Elementary Track Meet is Today (June 4)
4:15 pm at Community Stadium. Come and support our young athletes.

Thank you to everyone who submitted Shining Star nominations this year!
Here is a link to the nomination form: [https://new.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form/](https://new.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form/)

**wise thought to ponder ...**

“Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.”
—Henry Ward Beecher

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