2019-20 MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL ART SHOW — TRULY A WORK OF ART!

For those who have been a student or the parent of a student involved in Art at Midland Public Schools, you know MPS Art Teachers organize and display student artwork at several venues in the spring each year to exhibit the beautiful artwork of MPS elementary, middle and high school students. Even though we may be currently staying safe at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MPS is once again proud to display our students’ amazing works of art. However, instead of multiple venues this year, the beautiful, poignant, enchanting, fun, adorable, thought-provoking art will be displayed using one venue—VIRTUALLY. We hope you will take a few moments to explore the pieces on display in the links below by our talented MPS student artists. Thank you to MPS art teachers for gathering and displaying MPS student artists’ works of art!

Here are the links:
⇒ MPS Art Show: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/mps-art-show-2019-2020/home
⇒ IB Art Show: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/mps-art-show-2019-2020/ib-visual-art?authuser=0
⇒ AP Art Show: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/mps-art-show-2019-2020/ap-studio-art?authuser=0
⇒ High School Art Show: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/mps-art-show-2019-2020/high-school?authuser=0
⇒ Middle School Art Show: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/mps-art-show-2019-2020/middle-school?authuser=0
⇒ Elementary Art Show: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/mps-art-show-2019-2020/elementary-school?authuser=0

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://goo.gl/forms/ciB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2
As you will remember, in last week’s Communiqué article about recognizing 2020 graduates we included a number of photos of DHS 2020 graduates who had their photo taken in their yard with their Congrats sign from the DHS Sports Boosters.

We are excited to share these photos of a few of the 38 PATHS Seniors who will graduate this year. PATHS stands for Personalized Academics Through High School and is a program for those students for which the traditional high school setting was not a good fit. This is the 4th year of PATHS at MPS, which is a combination of face-to-face, virtual and work-based learning experiences. In this program, students work at their own pace. The PATHS team develops an individualized plan for each student that takes them from where they currently stand with credits to their end goal of high school graduation.

Some Midland High staff members took a community road trip last week and delivered yard signs to the 2020 Chemic Graduates that were provided by the Midland High Athletic Boosters. Here are a few photos. Congratulations 2020 Midland High Grads!
CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES 2020 MPS
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE GRADS!
Check out these IB staff video messages
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukcZ41ChdsO&t=12s&authuser=0
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AL6csbOdQ8&authuser=0

Julien Theuerkauf, DHS
Genesia Thompson, DHS
Lindsay Thompson, DHS
Paul Volesky, MHS
Audrey Xu, DHS
Rachel Yum, DHS

Madison Anzarut, DHS
Abhirup Banerjee, MHS
Madden Brady, DHS
Adam Collier, MHS
Henry Deeth, DHS
Shichi Dhar, DHS

Madeline Dollard, MHS
Liam Donahue, DHS
Gabriela Donoso, DHS
Rin Dunlap, DHS
Collin Erickson, DHS
Jason Fagan, DHS

Abigail Farnum, DHS
Corbin Fleming-Dittenber, MHS
Olivia Freidinger, MHS
Iris Funaioli, DHS
Adhira Hyder, DHS
Amelya Jankens, DHS

Sasha Konovalenko, DHS
AJ Lauderbach, DHS
Christi LeCaptain, DHS
Victoria Leiti, DHS
Samantha Ludwick, DHS
Stephanie Martinez, DHS

Liam McLeod, DHS
Claire Newman, DHS
Adam Pacholke, DHS
Mackayla Pirie, DHS
Madeline Poupard, DHS
Autumn Poynter, MHS

Andrew Scheffer, MHS
McKenzie Schur, DHS
Andrew Selle, DHS
Tayce Shamamian, DHS
Andrew Sharp, DHS
Sentthur Vijayam, DHS

Julien Theuerkauf, DHS Genesia Thompson, DHS
Lindsay Thompson, DHS
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Rachel Yum, DHS
2019-20 — Dow High Home Signing Day #2

In the April 20 Communique, we recognized seven HH Dow High student athletes and celebrated with them at the first ever Dow High “Home Signing Day” in mid-April. We are excited to share that by popular demand, Dow High celebrated a 2nd Home Signing Day this past Wednesday (May 13). Again, Charger Athletic Director John Streeter, delivered beautifully decorated cakes to each of the students’ homes, who in turn sent Mr. Streeter pictures of their family’s celebration. Congratulations to these ten Charger student athletes and their families. We send our very best wishes with them as they begin the next leg of their educational/athletic journey!

Max Coughlin — Baseball
Delta College

Garrett Daniels — Track and Field
Saginaw Valley State University

Austin Ieuter — Hockey
Hope College

Sasha Konovalenko — Swimming
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Krista Moe — Softball
Northwood University

Charlotte Pohl — Soccer
Delta College

Isabella Rhee — Track and Field
Carnegie Mellon University

Conrad Varhola — Swimming
Virginia Military Institute

Xander Brooks — Football
Trine University

Anthony Zeitler — Golf
Lawrence Technological University
On Tuesday, May 12, I had the opportunity to speak to the Kiwassee Kiwanis community group via Zoom about what education for MPS students and staff is looking like amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The questions I received from the Kiwanis members before Tuesday included food service, criteria from the State, medical issues once schools re-open, sports, extra-curriculars, parent feedback, the November school board election and much more. I always enjoy chatting with our wonderful community groups like the Kiwassee Kiwanis. Midland Public Schools is our community’s school district, and we all have a vested interest in providing the best educational foundation possible for Midland children. Thank you Kiwassee Kiwanis members for your invitation and most especially for your interest in teaching and learning at Midland Public Schools!

