MPS Students and Teachers Travel to Ecuador as part of the WE Are Innovators Challenge, an initiative of WE, made possible by The Dow Chemical Company.

At the August 20 Board of Education meeting, Lisa Bonotto, HH Dow High Teacher; Angela McMath, Midland High Teacher; Browyn McCoy and Robert Perry, (Midland High students) presented information about their trip to Ecuador in July as part of the WE movement.

The MPS group of two teachers and four students started their time in Ecuador in Quito. They then took a 7-hour bus ride and 40 minute canoe ride to a remote village where their worked laying a building foundation and meeting with a farmer about the importance of clean water.

We just received word last week that Midland High’s Bronwyn McCoy is invited (expenses paid) to participate in the New York WE Day. An incredible privilege and an amazing opportunity.

WE … Together we will change the world!

Thank you also to HH Dow High Teacher, Kathy Snyder, and Executive Director of The ROCK, Bev Wenzel, who presented information at the Monday, August 20, Board meeting about the MPS partnership with the ROCK and the work they do throughout Midland County and the Saginaw Bay area. Thank you to The ROCK for all they do for MPS!

MPS WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

On Tuesday, August 21, MPS welcomed 36 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!
OUR SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

The first *Our Schools* quarterly MPS newsletter for the 2018-19 school year was an 8-page, full-color insert in the Saturday (8/25) *Midland Daily News*. This document includes important information about the upcoming school year for the District and each of our elementary, middle and high schools.

This issue also includes the bus schedule for the 2018-19 school year.

Here is the link to the electronic version of the *Our Schools* newsletter:
https://www.midlandps.org/ourschools201820

If you would like a print copy, stop by the Superintendent’s Office at the Administration Center (600 E. Carpenter Street) between 8-4:30.

MPS Elementary Foreign Language Pilots

This year MPS is excited to pilot two new language and culture approaches at the elementary level. Mandarin Chinese will be piloted at Woodcrest, and a Four Language & Culture experience will be piloted at Adams Elementary. Just as with the district’s Spanish instruction, which will continue at the district’s four other elementary schools, these classes will be a mixture of teaching language--reading, writing, speaking, and listening--and culture. Elementary language classes meet two times a week, for 30-minutes per session. After this instruction, students are able to choose a language to study in depth, when in middle school or high school, beginning with the first year of that language. The district is excited to pilot these new opportunities for students and looks forward to exploring more languages and cultures.

MPS School Lunch Program Information

Click on this link for info about the MPS food service program: http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/MidlandPublicSchools

**A NEW FREE/REDUCED APPLICATION IS REQUIRED EVERY YEAR.**

Free and reduced breakfast and lunch applications can be filled out online at www.lunchapp.com.

A student who does not have a new application on file for the 2018-19 year will be reset to full pay in October.

MPS Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer for MPS, register at https://www.midlandps.org/volunteer.

Already registered? Be sure you took care of your volunteer continuation for the 2018-19 school year, especially Level 3’s.

**Level 2 volunteer Driver?** keep your driving documents up-to-date

Questions or changes to your volunteer profile? Contact: Renee Urlaub, Volunteer Manager, 923-5034.

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“*If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.*”

— Henry Ford