Midland Public Schools is excited to have welcomed more than 7,700 elementary, middle and high school students this morning for the 2018-19 school year. We can’t wait to see the accomplishments, successes and knowledge our students, staff and families celebrate this school year. Stay Tuned!

2018 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Beginning in 2002, the MPS Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) have been presented to non-teaching staff members who go above and beyond in all that they do to make the District a better place for students. As with the Gerstacker Teacher Awards, the Distinguished Service Awards are made possible through the generosity of the Gerstacker Family.

We are excited to announce our 2018 DSA recipients that were revealed at the August 27 Opening Staff Meeting. From left to right:

- **Mike Moeggenberg**, Director of Facilities
- **Tanya Ross**, Woodcrest Paraprofessional
- **Eva Vallazza**, Woodcrest Paraprofessional
- **Sharon Blalock**, Central Park Paraprofessional

Congratulations to these dedicated support staff members.

**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](https://goo.gl/forms/ciB8b7FAMXb4pQxN2)
On Labor Day Monday, Adams Elementary families welcomed back students with a “labor” of love as they did beautiful chalk messages to greet students Tuesday morning.

Midland Community Stadium Press Box

Early Monday, August 27, the press box at Midland Community Stadium appears to have been struck by lightning with the structure catching on fire. The fire gutted the building and has made the building not structurally sound for staff. In addition, the fire has caused damage to stadium light controls as well as the scoreboard and sound system.

MPS staff has been diligently working on short-term and long-term plans. Last week we were able to have the structure inspected by fire officials, insurance inspectors and structural engineers. We were able to secure a portable sound system, portable scoreboard and repair stadium lighting. By Wednesday we were able to host smaller-attended events with the temporary sound system and scoreboard, but we are not able to use the home (press box) side bleachers as the bleachers are in the fall zone of the damaged press box structure.

We have secured a contractor to demo the structure but are awaiting approval to do so from our insurance company. Tearing the press box down before insurance approval would hinder our insurance claim. Once all approvals needed are received to take the structure down, we will move quickly.

The district is also working with our architects to determine a plan to rebuild a press box and cost-estimating to do so. New building codes for the press box have changed significantly and require items such as elevators to be added. It is our hope by late fall to have a plan in place to rebuild the press box at Midland Community Stadium.

(Photo courtesy of Midland Daily News)

PLEASE USE CAUTION IN ALL MPS SCHOOL ZONES!

PLEASE BE KIND, PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE!

YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY!
Local robotics teams were invited to host robot demonstrations at the Midland County Fair this year –

the Jefferson FTC Robotics Team 10309, ‘Techno-Huskies,’ were among the teams participating at the fair.

In addition to the Fair, the Dow High Robotics Team 2619, ‘the Charge,’ was also invited to do demonstrations at the Great Lakes Loons game where kids of all ages got to play catch with the robot, drive the robot, and learn about key robot design features.

In addition to the Fair, the Midland High Robotics Team 5509, ‘Like a Boss,’ also volunteered at the Gus Macker tournament in mid August.

Great job to the JMS, DHS and MHS Robotics Teams for representing MPS so admirably at all of these community events!

Speaking of Robotics, did you hear the news that in addition to the Pre-Primary Center opening this school year at Carpenter, a new Robotics Wing is opening in the other Carpenter Street School wing. The Robotics Teams are excited to move in!

CHIP, CHIP, HOORAY!
A big THANK YOU to the AMAZING CHESTNUT HILL PTO! Several parents spent part of their Labor Day constructing two Gaga Ball Pits on the playground. Thank you Pete & Andrea Sheperd, Mike & Corrie Johnson, Steve & Jennifer Ringgold, Jeff Kyro, Ashley Johnson, Brian & Kristina Hough, Courtney & Erik Johnson, and those that helped put in two soccer goals and nets last week! Not only will our students have updated classrooms but an updated playground too! We appreciate the contributions of ALL Chestnut Hill Parents in making this happen.
Last week, Midland Public Schools received a very generous delivery of clothing, tennis shoes, backpacks, school supplies, wipes, sanitizer, baggies and more from the parishioners at St. Brigid’s Catholic Church. Our elementary schools were the recipients of these very generous gifts.

Thank you to our St. Brigid neighbors for thinking of Midland Public Schools’ students!

MPS V OLUNTEERS
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.

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.

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.” — Malala Yousafzai