Looking for a quality preschool for your 4-year old?

Midland Public Schools, in partnership with the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), is happy to announce that MPS has been granted several new "slots" for children to join our 4-year-old GSRP preschool program at the MPS Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School for this school year. If interested in this program, please visit https://michiganpreschool.org (Eligible children and families must meet State guidelines, including income).

A few details about the MPS GSRP program:
- When: Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Where: Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School (1407 W. Carpenter)
- MPS GSRP classrooms have a certificated teacher with a credentialed associate teacher and uses the HighScope research-based curriculum
- Each GSRP class is limited to 16 students and has two adults
- Bussing is provided if the child resides within MPS boundaries
- Students are provided breakfast, lunch and snack

Please call 923-6411 if you have questions

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

Congratulations to the 13 Midland High students who advanced to Part 2 of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition! These students are Charlotte Adrian, Alyssa Dekker, Carina Gallagher, Olivia Johnson, Kyle Kotanchek, Erika Leasher, John Marinan, Jacob Miller, Elliot Moore, Hadley Samarco, Drew Scheffer, Erik Van der Grijn, and Aidan Wilber-Gauthier.

Their Part 1 scores were high enough to place in the top 1000 students in the State and they took the Part 2 test on Wednesday, December 5th.

Best wishes to these students as they await the results!

Adams Elementary Kindergarten students were busy creating gingerbread houses Friday.
On Page 2 of last week’s Communique, we showcased the great job our elementary students did at the December 1 Into Orbit FIRST Lego League (FLL) Robotics competition in Freeland. In today’s Communique, we wanted to share a few more highlights of that exciting competition in which MPS students participated & excelled!

Adams Space Squirtels
Siebert Binary Bulldogs
Siebert Bulldog Builders
Woodcrest Space Savers

Overall competition winner
#1 team in robot performance
Mechanical design award
Gracious professionalism award

All six MPS elementary teams who competed did a great job!

Here are a few fun pics of the December 1 event in Freeland!

MPS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Anne Marinan

Did you see the headlines of the Saturday, December 8, Midland Daily News?


Dr. Anne Marinan, the 2007 Midland High School Valedictorian is living her dream as an aerospace engineer at NASA as a member of the MarCo project team working on the November 26 InSight Rover Mars Landing.

Dr. Marinan earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan, and both her Master’s and Doctoral Degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In an article entitled “NASA Experts Reflect on 60 Years of Space Exploration” in PCMag.com, dated September 27, 2018, Dr. Marinan is quoted as saying:

When and why did you join NASA? “Dr. Anne Marinan: I was a NASA Fellow all through grad school, and I did research at JPL [the Jet Propulsion Laboratory] and NASA Ames Research Center while completing a PhD in Aero/Astro at MIT. I came to JPL as a full-time employee in 2016. I've always been interested in space exploration and wanted to be part of NASA’s overall mission. There’s nothing else like it. I talk to satellites on a daily basis, we’re making discoveries all the time about Earth and space. It’s a very cool thing to do.”

Congratulations Dr. Anne Marinan! We are proud of you!

Photo courtesy of Dr. Marinan and Midland Daily News

MPS Administration Center
Holiday Break Hours

December 24 and 25: ➔ Closed
December 26, 27, 28: ➔ 8:00-4:30
December 31 & Jan. 1: ➔ Closed
January 2, 3, 4: ➔ 8:00-4:30
Construction / In Progress:

Chestnut Hill/Siebert Additions:
- Gyms and cafeterias are complete and have been turned over for use by the building.

Chestnut Hill / Siebert New Media Centers:
- Mechanical Demolition is in progress in the old gym spaces.
- Framing and drywall installation has begun.

Look Ahead:
- Framing and drywall installation to continue at both media centers.
- Continue transforming the old gym into the media center once this is complete, the final phase for 2018 work will be complete.
- We have received bids for 2019 we are conducting post bid interviews and will be providing a recommendation before the end of the year.
Jefferson Middle School Robotics Teams Compete in 2nd Qualifier

Two of our FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics teams, the Jefferson CyDogs and Jefferson Wired Wolves, competed in their second qualifier of the Rover Ruckus season in Pellston, Michigan. For both teams, their robots performed very well and at the end of qualifying matches both teams were in the top ten with the Wired Wolves ranked 9th and the CyDogs ranked 4th. The CyDogs earned the opportunity to be captain of Alliance 4 but opted to accept an invite to join Alliance 2, captained by the Krakens of Holly, MI. The Wired Wolves were invited to Alliance 3 with the Snowbots of Houghton as captain. This placed the CyDogs and Wired Wolves in an exciting head-to-head battle, ultimately with Alliance 3 being eliminated in the semi-final round. The CyDogs team, as part of Alliance 2, went on to be part of the Winning Alliance.

The Jefferson CyDogs team, was also the recipient of the Inspire Award, the highest award given at an FTC qualifier. The Inspire Award is a judged award given to the team that is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism® both on and off the playing field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm, and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the judges. The Jefferson CyDogs were also finalists for the Connect, Control, Design, Inspire, Think and Rockwell Collins Innovate Awards, allowing them to earn the Inspire Award. Congratulations to both teams!

Good luck to our Middle School FTC Teams, the Northeast Viking Vendors, the Jefferson Techno Huskies and the Jefferson CyDogs who will be competing at the Michigan State FTC Championship in Battle Creek, Michigan next weekend!

Best Wishes to our MPS FIRST Lego League Teams!

All of our best wishes go with the four MPS FIRST Lego League teams that will be competing in the Michigan State FIRST Lego League tournament in Bloomfield Hills, MI this coming weekend.

Adams Space Squirtels
Siebert Bulldog Builders
Siebert Binary Bulldogs
Woodcrest Space Savers

H. H. Dow High DECA News

On Friday, December 7, 85 Dow High DECA members participated in a day of learning and preparation at the 5th annual Northwood DECA Day. This event is designed to help students gain knowledge and experience before competing at the District DECA Competition later this month. Members learned tips and tricks to help them stand out from their competition as well as completed a practice role play.
On November 8, twelve students from Siebert Elementary led by Ms. Lisa Lauer competed in the semi-annual Noetic Learning Math Contest.

Noetic Learning Math Contest is a national mathematics contest for elementary and middle school students. The goal of the competition is to encourage students’ interest in math, to develop their problem solving skills and to inspire them to excel in math.

More than 24,000 students representing 561 schools across the country took part in this fall’s contest.

The following students are our team winners.
★ Mathicorns: Hudson Wells
★ Math Wizards: Kanushi Desai, Ricky Wang

The following students won the National Honor Roll title: Hudson Wells, Kanushi Desai, Ricky Wang, Ashwin Vemury, Tanay Janmanchi. This title is awarded to approximately the top 10% of participating mathletes.

The following students received National Honorable Mention. This title is awarded to approximately the top 50% of participating mathletes. Raymond Chai, Sanvi Patel, Matthew Lee, Sam Carn, Joechen Fan, Libby Jones

Congratulations to all the winners! The contest results demonstrate our students’ great problem solving skills and math talents. They also show that our students can rise to the occasion and can meet the challenge.

More detailed information about the Noetic Learning Math Contest can be found at: http://www.noetic-learning.com/mathcontest

Friday was holiday socks and hats day at Midland High. Here are a few Chemic students and staff “sporting” their holiday gear.

Please keep the nominations coming in for MPS staff members you believe are Shining Stars! Link to Shining Star nomination form: https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form

“Wisdom is the glory of man. The parable of the foolish man is to abase his soul. A wise thought to ponder ...”
— George H. W. Bush