MPS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT: Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.

NOMINATE AN MPS “SUPPORT STAFFER” TODAY!

Don’t miss your chance ... the DSA Nomination Window closes this Friday (6/14)!

The Distinguished Service Awards recognize support staff members (office staff, paraprofessionals, managers, transportation, technician, grounds, maintenance) who go above and beyond and give 110% each and every day. Additional DSA information is available on the MPS website (www.midlandps.org). Here is a link to the on-line nomination form: https://forms.gle/ueiDPDrv3SBDcbRY8

Please note our 2019 MPS SUMMER HOURS

- Elementary offices close for the summer June 20.
- The Administration Center and Middle & High School offices will remain open during the summer months.
- June 17 through August 15: MPS employees who work 12 months will work four 10-hour days. All District buildings are closed on Fridays.
- Thursday, July 4: MPS is closed
- MPS elementary offices will officially re-open August 12 for the 2019-20 school year. You are welcome to email and leave phone messages during the summer. Principals will be checking in during this time.

Midland Public Schools is seeking parent and community representatives for the Inclusion & Diversity and Social Emotional Learning Parent and Community Advisory Team. This team will serve in an advisory capacity to the Core I&D and SEL Team for the implementation and enhancement of the district strategy and in support of the vision - Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.

In selecting advisory team members, consideration will be given to forming a team that embodies the vision statement while also representing the broader perspective of social-emotional learning and inclusion through the multiple lenses of race, ethnicity, culture, gender, ability, socio-economic factors, sexual orientation, gender identity, and all other factors to be considered in the range of human differences.

Parents and community members interested in applying to be a member are asked to complete a brief form to express interest by Friday, June 28. Team membership will be determined by the end of July. Here is a link to the form: https://forms.gle/y96qwcJxQXHGqciS7

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

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PRODIGY is a very new MPS program and is currently a Grade 3-5 pilot program that focuses on MPS gifted students. **Siebert’s PRODIGY group** did some cool events this year and made projects based on their interests. They made an ABC math book, a dream vacation was planned using a budget and expense sheet, and a group favorite was planning an escape room. The escape room was a favorite because the students had to find the clues, work together to solve math problems and then move on. At each level (there were four), puzzle pieces were given out and at the end, the puzzle had to be put together, which was another math problem, and then solved. Siebert PRODIGY Advisor Lisa Lauer happily reported that the students did escape with two minutes to spare. Here are a few escape room pics to enjoy!

**Pre-Primary Young 5’s Kindergarten Students** who will be attending Chestnut Hill in the fall were invited to visit recently. They had so much fun visiting classrooms, meeting teachers and playing on the playground!

On June 2 **Woodcrest Elementary and Jefferson Middle School** students visited the Midland Chinese School, enjoying the exhibitions the school had on display, tasting delicious Chinese food and communicating with Chinese speaking students and Chinese teachers.

**2019 Graduation DVDs can be ordered** by visiting MCTV at 1710 W. St Andrews, Midland (Grace A. Dow Library Lower Level). Cost is $20/DVD. MCTV asks that payment (cash or check) is received when the order is placed. MCTV can take orders by phone (837-3474) but will not create the DVD until payment is received. Shipping is available for an additional $3.

Would you like to view the 2019 Midland High and/or HH Dow High Graduation Ceremonies electronically? Here are the links.

**Midland High:**
https://youtu.be/qnSsIMKOojY

**HH Dow High:**
https://youtu.be/2LiCXbqFfKw

A wonderful MPS tradition for many of our elementary schools is a picnic at the end of the school year to celebrate all of the great learning that took place. Here is a fun picture from Siebert’s picnic.
Who better than MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS to trust for YOUR CHILD’S 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL?

A few seats are still available in your proven, award-winning school district’s TWO QUALITY 4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL OPTIONS for the 2019-20 school year.

⇒ IB-PYP Preschool that combines the Inquiry-based PYP foundation used across our MPS elementary schools in this high-quality, well-priced tuition preschool.

⇒ Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) free preschool for qualifying families that gives students a high-quality educational foundation.

Call the MPS Pre-Primary Center TODAY for information: 923-6411!

KINDERGARTEN 2019-20

✓ Will your child be 5 soon?
✓ Thinking about Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year?
✓ Haven’t had a chance to register him/her yet?

CONTACT YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL TODAY FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION!

(Phone numbers for our schools are on the last page of this Communiqué!)

