Midland High School will have a very special graduate at this year's 2019 Graduation Ceremony

On Friday, January 25, Midland High hosted a memorable event. Sarah Dodick's Senior English class invited Jimmey Sequin to her class. Mr. Sequin, was an MHS Chemic in the mid-1960s. He attended MHS from 1964-1967 and dropped out at 18 when he was sent to Vietnam in 1968. Jimmey thought he was going to MHS to speak with the class about his Marine Corps Vietnam experiences, which is something he has done frequently. However, instead of answering questions about Vietnam, his family was there to greet him. Ms. Dodick's students started by asking him questions about his time at MHS in the 1960's, including this tough question, "Do you ever regret not graduating?"  Jimmey’s response, “Yes … I’ve always regretted not graduating but it was a different time back then and I was a young kid ... I gave up a lot ..." Another student asked, “Do you know about Public Act 181?” The students planned this special event because under ‘Public Act 181’ (named Operation Recognition), a high school diploma can be awarded by a Michigan public school district to a veteran, if, before graduation from high school, the military veteran enlisted in or was drafted into the armed forces of the United States during World War II, or the Korean or Vietnam conflicts.

Another student asked Jimmey, "Would you like to graduate and walk with the class of 2019?" The entire class said "PLEASE” … to which Jimmey smiled and replied, "Yeah- I'd love to graduate and walk with you all.” Needless to say there were CHEERS and TEARS from the front to the back of the classroom and a celebration quickly ensued!

During the May 29 graduation ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at Dow Diamond (weather permitting), 70-year-old Marine Vietnam Veteran Jimmey Sequin will be walking across the stage with the Chemic Class of 2019. Congratulations, Mr. Sequin! We are proud of you and proud of our Chemic students and staff for making this very special tribute a reality!

Inclement Weather Days

Who could have predicted MPS schools to be closed for an entire week due to inclement?  The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requires students to attend school a minimum of 180 days and 1098 instructional hours in a school year. Schools are allowed six "weather days" without makeup days being required. At this point we have used 8 days, which is two days over our allotted amount. MDE, through Section 101 of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1701), allows districts to apply for a waiver for up to an additional three days after the six allowable days have been used. There are many requirements that must be met before the waiver is granted. We will plan on applying for the waiver once we know if we are applying 2 or 3 days.

If the waiver is not granted by MDE, we will need to look at our District calendar to see when we could consider making up the days for this school year. We will keep you informed as we go through this process.

#MPSinspiringexcellence
Midland High’s Jazz Band 1 Takes CMU Jazz Weekend by Storm!

MHS Jazz Band 1, under the direction of Chris O’Connell, attended Central Michigan University Jazz Weekend on February 1. This is the fourth year they attended this event and always do a wonderful job representing Midland High. This year, they won three awards: First Runner-Up for best Class A Soloist - Sydney Lewandowski, First Runner-Up for best Class A Section - Trumpets, and First Runner-Up for best Class A Jazz Band.

Robots at Kids Day at the Midland Mall

For the second year, Jefferson Techno-Huskies (FTC 10309) successfully hosted Robot demonstrations and STEM workshops at Kids Day at the Midland Mall 2019. They showcased two seasons' robots, Jeff and Jess. Families and young learners had a great time interacting with Jeff and Jess in interactive games on simple machines and space-related STEM activities.

THE GERSTACKER TEACHER PROFICIENCY AWARDS NOMINATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN!

Don’t miss your chance. Nominate a great MPS teacher today!

The nomination window CLOSES FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

For nomination information go to our website—www.midlandps.org—or click on this link: https://www.midlandps.org/News/223#sthash.J3dEZBCw.dpbs

To nominate a teacher, you may also send a personal letter via US Mail to:
Gerstacker Committee, Midland Public Schools Superintendent’s Office, 600 E. Carpenter, Midland, MI 48640

This year’s Gerstacker Ceremony is Thursday, May 2, at 4:15 p.m. at Central Auditorium and will celebrate 64 years of Midland Public Schools’ teaching excellence.

These awards are made possible through the generous support of the Carl and Esther Gerstacker Donor-Advised Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation.
In mid-January Siebert's Culture Club took action by helping at Midland's Open Door!

In December they learned about the culture of poverty in Midland.

When most people think of poverty, they think of possessional poverty, but most people that end up at the Open Door are there because of relational poverty, meaning they don't have anyone to turn to when they are experiencing a crisis. The January Culture Club Open Door event kicked off with 11 students, two teachers, and several parents socializing with people visiting the Open Door's soup kitchen. They were then broken into teams to complete various chores such as inventory, laundry, cleaning, and organizing. Great job Bulldogs!

One Billion Rising is the largest global movement to end violence against women and girls.

The staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women will be the victim of violence in their lifetime. This adds up to over one billion females across the world.

At Midland High School, students and teachers are using their voice to raise awareness.

If you are interested in participating in this walk led by Midland High Student Council, head to MHS on the 15th of February ready to walk at 4 pm.

After the walk, join the group for the story of a domestic abuse survivor and a bowl of warm soup offered by donation.
Join our Team

MPS Current Job Openings

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In addition, we are always looking for SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS AND BUS DRIVERS. Click on this link for information about these opportunities:
https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities

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

2019 Saginaw Valley League Teacher of the Year Award
The Saginaw Valley League established this award to recognize excellence in teaching. This award is presented annually to one teacher from each Saginaw Valley member high school. Nomination window closes March 15, 2019!
Link for info: https://www.midlandps.org/News/230#sthash.4LakjaM6.dpbs

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