Midland Public Schools District Vision Statement

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

(Adopted by the MPS Board of Education July 20, 2020)

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Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or another MPS staff member will do all we can to reply to your message within the next work day.

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Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent
March 2020 Shining Stars & 2020-21 SHINING STAR PROGRAM

As you may have noticed, the 2019-20 Shining Star program was cut short due to the COVID-19 mandated school closure. As a matter of fact, we had chosen our March Shining Stars, they were informed that they were selected, but that was the week our schools closed, so they were not formally recognized at a Board of Education meeting. We would like to take this moment to formally recognize our March 2020 Shining Stars:

Sarah Doughty, 4th Grade Teacher at Woodcrest.
Karen Dralle, Office Professional at Midland High School

As we look ahead to our 2020-21 Shining Star program, we are going to change it up just a bit. The nomination process is the same as in the past. However, we are no longer going to inform Shining Stars in advance that they have been chosen. Rather, we are going to announce the Shining Stars in the Monday Communique on the day they will be recognized at that evening’s Board meeting. We thought it would be fun (and a little more surprising) if MPS staff, students and families discovered each month’s Shining Stars at the same time.

To “make up for lost time” we are excited to announce six (6) September 2020 Shining Stars. All of these MPS team members have certainly gone “above and beyond” to make MPS a better place for students.

Amy Crowley, Office Para-professional, Central Park Elem.
Tracey Reed, Administrative Assistant, Administration Center
Matt Wenzell, Assistant Principal, Midland High

The following MPS team members are from MPS Chartwells Food Service:
Jake Kelly, Executive Chef
Tina Malzahn, Director
Jackie McClelland, Administrative Assistant

Thank you to these dedicated Shining Stars for making MPS a better place for students!

What is self-care?

Self-care is anything you do to take care of yourself so you can stay physically, mentally and emotionally well. Self-care benefits are better physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. Consider creating a family self-care plan: [https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/activity/create-a-family-self-care-plan/]

MPS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

JULIA SANDERSON, HH Dow High 2019 Graduate
Awarded American FFA Degree

Congratulations to HH Dow High Alumni, Julia Sanderson, who has earned the American FFA Degree and will receive her degree at the National FFA Convention in October. The American FFA Degree is awarded to less than 1% of FFA members from around the nation and is the highest degree a student can earn. This prestigious award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs and is sponsored by Case IH, Elanco Animal Health and Syngenta.

In order to earn the degree, the student must meet the following requirements:
⇒ receive a State FFA Degree
⇒ hold active FFA membership for the past three years
⇒ complete secondary instruction in an agricultural education program (earn at least $10,000 and productively invested $7,500 or earned and productively invested $2,000 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time)
⇒ operate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program
⇒ complete 50 hours community service
⇒ show leadership abilities
⇒ have outstanding scholastic achievement

Julia Sanderson is a member of the Coleman Regional Agriscience Center FFA Chapter in Coleman, Michigan.

Congratulations, Julia! We are proud of you!

SHINING STARS RETURN ... We are excited to reinstate the Shining Stars that recognize MPS staff members who go above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students. If you would like to nominate a deserving MPS team member, please complete and submit the Shining Star nomination form. Here is the link: [https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form]
The 2020 Neighboring Week is sponsored by Midland’s Cultural Awareness Coalition and the Midland Area Community Foundation. The committee’s Neighboring poster contains the following statement, “We focus on inclusivity within our community. We strive to build a sense of belonging and connection between all people who are in the community—it’s important to know our neighbors!” (Here is a link to the poster: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kdkOs7T_N4qsdM_BtTsu3yNg1Tv7Lfsv/view?usp=sharing.)

To take the focus of inclusivity a step further, a very, very wise woman once said, “America is known as a country that welcomes people to its shores. All kinds of people. The image of the Statue of Liberty with Emma Lazarus’ famous poem. She lifts her lamp and welcomes people to the golden shore, where they will not experience prejudice because of the color of their skin, the religious faith that they follow.” — Ruth Bader Ginsburg

As we all know, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a major emphasis for MPS in educating, supporting and nurturing DEI in our schools, community, state and nation. MPS is so fortunate to be this community’s public school district. Throughout the years, our students, staff, programs and facilities have been supported by our Midland Community in so many different ways. MPS is excited to join our Midland Community in Neighboring Week and fostering Inclusivity!

MPS students are getting involved in Neighboring Week through their MPS art class. During this week, art students are completing this fun, short form (including sharing a little piece of their own artwork). Then next week, MPS student will leave the form on the porch of a neighbor as a greeting. (Of course, parents are asked to accompany young children as they leave the form at their neighbor’s home.) If your child doesn’t have an MPS Art class, or if they would like to complete another form or two to share with their neighbors, please feel free to print this form for your child to complete and share: http://www.midlandps.org/hello-neighbor.

Let’s all greet one another next week with “Hello Neighbor, Midland, Michigan!”
**JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions**

MPS Employment Opportunities Link:
https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities

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Want to drive a big yellow school bus?

OR are you interested in being a transportation paraprofessional and riding around on a big yellow school bus and assisting students on their way to school or on their way home?

**If so, Midland PS NEEDS YOU!**

Bus driver salary range: $14.22-$18.01
Para salary range: $10.47-$13.89

Call 923-5041 TODAY for training and CDL information.

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Thank you, Adio Chiropractic!

Our wonderful friends from Adio Chiropractic again collected backpacks and school supplies for Midland Public Schools’ students as their August “donation cause.” As you can see from the photo, pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, folders, crayons, beautiful backpacks and so much more were collected by this very generous community partner. Thank you, Adio Chiropractic, for your generosity and for thinking of Midland Public Schools. Your gifts will be utilized by MPS students throughout the 2020-21 school year!

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**Wise words to ponder ...**

“In order to cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of the citizenry, it is necessary that the path to leadership be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every race and ethnicity.” — Sandra Day O’Connor