In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, The Midland High School Student Council, in coordination with the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry, sponsored a mobile food pantry. The council, along with the Midland High Student Leadership class, raised the funds over the past year to purchase the food. 90 students volunteered at the event which provided food to 260 families. Kudos to the Chemic students and staff who participated. We are proud of you!

2019-20 Important Middle and High School Parent Nights

Incoming Freshmen Parent Nights:
☆ H. H. Dow HS: Monday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m.
☆ Midland HS: Tuesday, January 22 (IB Info at 5:45 <> General Info at 6:30)

Due to last week’s ice days, middle school parent meetings have been rescheduled to these dates:
☆ Jefferson MS: Monday, January 28 (6th Grade: 5:00 pm <> 7th & 8th Grade: 6:30 pm)
☆ Northeast MS: Tuesday, January 29 (7th & 8th Grade: 5:30 pm <> 6th grade: 7:00 pm)

Visit with MPS Principals at Kids Day at the Mall Saturday, January 26, from 10 am to 3 pm
The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) Launches Campaign to Encourage Schools to #GoOpen with Educational Resources

What are Open Education Resources (OER)?
Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing by others. OER include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge. All OER are available online, but many can also be accessed in print copies. (MDE 2019)

Why is Michigan participating in the #GoOpen initiative?
"No matter where students live, they should have access to the same high-quality educational opportunities as any other student in Michigan. Likewise, teachers across the state should have equitable opportunities to learn and excel in their profession no matter where they live and teach." (Michigan Department of Education, 2019). Click on the link below for more information on the Michigan #GoOpen initiative. https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_80670_81344---,00.html

What is the Michigan Open Book Project?
The MI Open Book Project is a multi-year initiative funded as part of the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) which empowered groups of master teachers to come together, collaborate, and develop an open education resource for use in classrooms around Michigan. The Michigan Open Book Project provides free digital textbooks that are aligned with Michigan Academic Standards (Michigan Department of Education, 2019). Click on this link for info on the Michigan Open Book Project. http://textbooks.wmisd.org/index.html

Midland Public Schools & OER’s
- The availability of 1:1 devices for MPS students has provided the tools to enable MPS students to more easily access online textbooks and other online curricular resources.
- MPS curricular leaders and teachers have begun to review and curate Open Education Resources in efforts to enhance the learning experience for students using OER materials as well as to utilize OER online textbooks.
- MPS has begun to provide professional development for teachers to learn more about OER’s and how to curate and review OER’s for quality assurance and content alignment.
- MPS Middle School Science, Math, and Social Studies teachers as well as some High School Social Studies teachers are reviewing OER’s as alternatives to in-print textbooks and other online curricular resources.

Click on this link for more info on #GoOpen USDE. https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-launches-campaign-encourage-schools-goopen-educational-resources
On Thursday, January 31, students will have an exciting opportunity to visit Career and Technical Education programs offered throughout Midland County. During the CTE Showcase students will learn more about how to incorporate employability and career specific or technical skills into their education through career and post-secondary readiness courses. For a complete list of program offerings please visit our website. Sign up is required and can be done by contacting the school counselors or Career Development Facilitator, Robin Rogers at 989.631.5891 ext. 106 or rr Rogers@midlandesa.org.

2019-2020 Kindergarten Enrollment

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2019, your child is eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents of incoming kindergarten students are invited to attend a parent orientation meeting in your local school attendance area. Information on kindergarten curriculum, schools of choice, and the registration process will be given at this time. Call your child’s school to RSVP today!!!

Our six elementary schools Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Tuesday, February 5 at the following times:
- 5:30 Adams 923-6037
- 5:45 Central Park 923-6836
- 5:45 Chestnut Hill 923-6634
- 5:30 Plymouth 923-7616
- 5:30 Siebert 923-7835
- 5:30 Woodcrest 923-7940

Call your child’s school and RSVP TODAY for their Tues., February 5, Kindergarten Orientation!

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2018-19 2nd Semester Schools of Choice (SOC)


Schools of Choice?

Pre-Primary Center Registration Information for 2019-2020

Young 5’s Kindergarten:
- Attend your home school for Kindergarten Orientation Tuesday, February 5 whether you are considering Young 5’s or Regular Kindergarten. An informed decision will be easier with more info.
- Young 5’s Kindergarten information night will be held Monday, February 11, from 4:30-6:00 at Carpenter Street School’s Pre-Primary Center.

4-Year-Old Pre-School Programs:
- International Baccalaureate Pre-Primary Years Preschool Programme (IB PYP) tuition-based program. Info and early registration Monday, February 11, 4:30pm-6:00pm at the Carpenter Street School Pre-Primary Center.
- Great Start Readiness Program
  Sign up online at www.michiganpreschool.org for this FREE preschool for qualifying 4 year olds! (A family of 4 with a gross income of $60,000 per year or less meets income requirements. However, we encourage everyone to apply. The State considers multiple factors when placing children in GSRP.)
Congrats to Jefferson 8th Grade students, Andy Yao (16 points) and Shubhan Nagarkar (15 points), who won Honor Roll in the annual Mathematical Association of American Mathematics Competitions 8 (AMC 8) and the coach of Math Club Mr. Zimmer from Jefferson Middle School (http://amc-reg.maa.org/reports/generalreports.aspx). In Nov. 2018, about 100,000 students from 1800 schools participated in the AMC 8 and Andy and Shubhan were the only two Honor Roll students (top 5% in the country) from Jefferson Middle School. Congratulations to who competed in AMC 8. We are proud of you!

Congratulations to our January Shining Stars: Mary Zietler, English Teacher, Jefferson Middle School and Tracy Rinas, Paraprofessional, Plymouth Elementary. Thank you to these MPS team members who do an outstanding job, going above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students!

Mark your calendar for Friday February 15th, at Midland High School at 4 pm

One Billion Rising is the largest global movement to end violence against women and girls. The staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women will be the victim of violence in their lifetime adds up to over one billion females across the world.

At Midland High School, students and teachers are using their voice to raise awareness.

If you are interested in joining MHS, you are welcome to participate in a walk led by Midland High Student Council on the 15th of February beginning at 4 pm.

After the walk, join us for the story of a domestic abuse survivor and a bowl of warm soup offered by donation.

Dow High’s FIRST Robotics Team 2619 at Girl Scouts Robotics Badge Fest

Dow High’s robotics Team 2619, The Charge, partnered with Delta College and the Heart of Michigan Girl Scouts for the Girl Scout Robotics Badge Fest at Delta College on Saturday! Hundreds of Girl Scouts across several age groups completed activities for their Robotics badges at the event. Great job helping to inspire more participation in STEM activities!