Congratulations to Carter Albright, a 9th Grade student from Midland High, who has received a scholarship from the SET SEG Foundation to attend the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies’ Summer Leadership Camp in July hosted at Albion College. SET SEG received hundreds of scholarship applications demonstrating the high demand for the camp. During the week of the camp students from high schools throughout Michigan will further develop communication, organization, and goal setting skills. Congratulations, Carter! Have a great week at camp.

FINAL REPORT CARDS are scheduled to be published in Home Access Center on June 14. Please watch your email for the notice that the grades are posted. That EMAIL WILL INCLUDE IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL info for students and guardians!
On May 23, volunteers from the American Chemist Society-Midland Chapter visited Jefferson Middle School and ran hands-on Chemistry Exploration, activities, for the 7th grade science students in Mr. Graves, Mrs. Lehman and Ms. Spaulding’s classes. Topics included paper properties, hydrophobicity/hydrophilicity, and natural polymers. Some of the activities included starch and iodine testing, testing physical properties and students even made their own lotion. The event was organized by the 7th Grade Chief Science Officer, John Davis, and advisor, Christine Brillhart, as part of the Chief Science Officer Program. The CSO program is designed to get kids involved and take a leadership role within their community. A big thank you to ACS volunteers, Mrs. Gina Malczewski, Dave Stickles, Ronda Grosse and Tom Chamberlin for making this a unique experience for students!

Choose Kind
By Emmett Sias, Adams 3rd Grade Student

In this world, people can be mean; Kind, or in-between
Sometimes you have to be brave; Just to give a friend a wave
Everyone’s different, that is true; Give somebody a hug, one or two
Sometimes trying new things can be hard; And you feel like you need a guard
A person is more than just a face; Or how fast they can run a race
Say you’re sorry when you are wrong; And sometimes just try to get along
Choosing sides when friends are mad; Will always make one friend sad
When given the choice between being right; Or being kind, choose kind.

The Midland Public Schools robotics teams had a great time participating in STEM Outreach events in conjunction with the 50th American Chemical Society Central Regional Meeting.

Some members of the Northeast and Jefferson Middle School robotics teams attended Captain Scott Kelly’s presentation of “The Sky is Not the Limit: Lessons from a Year in Space” and were inspired by his perseverance in becoming an astronaut.

Dow High’s Robotics Team, The Charge, and Midland High’s Team Like a Boss, along with three other Great Lakes Bay Region teams, provided robotic chemistry challenges at the Great Lakes Loons STEM night. Participants that completed chemistry challenges with the robots won a free t-shirt from the college or sponsor of their choice. A fun time was had by all!

In addition, both Midland High and Dow High, along with the Northeast Viking Vendor’s team, conducted robotics demos and presentations at the Matrix Midland Drone and Robotics Festival. At this event, the teams were able to showcase their robots and participants of the event were able to try their hand at driving the robots.

Congratulations to the team members of Dow High’s Robotics The Charge that earned their Varsity Letter for the 2019 Destination: Deep Space Season. Mr. Sean Murray, Dow High Math/Programming teacher and Lead Mentor of The Charge, presented the letters to the students at the team’s end of season banquet.

First Time Varsity Letter Recipients: Caleb, Joseph, Tyler, Caleb, Kaedon, Josh, Ashwin, Ryan, James, and Lucas

Second Time Varsity Letter Recipients: Shiva, David, Tommy, Santiago, Nathaniel, Jordan (not pictured)

Third-time Varsity Letter Recipients: Mark, Peter, Lauren, Amelia

Fourth-Time Varsity Letter Recipient: Rebecca

Congratulations to all MPS FIRST Robotics teams for a great 2019 competitive season. We can’t wait to see what 2019-2020 holds for MPS FIRST Robotics!
Join our Team

MPS Current Job Openings

Click on this link for current job postings:

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In addition, we are always looking for SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS & BUS DRIVERS.

Click on this link for information about these opportunities:
https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities

Looking for information for FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN 18 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER? Check out the Meet Up Eat Up flyer on our two MPS flyeboards.

Looking for next year’s school calendar? Here is the link to the 2019-20 MPS Calendar: https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/Calendar or you can always visit www.midlandps.org and click on the calendar tab.

Midland Public Schools now has TWO FLYER BOARDS!

- Student Flyers: Fun activities, events and opportunities for students: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/
- Community Flyers: Information and events that may be of interest to parents & adults: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers

Check back often. Flyers are coming in all the time!

wise thought to ponder ...

“What is it about summer that makes children grow? We feed and water them more. They do get more sun, but that probably doesn’t matter as much as the book they read or the rule they broke that taught them something they couldn’t have learned any other way.”

— Nancy Gibbs