Great Job Adams and Woodcrest Presenting at the June 11 Board of Education Meeting!

Thank you to Dr. Linda Lipsitt, Adams Principal, for sharing information about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) recent 5th Grade Exhibition at Adams Elementary. 5th Grade Teacher, Mary Anne Lipovsky, put together a wonderful slide show that Dr. Lipsitt shared with the Board and audience. Click here to view the slide show: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ylkx6X61YRwKoUdpR1bsZL2LR2tb3gN/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ylkx6X61YRwKoUdpR1bsZL2LR2tb3gN/view?usp=sharing)

Jeff Pennex, Woodcrest Principal, shared information about their IB PYP 5th Grade Exhibition and the huge impact the mentors have in the Exhibition process. Woodcrest Mentors, Greg Smith and Erin Lauderbach, spoke about their role as mentors and Woodcrest students, McKenna Seymour, Addi Palumbo, Sophia Bawar and Calvin Donahue, spoke about their appreciation for and work they did with their mentors.

The highlight of our monthly Board of Education meetings are always the different MPS staff and students from our schools who present information about the amazing programs and initiatives going on in their building. This month’s presentation about the IB PYP Exhibitions did not disappoint.

Thank you to all of the MPS students (and parents who brought them to the meetings) and staff members who have presented at the Board of Education meetings during the 2017-18 school year! These presentations show Board and audience members first-hand the wonderful learning and growing that is taking place in MPS schools!

Congratulations to the Midland High Varsity boys’ baseball team and the girls’ soccer team for a great season!

(Photos courtesy of Midland Daily News)

Graduation Survey
As you saw in last week’s Communiqué, we posted a snapshot of the results of the survey we took the week after graduation. If you attended the 2018 graduation ceremony at Dow Diamond on May 24 and didn’t have a chance to give us your input, please send your thoughts and reflections about this year’s graduation ceremonies at Dow Diamond to us via MPS Connect at: [https://etc.midlandps.org/connect/form.php](https://etc.midlandps.org/connect/form.php). Thank you!

MPS Connect 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 here to connect with me: [https://etc.midlandps.org/connect/form.php](https://etc.midlandps.org/connect/form.php).
**H. H. Dow High School Graduates recognized as a National Merit Finalists**

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.

Ten of H. H. Dow High’s National Merit Semifinalists became Finalists. They scored well enough on this test in the fall of their junior year to be recognized as semi-finalists. Because of these ten students' school and community involvements as well as an outstanding application to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, they earned the recognition as National Merit Finalist their senior year.

Our very best wishes go with these students wherever their next path takes them!

**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.

INSights — Discovering Dimensions of Diversity Field Trip to Washington DC

Recently I had the honor of being asked to accompany this group of Dow Chemical and community leaders to Washington DC where we toured the National African-American Museum of History and Culture. The goal of the group was for participants to be

INFORMED to increase awareness of diversity
INSPIRED to have candid conversations
INVITED to take actions to encourage inclusion

The trip was a wonderful experience and MPS looks forward to exploring and continuing to foster an inclusive culture that embraces and values everyone equally! Thank you Dow Chemical!

Midland Public Schools 2015 Bond Update
June 18th, 2018

Construction/In Progress:

- Chestnut Hill Renovations and Additions:
  - Masonry 80% complete.
  - Structural Steel 95% complete.

- Siebert Renovations and Additions:
  - Masonry 95% complete.
  - Structural Steel 100% complete.
  - Concrete floors 100% complete.

- Woodcrest Addition:
  - Masonry 100% complete.
  - Concrete Floor 100% complete.
  - Bar joist erected.

Look Ahead:

- Server Upgrades.
- Owner move out of Siebert and Chestnut Hill Elementary June 15th, 2018.
- Major demolition to begin June 16th, 2018.

Congratulations
H. H. Dow High!

Out of more than 875 high schools in the State of Michigan, 51 Michigan schools were recognized with top college-readiness rates for the Class of 2018.

We are proud to report that DHS was ranked #26 as reported by MLive on May 31, 2018. Here is the link if you'd like to check it out: https://www.mlive.com/expo/erry-2018/05/4abe53dd7f8791/51_michigan_schools_with_top_c.html Congrats Chargers!

The new MPS website will ROLL OUT this month!

By the end of June, when you visit www.midlandps.org, you will be directed to our new MPS website. This new site will feature a district-wide event calendar, a powerful search engine, will be easy to navigate and much more. Our goal is to make the MPS website an even stronger communication tool for MPS stakeholders. If you have any questions or concerns as you navigate the new site, in the top lefthand corner you will find a “button” to leave comments and questions.
Dr. Michael Barratt, NASA astronaut and occasional space station resident, presented last week at the Matrix: Midland program at MCFTA. During Dr. Barratt’s time in Midland, he made a visit to the Barstow Airport sponsored by the Midland Aviation Education Association. In this photo (from left to right) Dr. Barrett is pictured with MPS Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, Penny Miller-Nelson; Jefferson student, Ava Nelson; Dr. Barrett; Board of Education President, Pam Singer; MPS Administrator, Helena McDonald.

Jefferson Robotics Team Visits with Dr. Michael Barratt

Last week The Jefferson CyDogs, a FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team, had the amazing opportunity to meet with and demonstrate their robot for astronaut (and occasional space station resident), Dr. Michael Barratt. Dr. Barratt was very gracious and answered many questions for the team, inspiring them for the 2018 robotics challenge, Rover Ruckus.

Jefferson Robotics Teams Participate in 3D Printing Workshop

On Friday, June 15th, some members of the Jefferson TechnoHuskies and Jefferson CyDogs Robotics teams participated in an all-day 3D Printing Workshop, held at the Michigan State University STEM Center. The class, taught by Tracy Zhang, Ph.D., was well received by the students. The students learned the basics of 3D printers, how to set up printers, how to make simple objects using Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and how to safely print. Special thanks to the MSU STEM Center for offering this great opportunity to our robotics students.

Are you looking for a fun summer camp, class, program or event for your son or daughter?

**OUR MPS FLYER BOARD IS OVERFLOWING WITH AMAZING, FUN SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Camps, clinics, programs and events are available for children ages pre-school through Grade 12. Here are just a few examples:

- Midland High FREE youth football camp
- Dow High Summer Camps (basketball, football, soccer, cheer, pompon, volleyball)
- Chippewa Nature Center FREE summer programs
- Alden B. Dow Home & Studio summer camps
- Greater Midland Community Center summer camps, races and triathlon
- Midland Center for the Arts summer camps
- Camp Infinity at SVSU
- Great Lakes Bay Region Computer Science Camps at SVSU

AND MUCH, MUCH, MUCH MORE!

**Below is the link to our MPS Flyer Board.**

**Check out the fun opportunities TODAY:**

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 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.**

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**MPS SUMMER HOURS**

- **Elementary offices** close for the summer this Friday—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 you have a great summer!**

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**SUMMER COMMUNIQUES**: This will be the final Communiqué for the 2017-18 school year. For the remainder of June and July we will not publish regular Monday Communiques. Watch for the Monday Communiques to again come your way in August.