Enhancement Millage RENEWAL

Renewal of the Midland County Enhancement Millage will be on the August 7 Ballot

⇒ Midland County voters approved an enhancement millage of 1.5 mills for 5 years in May of 2009.
⇒ Our County voters then renewed it for an additional 5 years in February of 2014.
⇒ On August 7, 2018, the 1.5 mills Midland County Enhancement Millage will be on the ballot for RENEWAL.
⇒ This Enhancement Millage raises approximately $4.8 million annually for Midland Public, Bullock Creek, Coleman and Meridian Schools.

If passed, Midland Public Schools will utilize the Enhancement Millage dollars for school safety and security initiatives, textbooks & curriculum enhancements, CTE (career and technical education), support for the arts and co-curricular activities, and much more.

If you will be out of town on August 7 and would like to cast your vote via Absentee Ballot, call the Midland City Clerk’s Office at 837-3310 or the Midland County Clerk’s office at 832-6739. They will be happy to answer your questions and/or send an absentee ballot to you.


The DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD (DSA) NOMINATION WINDOW CLOSES THIS FRIDAY!

Do you know an MPS support staff person (school administrative assistant/office professional, your child’s bus driver, a paraprofessional that works with your son or daughter, the person you talk with when you call the help desk or any other support staff person at MPS) that does a great job? If so, we hope you nominate that person for a Distinguished Service Award. Our DSA is to recognize the MPS support staff members who go above and beyond for the students, staff, families and community we serve.

Additional DSA information is on our website. Here is a link to the on-line nomination form: https://goo.gl/forms/vlSeMihJjiIV8Q5f83

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

Congratulations to Midland High’s Varsity Baseball Regional Winners! Best wishes at Tuesday’s State Quarterfinal game against Holland West Ottawa at CMU.

Congratulations also to Midland High’s Varsity girls’ Soccer Team who also won their Regional’s this past Friday. We send our best wishes with these student athletes as they face Grand Blanc Tuesday evening in Holt.

(Both photos courtesy of Midland Daily News.)
Kudos to Jefferson Middle School student, Ryan Lauer, (former Siebert Elementary student), who brought history to life last week for Ms. Shaffer and Ms. Lauer’s 4th grade students at Siebert. Ryan wore his full colonial uniform, representing the Continental Marines who were precursors of today’s Marine Corp. Ryan is a member of the Tittabawassee Valley Fife and Drum Corps. Inquiring students asked many questions and learned about what life was like for America's colonial soldiers.

Recent Midland High School Graduate Ethan Bruce recognized as a National Merit Finalist

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a United States academic scholarship competition for recognition and university scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a privately funded, not-for-profit organization based in Evanston, Illinois. The program began in 1955.

Each year, about 1.6 million students take the fall PSAT/NMSQT Test. Of the juniors who take the exam, about 16,000 earn scores that qualify them as Semifinalists (that’s around 1%). This group is narrowed down to 15,000, who become Finalists. Of this group, about 7,500 are awarded scholarships of $2,500 a year that can be renewed each year they are in college.

Ethan Bruce scored well enough on this test in the fall of his junior year to be recognized as a semifinalist. Ethan’s other school and community involvements and an outstanding application to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation earned him the recognition of National Merit Finalist during his senior year. Congratulations Ethan!

Dow High’s Daniel Zhang was one of 16 students nationwide who received a $5,000 scholarship for a 30-second video and short essay on college, career and life readiness. Here is a link to Daniel’s video: https://youtu.be/jMhca_P8Ed0

For more information about the Redefining Ready Scholarships, click on this link: https://www.redefiningready.org/national-scholarship