National Merit Scholarship Kudos

Congratulations to Sasha Kononvalenko, HH Dow High Senior, selected as a recipient of the National Merit Bridgestone Americas, Inc. Scholarship.

Congratulations to Victoria Leiti, HH Dow High Senior, selected as a recipient of a National Merit $2500 Scholarship.

Looking for specific resources during the COVID-19 crisis?

Northeast Michigan 211 is a great place to start … https://www.211nemichigan.org/

High School Summer eLearning Opportunity

Once school has ended for the school year, Midland Public Schools will once again be offering the Summer eLearning Program. Through this program, online courses are available to high school students who wish to earn either initial credit or credit recovery in select courses. Registration information is now available. Our online program provides students the opportunity to recover lost credits or explore new learning through online courses which students can work on 24/7! The program will heed all safety recommendations set forth by the state. While these courses do not require students to attend classes daily, student support will be provided by email, phone call or video chat. On-site support will become available based on State of Michigan recommendations but will not be required for daily work, quizzes or tests, however, exams must be monitored. Exams will be proctored onsite (when appropriate) or virtually by appointment. Students should expect to invest 45-60 hours to complete each course, but may work on their course any place that they have an internet connection. Courses will begin on June 15, 2020 and must be completed by August 13, 2020. Students may only register for one course at a time.

The cost for each course is $150 for Midland Public Schools’ students and $175 for students outside of the MPS district. If you would like additional information or would like to register for a course, please visit www.midlandps.org/content/Summer%20Program. For more information, contact Principal Jeff Lauer at lauerjm@midlandps.org.
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Important phone numbers
- Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline  1-855-444-3911
- Michigan Suicide Hotline  1-800-273-8255 or text HOME to 741741
- Michigan Domestic Violence Hotline  1-800-799-7233

If you need more support, contact your school’s phone number on the last page of this Communiqué to connect with your school counselor or family intervention specialist.

Gratitude and Joy
“It is not joy that causes gratitude, but gratitude that brings joy.”

It can be hard to think positively or pay attention to the good experiences when we are in the midst of significant stress. It is also common to feel guilty about things that are going well, when we know that others are experiencing more severe hardship. However, by practicing gratitude and focusing on the joy in your day, you can significantly raise your mood and strengthen your ability to be emotionally available for others.

How can I practice paying attention to positive experiences?

- **List 3 things that you are grateful for in this moment:** No matter how small they might be, it is important to be able to recognize what in your life is going well.
- **Try to shift your guilt to gratitude:** It is important that during the dark moments of our lives, that we are looking for those stars. So give yourself permission to see the silver lining and focus on the good. If you are feeling guilty for something that is going well for you, or some way in which you feel more fortunate than others, try to shift your guilt into gratitude.
- **By using all five of your senses, take time to relish activities that soothe you or bring you joy,** even if they are as simple as breathing in fresh air, taking a warm shower, or lying still for two minutes. Take time to savor the things that you do enjoy.
- **Establish a regular gratitude practice.** For example, every night before bed, write 3 unique things that you are grateful for or 3 parts of the day that went well, even if they were small moments.


- **Private Gratitude Journal:** https://gratefulness.org/practice/private-gratitude-journal/
- **Gratitude Video:** https://family.gonoodle.com/activities/be-grateful
- **Gratitude Game:** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PVPZHyn_ioWoFl6HGH6N5EUFveFH4OF/view?_ke=eyJrbF9lbWFpbCI6ICJqZGhhcnJvbW92aWVzdG9zaXplc3RvY3VtZW50LmNvbSJ9fX0=  
  “Gratitude turns what we have, into enough.” ~ Aesop
NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2020-21 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

MPS has proven programs that provide a SOLID EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION for our community’s youngest learners!

Two 4-Year-Old MPS Preschool Programs: (923-6411)

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
Proven, inquiry-based reasonably-priced tuition preschool that follows the IB PYP foundation at all MPS elementary schools. MPS invites you to compare our fees against area preschools. We are confident you will find MPS offers a great value!

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 (989) 923-6411  GSRP Registration Open: www.michiganpreschool.org
For Preschool forms: www.midlandps.org → Parents → PreSchool

MPS Kindergarten Program: (923-5026)

Will your child be 5 before 9/1/2020? If so, now is the time to register him/her for the Fall of 2020 Kindergarten class.
If your child’s birthday is between 9/1/2020 and 12/1/2020, we have the waiver for you to complete so your child can be part of the Fall 2020 Kdg. class.
For Kindergarten forms: www.midlandps.org → Parents → Kindergarten

Upcoming Local Food Pantries

May 21, 2020  Trinity Lutheran Church
May 28, 2020  North Midland Family Center
June 4, 2020  West Midland Family Center
June 5, 2020  Aldersgate
June 24, 2020  Blessed Sacrament
June 25, 2020  North Midland Family Center
July 2, 2020  West Midland Family Center
July 8, 2020  Aldersgate
July 9, 2020  Coleman Family Center
July 26, 2020  North Midland Family Center
July 23, 2020  Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 4, 2020  Midland High
August 21, 2020  Aldersgate

Dolly Parton, generous gifter of the Imagination Library books for children from birth through age 5, has recorded herself reading a number of fun children’s books. Click on this link if your young child would enjoy hearing Dolly read, “Last Stop on Market Street” by Matt De La Pena.
https://youtu.be/nuWJI-6jJpk

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“As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation’s wars.” — John M. McHugh