Third and fourth grade students at Chestnut Hill had the opportunity to learn more about the culture of the Michigan's Indigenous People, the Anishinabek, using a culture kit from the Ziibiwing Center in Mt. Pleasant.

The students learned about the connection the Anishinabek had to nature and their environment by exploring items such as baskets, native food sources, children's toys, a hand drum, rattles/shakers, snowshoes, and materials for clothing and shoes. This hands-on activity provided students a greater understanding of the importance of resources to the culture and daily life of the early people of Michigan.

Not only was this a fantastic experience for the students, it also demonstrated the power of the Primary Years Programme! As a student was learning about the Anishinabek in her PYP unit, she talked to her mom about the content. She had visited the Ziibiwing Center, and using this experience, the idea for exploring the culture kit was born. Third and fourth grade parents then took the initiative to cover the cost of the kit and have it delivered to the school. It was a true community collaboration, and we thank all of those involved in making it happen!
FIRST Lego League Teams Compete at Michigan State Championship!

Congratulations to three of our FIRST Lego League Teams (Grades 4, 5) from the City Shaper Season that competed at the Michigan State Championship.

The Siebert Bulldog Builders enjoyed the competition and improved in answering questions from the judges. Congratulations to the Bulldog Builders for earning the 1st Place Award for Programming!

The Woodcrest Cyclone Wolverines also enjoyed attending the event and earned 1st Place for Robot Score and 2nd Place for Innovation Project Research.

The Adams City Warriors team also had a great time improving their robot game and were very happy with their high score of 365 points!

Congratulations to all MPS FIRST Lego League teams for a great season!

This wraps up the FIRST Lego League City Shaper season. The teams are looking forward to seeing what next year's challenge will bring.

Dow Science & Sustainability Education Center
Summer Internship for High School Students

Current Grade 9-11 students are encouraged to consider applying to be a paid summer intern for the Dow Science and Sustainability Education Center (DSSEC) Summer Research Experience at Saginaw Valley State University.

Program dates are June 29 – August 6, 2020. The anticipated schedule is Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Current Grade 9-11 students interested in a paid summer internship with the Dow SSEC must complete the online application form and submit their cover letter & resume by March 27, 2020.

All application materials can be found at this link: https://www.svsu.edu/dowsciencesustainabilityeducationcenter/summerrsearchexperience/.

Nominate a great MPS team member for a SHINING STAR today!

MPS Team Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019-20 school year for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS team member today! https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form

On Valentine’s Day, Midland High’s Meistersingers delivered over 200 Singing Valentines to MPS schools and all around the Midland Community! This annual event is a decades-old tradition that has had a massive positive impact on the MPS and Midland communities! What a great expression of Chemic Pride!

As Chestnut Hill celebrated the 100th day of school …

These 1st Graders aged very quickly sporting their 100-year-old makeup, costumes and canes.

These Kindergarteners were busy working on a 100-day stringing project while Mr. Sharrow happened to be visiting Chestnut Hill last week.
Chestnut Hill 5th Graders Keeping it Kind and So Much More!

This Valentine’s Day, all the 5th graders at Chestnut Hill Elementary collectively made no-sew fleece blankets to donate to Mid-Michigan Medical Center. Blankets will be given to children, youth and adults who are admitted and need an item for comfort. They are also used in the infusion center for patients receiving chemotherapy.

MPS has been using the hash tag #keepitkind this year, but being kind isn’t always enough. This Valentine project helped students go one step further to think about and have empathy for someone else. Figuring out actions that help to not just be kind, but ease the burdens of other humans is how we make our schools, homes, neighborhoods, community and world a better place.

This project helped show students that, collectively, they can make an even bigger impact than doing something alone. While single actions are important, with this project the entire 5th grade did something that one person alone couldn’t do. CHE 5th grade families shared resources and time to do much more than one person could by themselves.

Happy President’s Day!
Kudos to Lizzy in Mrs. Moe’s class at Adams Elementary. Last week she noticed a friend that was upset after making a mistake on an assignment. She encouraged him, pointed out how well he could do, and made him feel better. She was very gracious and kind!

Way to go, Lizzy!

February Shining Stars

Congratulations to our February 2020 Shining Stars. These MPS team members will be recognized at tonight’s Board of Education meeting for going above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students.

Sarah Duley, Administrative Assistant
Siebert Elementary

Amanda Thoms, District Orchestra Teacher

Congratulations, Sarah & Amanda!

The MPS Schools of Choice application window for 2020-2021 is now open for In-District and Out-of-District students

If you would like more information, go to our website and click as follows:

www.midlandps.org ➔ Community ➔ School of Choice

Contact Jana at 923-5024 or kullickjs@midlandps.org with questions.

Important 2020-21 MPS Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Information

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday, March 9 at 5:30 at Carpenter Street School
IB PYP 4-Year-Old Preschool
inquiry-based, fairly-priced tuition preschool that follows the IB PYP foundation at all MPS elementary schools.

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
results-driven, high-quality, FREE preschool for 4-year-old students from income-qualifying families. Regional Preschool Partnership — GSRP Questions: (844) 492-7707 or 923-6411
GSRP Pre-Registration Open: www.michiganpreschool.org

For Preschool forms: www.midlandps.org ➔ Parents ➔ PreSchool Program

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Will your child be 5 before September 1, 2020?
If so, then NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER your child for the Fall of 2020 Kindergarten class!
ALL MPS Elementary Schools are ready to receive your child’s registration paperwork.

(Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill, Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest)

Have questions about the difference between Developmental Kindergarten (Young 5’s) and Regular Kindergarten? Your neighborhood school office staff or the Carpenter PrePrimary Center (923-6411) will be happy to help.

For Kindergarten forms: www.midlandps.org ➔ Parents ➔ Kindergarten
Join our Team

MPS Current Job Openings

Click on this link for current job postings:

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In addition to the job openings above, BUS DRIVERS & PARAPROFESSIONALS are needed in our Transportation Department.

Interested in working with children? Want the same days off as your child? Consider becoming a member of the MPS Transportation Team!

Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED
- Pass criminal background check
- Drivers: Pass pre-employment drug test, physical/back assessment
- Paras: Pass physical/back assessment & Work Keys

A few details about being part of our Transportation Team:
- Flexible schedule, AM & PM routes available, no experience required, paid training, both regular & sub drivers and paraprofessionals are needed.

Salary:
- Bus driver: $14.22/hour starting salary … within four years: $18.01/hour
- Para: $ 9.65/hour to start … with steps to $13.12

Call MPS Transportation with questions and to apply! 923-5041

MPS needs SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

Midland Public Schools contracts through EDUStaff for our substitute teachers. You choose the days, grade levels, schools at which you would like to sub!
For more information go to www.edustaff.org TODAY

Have you checked out the MPS Student or Community Flyer Boards under the Community tab on the MPS website lately?

MPS Student Flyers: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/
MPS Community Flyers: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/

wise thought to ponder …
“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”
— Abraham Lincoln
Happy President’s Day!