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VISION STATEMENT
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Showing Kindness … Plymouth Elementary First Grade students sponsored a Families Helping Families food drive collecting non-perishable food and personal care items as a part of their PYP Unit of Inquiry: Who We Are. Students took action by donating 750 items to help community members who needed a helping hand over the Thanksgiving holiday. Way to go, Pioneers!

Holiday Kindness Chemic-Style! Kudos to the Midland High student volunteers who recently helped at two community events.

First, ten Chemics helped to organize clothes at the King’s Daughters Christmas Closet. This annual event provides clothes for children and families in need and will serve over 1500 children this holiday season.

Secondly, a dozen Chemics helped out at the recent “Shop with a Hero” event held at Meijer. Students helped wrap presents for area kids who would have otherwise not had anything for Christmas.

MPS is gearing up for PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN registration for the 2020-21 school year!

KINDERGARTEN Orientation at all MPS elementary schools is Tuesday, February 4, at 5:45 pm.

4-YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL Open House at Carpenter Street School is Monday, March 9 at 5:30 pm

Registration opens for YOUNG 5s KINDERGARTEN and IB PYP PRESCHOOL on February 1. GSRP 4-Year-Old Preschool registration window will be announced by the State of Michigan.

Roses to the organizers, performers, emcees, advisors, back stage crew and everyone involved in this past Saturday’s MHS Rhapsody Rendezvous.

MIDLAND HIGH’S DEFINITELY GOT TALENT!
An evening of wonderful student (and even some Chemic staff) performances was enjoyed by all who attended!

Kudos to the Dow High Varsity Pom members who participated in the 2019 America’s Parade in Detroit on Thanksgiving Day with the Mid-American Pompon All-Star team. These four Chargers were part of the 208 member All-Star team. The team has performed in this parade for the past 33 years.

(From left to right, Ann Jennett, Kayla Dominowski, Hannah Morey and Lauria Rodea)

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Robotics Teams (Grades 4,5) Compete at Ready, Set, LEGO!

Our nine FIRST LEGO League robotics teams participated in the Ready, Set, LEGO! Competition this past weekend and had an amazing time running their robot missions and sharing their Innovation Projects with judges, all while practicing gracious professionalism. In this year’s challenge—City Shaper—teams solved a problem with a building or public space in their community.

Congratulations to the Siebert Bulldog Builders who were the Champions of the event! Their robot finished in 1st place with the event high score of 400 points! The team was also awarded the Robot Performance award. Their Innovation Project - “Reinventing the Midland Mall” proposed micro-living housing units and additional family attractions using sustainable building practices.

Congratulations also to the Woodcrest Cyclone Wolverines as they applied what they learned from last year and earned the Champions Award - 2nd Place! They enjoyed sharing with the judges their Innovation Project “River Point Court Sustainable Community.” Their robot finished 4th, enabling the team to participate in the exciting exhibition round of match play along with the Siebert Bulldog Builders.

The Adams City Warriors had a great time at the qualifier and enjoyed sharing with the judges their Innovation Project “Using renewable materials to replace cement in concrete to reduce CO2 emissions.” Their robot finished 9th in qualifying rounds and the team earned the Programming Award.

The Siebert Binary Bulldogs focused on being a well-rounded team and having fun this season. They worked hard on programming this year and their robot finished in 11th place. Their innovation project of “Reinventing the Midland Mall” turned the building into an eat, shop, and play destination attraction.

The Adams Ultimate Builders applied what they learned last year and finished 6th in robot qualification. Their Innovation Project “Solving for Traffic Congestion” focused on various solutions for traffic congestion, including Smart Traffic Lights.

And congratulations to our 1st year Rookie teams -

Congratulations to Central Park Elementary and the Beyond the Brick team for their inaugural season! Their Innovation Project "Addressing School Parking Lots" proposes the implementation of angled parking spots at their school. Their robot finished 8th in qualification matches. Congratulations to the team for earning the Judge's Award!

The Woodcrest Titan Wolverines really enjoyed the trial and error aspects of the game. Their Innovation Project “Shade Trees to Beat the Heat” focused on how their playground at Woodcrest has a need for shade trees and canopies to provide additional shade from the sun.

The Woodcrest Warriors team was excited about their project, “SPOTS - Solar Powered Overhead Transportation System” which is a monorail type transportation system that would be powered by solar energy and would run through Whiting Forest and other areas of Midland. For their robot, the team came together solving simple missions first, like pushing the blocks and then more complicated ones like dropping the crane.

And congratulations to Plymouth Elementary and the Plymouth Programming Pioneers on their inaugural season! The Plymouth Programming Pioneers focused on teamwork and having fun. A true student-led team, they are especially proud of their Innovation Project “Implementing a Wheelchair Swing at Miracle Field.” They look forward to funding this project through various donations and ultimately implementing it. They enjoyed building and programming their robot and they were able to complete the crane and bridge missions consistently.

Congratulations to the Siebert Bulldog Builders, Woodcrest Cyclone Wolverines, Adams City Warriors and Siebert Binary Bulldogs who have qualified for the Michigan State FIRST LEGO League Championship, which will be held next weekend in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Good luck to all the teams!
READY, SET, LEGO!

Central Park Beyond the Brick

Adams City Warriors
Adams Ultimate Builders
Plymouth Pioneer Programmers

Siebert Bulldog Builders
Siebert Binary Bulldogs

Woodcrest Cyclones
Woodcrest Warriors
Woodcrest Titan Wolverines

Kudos, Midland Public Schools’ FIRST Lego League Teams. Way to represent MPS! We are proud of you!
Join our Team

**MPS Current Job Openings**

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**2020-21 INCOMING 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION**

Mark your calendar for these 9th Grade Orientation Dates

- **HH Dow High School** — Monday, January 20, 2020
  (6:00 — Parents/guardians report to cafeteria; students report to main gym)

- **Midland High School** — Tuesday, January 21, 2020
  (5:45 — International Baccalaureate Program Info)
  (6:15 — Parent Program begins in Cafeteria)

**MPS NEEDS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!**

Midland Public Schools contracts through EDUStaff for our substitute teachers. You choose the days, grade levels, schools at which you would like to sub! For more information go to [www.edustaff.org](http://www.edustaff.org) TODAY

Nominate a great MPS team member for a SHINING STAR today!

MPS Team Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019-20 school year for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS team member today! [https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form](https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form)

Have you checked out the **MPS Student or Community Flyer Boards** under the Community tab on the MPS website lately?

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**wise thought to ponder ...**

“Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson.