MPS EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGES

Only 35% of MPS student guardians are currently receiving our MPS emergency texts (regarding snow days and other emergency information).

If you have been receiving the MPS text messages about snow days, please disregard this information.

However, if you are a guardian who has not been receiving the MPS texts and would like to, below is IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU!

⇒ Your child’s school must have your correct cell phone number in the “Mobile” field (not Home/Primary field). Log on to Home Access Center to be sure your cell number is in the Mobile field. If it is not, contact your child’s school to make the change.

⇒ YOU MUST GIVE PERMISSION FOR OUR SYSTEM TO CALL YOUR MOBILE PHONE. This extra step is not our idea … it is required by the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

⇒ To give permission, simply text the letter Y to 68453.

You should immediately receive a confirmation message. SchoolMessenger also has a webpage or an app for iOS and Android that you can use to control district communications with you.

Here is a link that you can use for more information on SchoolMessenger (the system we use to communicate via email, text and phone): Click Here

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 ofMidland 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.
46th annual Midland Area Snow Sculpture Contest, originally scheduled for February 8, has been CANCELLED.

There were numerous factors that went into the decision, including consulting with the teachers from all involved high schools. The consensus among all was not wanting the students pulled from the classroom for yet another day this winter. With the unique weather events we’ve had (and more forecasted), keeping students in their regular daily school schedule was the better choice. It is everyone’s hope the weather next year will allow the 47th contest to happen!

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Congratulations to H. H. Dow High student, Julia Sanderson, a second year CTE student in the Coleman Regional Agriscience Center, and 11 other students in the Coleman Agriscience program, who will receive their Michigan FFA State Degree on the campus of Michigan State University in early March.

This is the highest degree that the State Association can award its members and requires students to have completed a lengthy list of requirements. In addition to obtaining the award, these students receive 6 credits to Michigan State University.

Congratulations Julia!

H. H. Dow High’s, The Charge, Celebrates 2-6-19 Day!

Each FIRST Robotics Competition team is given a unique 4-digit number when they are formed and that is their team number for the life of their team. Dow High’s Robotics team, The Charge, is Team 2619 and on February 6, 2019, the team celebrated their day with special 2619 treat bags for Charger staff and a video entitled “Where in the World Can you Find 2619?”. The Charge would like to thank the team’s major sponsors for this season - The Dow Chemical Company, Dow Michigan Operations, Nexteer Automotive and Midland Public Schools. And, special thanks to friends & family who support the team through volunteering and Robotics Booster donations. The support of sponsors & boosters enables building of the robot & competing, as well as community & STEM outreach and the team could not do it without them!
**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.

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**Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs) with Eighth Grade Northeast Vikings**

Students in **Ms. Valley, Mr. Kipfmiller and Mrs. Kessler’s science classes at Northeast** explored the Science and Engineering Practices via several mini units throughout the first semester. Students engineered egg drop vehicles and parachutes for bottle rockets. Local engineers and scientists guided students in the building and redesigning of trebuchets based on student data and outcomes. Maglev (magnetic levitation) vehicles were built using materials and lessons provided by MDOT and their TRAC (Transportation and Civil Engineering) program. Students employed the Engineering and Design Process while learning about motion and Newton’s Three Laws.

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In partnership with the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational coming to the Midland Country Club this summer, the First Tee of Eastern Michigan is bringing their unique golf and life skills curriculum to Midland Public Schools. First Tee of Eastern Michigan is donating elementary-student sized golf equipment to MPS elementary schools. Here are a few **Woodcrest students** who have been using the equipment in their gym class. Thank you First Tee for the golf equipment and for providing professional development for elementary PE teachers!
## Join our Team

### MPS Current Job Openings

Click on this link for current job postings:

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In addition, **we are always looking for SUBSTIUTE TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS AND BUS DRIVERS.**

Click on this link for information about these opportunities: https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities

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### 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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**wise thought to ponder ...**

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

— Abraham Lincoln