**Superintendent Communiqué**

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**MPS Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Vision**

*Lead with respect, trust and courage.*  
*Ensure an equitable, collaborative and inclusive culture.*  
*Enable all to achieve success.*

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**Congratulations to these dedicated Midland Public team members who have retired during the 2019-20 school year!**

- **Sharon S. Blalock**, Paraprofessional, Central Park ES
- **Carol Boychuck**, Teacher, Midland HS
- **Roxanne Brooks**, Counselor, Jefferson MS
- **Charles Dobschensky**, Bldg. Manager, Northeast MS
- **Brenda Frazier**, Teacher, Woodcrest ES
- **Bonnie Gray**, Teacher, Woodcrest ES
- **Colette Hertel**, Paraprofessional, Midland HS
- **Larry Jacobs**, Jefferson MS
- **Luann Kuzniki**, Teacher, HH Dow HS
- **Steven Last**, Teacher, HH Dow HS
- **Cari Marchand**, Teacher, Adams ES
- **Sherry Mitchell**, Manager, Information Systems
- **Deborah Nunamaker**, Paraprofessional, Adams ES
- **Janice Richter-Jones**, Paraprofessional, Plymouth ES
- **Tamara San Miguel**, Teacher, Siebert ES
- **Edie Serrato**, Paraprofessional, Midland HS
- **Susan Shaffer**, Teacher, Siebert ES
- **Diane Sugnet**, PE Teacher, Midland HS
- **Russell Syracuse**, Bus Driver, Transportation
- **Elaine Tobey**, Paraprofessional, Plymouth ES
- **Julie Villano**, Assistant Principal, Midland HS
- **Dawn Wallace**, Bus Driver, Transportation
- **Rose Whaley**, Administrative Asst., Special Services
- **Mark Zielinski**, Teacher, Siebert ES

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**Congratulations & Best Wishes!**

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**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
High School Summer eLearning Opportunity

As MPS has for many summers, now that the school year has ended, Midland Public Schools will offer 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.

Kindness and Generosity from Fellow Michigan Educators

Midland High School teacher, Elaine Mahabir, contacted my office and MCEA recently with the following message, “... My sister in law, Celeste Mahabir, is an educator with Detroit Country Day Schools. She along with several of her colleagues have been asking what they can do to help our community. In our exchanges, she and I thought that it might be nice if the donations from her school could go directly to those educators most impacted by the recent floods. With that, can you give suggestions on doing so? ... Is there a place to make donations that goes directly to the teachers?”

MCEA President, Mark Hackbarth, replied to Elaine that the Michigan Education Association has set up a GoFundMe site https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-mea-members-affected-by-midland-flooding to raise money to help those members directly impacted by the flood.

Thank you to the Detroit Country Day School Upper School Faculty for their $1,300 donation to the GoFundMe page for our MEA members affected by the flood. So appreciated!
Here is the link to Dow High’s Diploma Parade with lots of great candid's: [https://www.dhs.midlandps.org/1/Gallery/82](https://www.dhs.midlandps.org/1/Gallery/82)

Jefferson Middle School Honored Some Important Husky Family Members Recently

8th Graders moving on to high school next year, sporting their next year HS tshirts from JPAC & Retiring staff members—Ms. Brooks and Mr. Jacobs—moving on to a “life of leisure.” 😊 Best Wishes!

Best wishes, 2020 Charger Graduates!

Best wishes, 2020 Chemic Graduates!

We posted Midland High’s Diploma Parade in last week’s Communique. If you didn’t have a chance to take a look, here is the link: [https://www.mhs.midlandps.org/2/Gallery/80](https://www.mhs.midlandps.org/2/Gallery/80)
The fifth grade students at Plymouth Elementary completed the last step of their PYP journey by working on their Exhibition projects during this distance learning time. It was not the usual Exhibition experience, however, these Plymouth Pioneers still used their PYP knowledge and research skills to learn about a topic of their choosing that related to the central idea of **Scientific advances on society, and the environment, impact peoples’ lives.** Students also planned out an action they could take to share their learning in some way. At the end of their Exhibition journey, students reflected on what they learned and how they used their PYP skills throughout the process. Here are some of the fifth grade students and their chosen topics:

- Lillian Barnhart - Pesticides
- Kiera Brown - Global Warming
- Brandon Chesney - Healthy Habits
- Katie Donate - Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Leyton Gallihugh - Healthy Habits
- Cameron Huey - COVID-19 Prevention
- Marley Hughes - Litter and the Affect on Turtles
- Danielle Isberg - Music and the Affect on the Human Mind
- Darby Albers - Animal prosthetics
- Jared Glass - Computer technology in the Military
- Christian Harry - Prevention of the Spread of Diseases
- Tim Holley - Drone Use in the Military
- Steven Jessen - 3D Printing Face Masks During COVID 19
- Evan Kell - Wind Turbines
- Jacob Lampi - Ventilator Use During COVID 19
- Silas Lange - Animal Prosthetics
- Benjamin Armstrong - 3D Printing
- Jackson Cook - Brain Injuries in Sports (CTE)
- Lyra Empie - Invasive Species
- Kayden Hospodar - 3D Printing to help animals
- Lucy McDonald - Space Race
- Lucy Mitchell - Medical Technology for Animals
- Maksim Kempf - Plastics and Pollution
- Adriana Moedryk - How Protected Areas Affect Wildlife
- Morgan Palmer - Northern White Rhinos
- Reid Plaxton - Coding
- Jaidyn Quoss - Germs
- Dustin Selley - Pollution
- Adrianus Stewart - Invasive Species
- Emma Lucke - Endangered Animals
- Lilly Meyers - Texting While Driving
- Boston Pawlak - School Security
- Ashley Pietrzak - Using Plasma to Help Treat COVID 19
- Caroline Shealy - Reusing and Recycling Plastics
- Alli Thompson - Effects of Deforestation on Endangered Animals
- Alaina Weyrowske - Flea and Tick Medicines for Pets
- Sylas Mudd - Recycling
- Kennedy Robinson - Screen Time
- Zachary Skutt - Cars
- Alexa Smith - Recycling
- Alexa Warren - Social Media
- Ava Young - Animal Abuse and Testing

**Congratulations, Plymouth Pioneers! Way to go!**

The fifth graders at Plymouth Elementary worked hard in the fall and winter to raise money for their end of the year field trip to The Henry Ford Museum and the Ford Rouge Assembly Plant. Unfortunately due to the circumstances, they were not able to go. Instead, a portion of the money was used to provide each Plymouth fifth grader with a Middle School Survival Kit, which included many items to prepare them for middle school success, including Northeast Viking spirit wear.

Creating this survival kit only used a portion of the money that was raised. In a survey taken of the fifth grade students and families, 100% agreed that the remaining money, in the amount of $1,693.60, should be donated to the Midland flood relief efforts. We are so proud of our Plymouth Pioneers for their hard work and generosity and wish them all...
Last week I had the pleasure of “Zooming” with the Noon Rotary group and sharing our Midland Public Schools’ journey since mid-March, as well as what we are looking forward to in the future. Thank you, Noon Rotary, for allowing me to share our recent K-12 teaching and learning, but even more for your tremendous support through the years.

We are happy to report that **ALL MPS school playgrounds are once again open**. Please know, however, that play equipment is not sanitized and should be used at family discretion. Social distancing practices while playing and hand washing or hand sanitizing after touching play equipment are strongly encouraged.

(PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIDLAND DAILY NEWS)
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](http://www.michiganpreschool.org) For Preschool forms: [www.midlandps.org](http://www.midlandps.org) → Parents → Preschool Program

**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](http://www.midlandps.org) → Parents → Kindergarten

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Maitea Cox, Dow High Junior, was selected by Representative John Moolenaar as the top Congressional Art winner for 2019-2020 for Michigan's 4th District. Maitea’s piece, titled "Joey," will be on display in the Congressional Building, in Washington, DC for one year.

Congratulations, Maitea on a great work and excellent recognition!

**2020 MPS Graduate photos began scrolling on the MCFTA digital sign today**

Below are the dates that the Midland and HH Dow High 2020 Graduate photos will scroll on the Eastman Road sign:

**HH Dow High**
June 15, 29 and July 13

**Midland High**
June 16, 30 and July 14

Thank you,

**Midland Center for the Arts!**
Join our Team

MPS Current Job Openings

Click on this link for current job postings: https://www.applitrack.com/mps/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp

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The MPS 2020-21 Schools of Choice application window is open for In-District and Out-of-District students.

If you would like more info, visit our website: www.midlandps.org

⇒ Community
⇒ Schools of Choice

Upcoming Local Food Pantries

- June 24, 2020  Blessed Sacrament
- June 25, 2020  North Midland Family Ctr.
- July 2, 2020   West Midland Family Ctr.
- July 8, 2020   Aldersgate
- July 9, 2020   Coleman Family Center
- July 23, 2020  Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- July 26, 2020  North Midland Family Center
- August 4, 2020 Midland High
- August 21, 2020 Aldersgate

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

Community Flyers: https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers

“wise thought to ponder …
There should be no discrimination against languages people speak, skin color, or religion.”
— Malala Yousafzai

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