Barons, Michael  Skilled Trades  Administration
Blain, Shelley  Paraprofessional  Siebert
Buffa, Kari  Paraprofessional  Chestnut Hill
Charbonneau, Beverly  Paraprofessional  Woodcrest
Chernich, Deborah  Teacher  Woodcrest
Dent, Dixie  Bus Driver  Transportation
Dulude, Terri  Teacher  Chestnut Hill
Emmons, Kay  Paraprofessional  Chestnut Hill
Greif, Janet  Administrator  Administration
Hickman, Patsy  Paraprofessional  Midland High
Hockemeyer, Bridget  Principal  Central Park
Hoover, Becky Jo  Paraprofessional  Siebert
Hutchinson, Amy  Assistant Principal  Midland High
Hyatt, Julie  Teacher  Central Park
Laetz, Jolene  Office Professional  Administration
LaFever, Mary  Office Professional  H.H. Dow High
Larson, Mary  Teacher  Chestnut Hill
Laubscher, Kathy  Bus Driver  Transportation
Leasher, Rhonda  Teacher  Chestnut Hill
Legge, Marty Jo  Teacher  Woodcrest
Lorenz, Elizabeth  Teacher  Adams
Luzar, William  Teacher  Midland High
Marshall, Mary  Administrative Asst.  Jefferson
Martinez, Frances  Counselor  Northeast
Matula, Sally  Paraprofessional  Chestnut Hill
Meitler, Michelle  Teacher  Northeast
Merry, Edward  Teacher  Woodcrest
Merry, Tracy  Teacher  Chestnut Hill
Metz, Nancy  Teacher  Woodcrest
Morgenstern, Deborah  Paraprofessional  H.H. Dow High
Morin, Judith  Teacher  Jefferson
Murphy, Lori  Teacher  Northeast
Ostahowski, Denise  Paraprofessional  Jefferson
Pena, Jorge  Teacher  Northeast
Pickering, Mark  Teacher  H.H. Dow High
Quimby, Beth Ann  Teacher  Chestnut Hill
Siebert, Gary  Skilled Trades/Technology  Administration
Slabaugh, Amy Jo  Teacher  Plymouth
Smith, Kolleen  Teacher  Chestnut Hill
Thompson, Coreen  Teacher  H.H. Dow High
Tolfa, Lynn  Teacher  Woodcrest
Watkins, Stephen  Paraprofessional  H.H. Dow High
Wood, Bernadette  Teacher  Northeast

Have a wonderful retirement!
The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to ensure that children could continue to receive nutritious meals during school vacation months, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. The SFSP, also known as Meet Up and Eat Up, is operated at the local level by program Sponsors and is administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Health and Nutrition Services.

Again this summer, Chartwells, our MPS food service provider, has been contracted to provide the MEET UP and EAT UP program in the Midland area. ANYONE 18 and under can participate in this FREE breakfast and lunch! We hope your family can take advantage of this amazing program.

Here are the sites and hours for our local Midland SFSP sites:

Curling Center (2209 Jefferson Avenue) site we will serve a breakfast from 7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Program will operate from June 18th - August 31st. Closed July 4th.

Plymouth Elementary (1105 E. Sugnet Street) will serve breakfast June 18th - August 30th 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday Closed July 4th

Central Park Elementary (1400 Rodd Street) will serve breakfast July 10th-August 2nd 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Lunch from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Tues, Wed, and Thursdays.

Plymouth Park (4501 Plymouth Park Drive) Lunch 11:30-1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18th – August 24th Closed July 4th.

Gerstacker Spray Park (201 Wyman) Lunch 11:30-1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday June 18th - August 24th. Closed July 4th.

Midland High School (1301 Eastlawn) Breakfast 7:45-9:00 a.m. Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m. June 18th- August 23rd Closed July 3rd & 4th Closed Fridays

[Pending] Community Center (2205 Jefferson Avenue) site we will serve a breakfast from 7:45 - 9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30-1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Program will operate from June 18th - August 31st. Closed July 4th.

Congratulations to the Midland High School Boys’ Varsity Basketball team named Academic All State this past season, 3.658 G.P.A. We are proud to report they were 9th overall in State for Class A schools. Way to go Chemics!

Congratulations to our June Shining Stars

Mark Juengel, Jefferson Middle School Math Teacher, and Gayla Levely, Human Resources Administrative Assistant. 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.

Congratulations Mark & Gayla!

Celebrating Midland High School's Academic All State basketball team.

MPS 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!

