On August 20, MPS welcomed 20 new teachers to Midland Public Schools. Their assignments are across many grade levels and curriculum areas. We are excited to have these new certificated staff members on the MPS team!

On August 22, Midland High School hosted their annual Freshmen Orientation. During their very busy two hours, Chemic freshmen received their schedules, had a tour of the building, had their school pictures taken and much more. One of their sessions included a 30-minute Inclusion & Diversity learning activity facilitated by MHS Math Teacher Johnny Chatman in the beautifully refurbished Midland High Media Center. Several MHS Teachers worked collaboratively with Dr. Kenneth Jolly, SVSU Professor, to develop this meaningful session to help students understand the importance of inclusion and begin to develop a sense of belonging.

WELCOME BACK, MPS TEAM! It was great to see you this morning!

This morning we welcomed back our amazing team of dedicated MPS staff members for a meeting at Central Auditorium regarding “Restorative Practices.” From MIRPTC.org, The goal of restorative practice is to reduce violence and bullying, improve behavior, restore relationships and, above all, repair harm. The result is a reduction in the need for disciplinary actions and an improvement in the school environment. Thank you to both the Clare-Gladwin RESD for coordinating this training; and the trainer, Roy Burton, from SRPC Training. It was wonderful to see our MPS team gather and hear the buzz before the meeting started!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO HH DOW & MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOLS’ STUDENTS & PARENTS!

Please know 2019-20 student schedules are still “under construction.”

It is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CHECK HOME ACCESS CENTER ON FRIDAY (8/30) OF THIS WEEK to confirm 2019-20 high school student schedules. Even if students have a printed schedule, it could potentially change as administration may need to make final adjustments to course schedules.

FINAL Adjustments

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/ciT8b7FAMXb4pQxN2
Do you know a family looking for a quality 4-year-old preschool program?

A few seats are still available in our Midland Public Schools’ International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme 4-year-old preschool. This preschool program, located at our recently renovated Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School, offers a child-centered, play-based curriculum that includes the inquiry-based IB PYP foundation used across MPS elementary schools.

Call 923-6411 for more information about this high-quality, well-priced tuition preschool.

Looking for this year’s school calendar? Here is the link: https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/Calendar.

Annual Notices — Per statute, the Midland Public Schools must notify stakeholders of applicable state and federal laws. All students and parents are expected to review and be knowledgeable of the information included herein annually. These annual notices are included in MPS student handbooks, located on each of the schools’ websites. Here is the link to the Annual Notices information: https://www.midlandps.org/MPS-Annual-Notifications.
Congratulations to Buffy Hall, Woodcrest Elementary Art Teacher and Midland High girls’ swim coach and Jefferson Middle School girls’ and boys’ swim coach, who received the Lloyd Osborn Coaching Award from the Midland Area Community Foundation last week. This prestigious community award is presented to one individual annually who best exhibits the qualities of service to youth, sports and the community as did the late Lloyd Osborn.

Congratulations, Coach Hall!

Dow High’s FIRST Robotics Team ‘The Charge’ - Summer Outreach

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During the early part of the summer, The Charge cleaned up trash along our Adopted Street in Midland, hosted robot demos at two elementary school carnivals, and hosted robot demos at a Great Lakes Loons game and the Midland Drone & Robotics Festival. In late June, The Charge participated in Saginaw’s ‘One Week One Street’ project, working with other community organizations to help repair & clean homes in a Saginaw neighborhood.

July’s highlight was hosting an exhibit at the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational STEM into Sports Center for several days. The Charge brought Putt-Bott, our robotic putter, where guests could see if they could line the robot up to putt a hole-in-one and make the gopher dance. Our team was also able to partner with golfer Brittany Marchand during the event. Brittany is an LPGA golfer and a chemical engineer who advocates for STEM opportunities for students! Other July activities included helping Aaron’s Gifts from Home pack over 200 care packages for soldiers and hosting STEM activities before a “Movies on Main” in downtown Midland.

August outreach included: Hosting a booth at Midland’s Riverdays festival where we had fun games and engineering challenges for all ages, in addition to doing robot demonstrations with FTC teams; Doing demos with 3 of our robots at the 100th Anniversary picnic at the Midland Community Center; Partnering with Corteva Agrisciences to host robot demos at the Midland County Fair in the Ag Education building, Partnering with Ace Hardware to host robot demos before another “Movies on Main” in downtown Midland; and Volunteering at Midland’s Gus Macker basketball tournament, which benefits the Arc of Midland.

The Dow High Robotics team is very thankful for all of the support that our team receives from many local businesses, organizations, and families! It has been fun to partner many of these groups to give back to our community and to bring hands-on STEM and robotics experiences to the next generation of students!

The 6th annual FIRST Robotics Great Lakes Bay Bot Bash will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 7th at H.H. Dow High School. Come and cheer on local high school robotics teams during this fun, high-energy competition. Both Dow and Midland High Schools will be among the teams competing.

Admission is FREE! Don’t miss it!
Join our Team

**MPS Current Job Openings**

Click on this link for current job postings:


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See you Tuesday, September 3, for the first day of the 2019-20 school year!

In addition to the job openings above,

**BUS DRIVERS and PARAPROFESSIONALS**

are needed in our

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

for the 2019-20 School Year!

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

**Additional Details:**

- Flexible schedule
- AM & PM routes available
- No experience required
- Paid training
- Both Regular & Sub Drivers and Paraprofessionals are needed

**Salary:**

- Bus driver: $13.54/hour starting salary … within four years: $17.15/hour
- Paraprofessional/Sub Paraprofessional: $9.45

**Want to know more?**

- Contact MPS Transportation (923-5041) today for info or to apply!

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"wise thought to ponder . . .

"Change your thoughts and you change your world."

—Norman Vincent Peale