**Welcome Back!!**

We are gearing up for the 2018-19 School Year and are looking forward to welcoming more than 7,600 students on September 4!

Thank you Midland County Voters!

Midland Public Schools sincerely thanks all those who got out and voted last week!

The passage of the Enhancement Millage is sincerely appreciated. These funds make an enormous difference for our students, staff and programming.

**MPS Summer Office Hours Drawing to a Close**

MPS elementary offices are open as of today and ready to assist you with registration or any questions you may have about the 2018-19 school year.

Because of bond construction, the Chestnut Hill office staff is located at Plymouth Elem. and Siebert staff is at Jefferson. We anticipate CHE and SIE will be back in their own offices on August 27.

This week is the final week of MPS summer hours. This week our staff district-wide continues to work four 10-hour days with all of our buildings closed on Friday.

Next week we return to our regular five-day work week.

**Support Staff Job Fair is Wednesday (August 15) from 2-5 pm at Central Auditorium.**

Click here to register: [https://www.midlandps.org/jobfair](https://www.midlandps.org/jobfair)

Registration is Limited!

A number of Paraprofessionals opportunities are available.

Don’t miss your chance to be part of the MPS team!

**JOIN US for 2018-19 PIC Meetings!**

**ALL MPS PARENTS ARE WELCOME!**

Our **MPS Parent Information Committee** has been meeting for almost 20 years. This committee is chaired by the MPS Superintendent to share information and keep lines of communication open with our parents.

For the 2018-19 school year, the PIC group will meet the **2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** from October through May from 12:00-1:00 at the MPS Administration Center (600 E. Carpenter).

Parents are welcome to bring their lunch or we will be happy to order a staff lunch from our Chartwells Food Service, which the parent can pay for when they arrive for the PIC meeting.

PIC participants are welcome to come every month or just the months when their schedule allows. Topics for discussion are always timely and student programming centered. If you are interested in being part of the 2018-19 PIC, please complete this very brief form: [https://goo.gl/forms/p8CmJ7Fii8qPfJTv1](https://goo.gl/forms/p8CmJ7Fii8qPfJTv1)

Call Cindy at 923-5026 if you have questions.

**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/ctB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2](https://goo.gl/forms/ctB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2)
Dow High’s FIRST Robotics Team ‘The Charge’ - Summer Outreach

The Dow High Robotics Team 2619, The Charge, was part of a variety of fun STEM & community outreach activities over the summer. In June, they participated in Saginaw's ‘One Week One Street' project, working with other organizations to help repair & clean homes in a Saginaw neighborhood. In July, The Charge helped ‘Aaron’s Gifts from Home' prepare and pack care packages for U.S. soldiers serving overseas. In early August, The Charge hosted a booth at Midland's Riverdays Festival, where students and parents did a variety of interactive STEM activities, including building with spaghetti, balancing dice and competing with Skittles. In mid-August, The Charge and Northeast's FTC Team 12722 (Savage Vikings) participated in the Saginaw Summer Engineering Experience (SEEK) for Kids, where they talked about problem solving & robot design and the SEEK students drove the robots!

You can catch The Charge at upcoming outreach events in August – the Midland County Fair on August 14 and the Great Lakes Loons on August 22. Come and join them for fun STEM activities & robot demos!

AS WE REPORTED LAST MONDAY, MPS WAS NAMED THE #14 SCHOOL DISTRICT (OUT OF 556 DISTRICTS) IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN BY NICHE

Top 2% in the State of Michigan

Here are some of the other results posted by NICHE in this ranking within the State, County and Saginaw area:

⇒ MPS is #13 out of 556 Districts with the Best Teachers in Michigan (top 2%)
⇒ MPS is #17 out of 566 Safest School District in the State of Michigan (top 3%)
⇒ MPS is #18 out of 545 Best Places to Teach in Michigan (top 3%)
⇒ MPS is #47 out of 559 Best School Districts for Athletes in Michigan (top 8%)
⇒ MPS is ranked #1 out of 5 Safest School District in Midland County
⇒ MPS is ranked #1 out of 22 Best School District in the Saginaw Area
⇒ MPS is ranked #1 out of 22 District with the Best Teachers in Saginaw Area
⇒ MPS is ranked #1 out of 22 Safest School District in the Saginaw Area
⇒ MPS is ranked #1 out of 20 Best Places to Teach in Saginaw Area
⇒ MPS is ranked #3 out of 22 Best School Districts for Athletes in Saginaw Area

How MPS Ranks Nationally:

⇒ #523 of 11,705 Districts with the Best Teachers in America (top 4%)
⇒ #555 of 11,770 Safest School Districts in America (top 4%)
⇒ #605 of 10,758 Best School Districts in America (top 5%)
⇒ #798 of 10,881 Best School Districts for Athletes in America (top 7%)
⇒ #855 of 10,828 Best Places to Teach in America (top 7%)
Have you heard the news?

Midland Public Schools is opening our first ever Pre-Primary Center in Carpenter Street School. One wing of this beautiful old building will be the Pre-Primary Center, the other wing will be the new Robotics Center.

This spring and summer we have been busy updating and renovating the Pre-Primary Wing as we get ready to welcome 150 4-year-old preschool and young 5’s kindergarten students on September 4.

You are invited …

to a community open house of the new MPS Pre-Primary Center on Thursday, October 4 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

In mid-July, Midland High School’s Trap Shooting Team had a team of five students who qualified and participated in the 2018 USA High School Clay Target League (first) National Tournament. The team ended a fantastic season, finishing #62 in Nationals. 175 Teams from all over the U.S.A. participated in the 4-day event in Mason, Michigan. Congratulations to Aaron Garcia, Nate Miller, Dale Johnson, Allie McMillan for a great season!

Link to the 2018-19 MPS District Calendar:


Congrats and Kudos to Barton Malow, our Bond Project Management firm!

On Monday, August 6, Barton Malow had a team who worked on a Midland Habitat for Humanity project house on Maryland Street (Midland High area). Barton Malow and the Dow Chemical Company were the two companies specifically recognized as individual groups and thanked by Jennifer Chappel, Midland County Habitat for Humanity CEO for their partnerships with MCHFH.

wise thought to ponder …

“To sit in the shade on a fine day and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment.”

— Jane Austen