Have a nice summer vacation!
Thank you United for Success volunteers!

You gave 27,601 hours during the 2017-18 school year, WOW!

A couple of reminders, make sure you take care of your volunteer continuation for the 2018-19 school year, especially those of you who are Level 3 volunteers. If you are a Level 2 volunteer be sure to keep your driving documents up-to-date as they expire.

Thank you for all you do! Your time is greatly appreciated!

#### 2018 Graduation Survey Results (N=38)

Here are a few of the results of the survey we took following our first graduation at Dow Diamond on May 25, 2018.

**Was parking ample/convenient?**

- Yes: 54.2%
- Yes, we were able to get a parking spot, but getting out was difficult with...
- I walked to Dow Diamond
- Arriving and parking was fine. Getting out while others were trying to get i...
- Leaving was difficult because Midland...
- The parking when we got back to D...
- Not enough time for the first group t...

**Would you hold future MPS graduations at Dow Diamond?**

- Yes: 92.1%
- No: 7.9%

A few of the comments included:

- “It was great to have a venue where everyone could attend.”
- “It was a beautiful event! Parents and guests really enjoyed the ease and comfort that the seating offered (low grade steps, backs on chairs) as well as the beautiful scenery and breeze. The sound system and big screen viewing as amazing as well. What a beautiful venue to host graduation! Well done Midland PS...well done!!!”
- “It was very well done. It ran smoothly and on time. I wouldn’t change a thing.”

There were many other positive comments as well as some suggestions for future graduation ceremonies at Dow Diamond. Please know we will take all of the responses we received into consideration as we plan future MPS graduation ceremonies. Thank you to everyone who responded!

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**Midland High Sophomore, Logan Turner,** has accomplished what no other Chemic has before. He is enrolled in Computer Technology I & II and has earned his Microsoft Office Specialist in Word 2016, Excel 2016, and PowerPoint 2016.

Knowledge of Microsoft is one of the basic requirements for many job qualifications. Be it accounting, business analysis, marketing or coding, you need to have adequate awareness of Microsoft programs. Companies value Microsoft certification and often times consider certified applicants over their non-credentialed peers.

Congratulations Logan!

Congratulations to **Adams Elementary students Jackson Boerma, Sophie Cai, Delaney Kepsel, Seth Washabaugh and Anise Wu.** Their artwork was selected for the 2018 Michigan 4-H Children’s Art Exchange and will be sent to the People’s Republic of China for display.

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MPS COMMUNITY FLYER BOARD —

AMAZING summer clinics, camps and fun events are coming in daily. Check them out!

On June 7, Mrs. Bank’s 7th hour Midland High American Literature class welcomed their 5th grade pen pal friends from Mrs. Kreusch’s 5th grade class at Adam’s Elementary. Students have been exchanging letters via their Chrome Books for the past year and this was a great opportunity for pen pals to meet in person. Students enjoyed participating in a team building event, went for a tour of the campus with their “buddy”, then enjoyed a cold treat out front. We are excited to continue this program next year with another class of young friends!

Project 111, The Safe Driving Movement, is pleased to announce the $1,000 Grand Incentive winners for 2018.

Congratulations to

Clara Malek of Dow High and
Kendalyn Town of Midland High School! T

These ladies stayed traffic ticket free and in good standing within their respective schools and our community.

Project 111 is rethinking the way adults approach teens and safe driving. Project 111 gives incentives to the teens of Midland County to encourage them to make great choices behind the wheel. The teens must stay traffic ticket free and in good standing at school and in their community to remain eligible to receive randomly-drawn monthly drawings for incredible incentives like Apple Watches, iPads and $300 gift cards as well as monthly $50 gift cards and our big year-end scholarship of $1,000. Project 111 also works to teach and remind our teens what good driving looks like! Please follow us on Facebook at Project111Midland and on Twitter at project111. Congratulations to our $1,000 winners!

SUMMER COMMUNIQUES: We will publish a Communique next Monday (June 18). For the remainder of June and July, however, we will not publish regular Monday Communiques. Watch for the Communiques to again come your way in August.

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”

— John Lubbock