Like so many other organizations, Midland Public Schools students, staff and families have been touched through the years by cancer. As a show of awareness, support and in memoriam, many of our buildings pick a day in October to wear pink. Here are a few MPS “pink” photos from last week.

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THE NEPAL PROJECT

Last year's Nepal Project was a resounding success. Culture Clubs at Adams Elementary, Jefferson Middle School, and Grade-Level Teams at Central Park Elementary joined forces to raise $14,000 to support basic improvements at the Saraswati Primary School in rural eastern Nepal. Improvements included upgrading classrooms damaged in the 2015 earthquake, bringing a fresh water supply to the school for the first time and providing a new laptop computer and internet access, also for the first time.

The project is continuing this year with a target of raising funds for further improvements including support for developing a first-time STEM program, bringing electrical wiring into classrooms for the first time, as well as supporting teacher training for STEM and e-curriculum activities.

This project is an opportunity for MPS students to develop greater global awareness and to TAKE ACTION where there is a real need. Not only do they gain experience raising funds for a purpose, but they also gain significant cultural insights into education and life in another part of the world where life is very different from what they are used to. Along with fund-raising, Culture Club and PYP Coordinators, as well as classroom teachers are working to tie this experience to the curriculum and PYP Units of Inquiry in many ways through a variety of activities related to language, art, music, geography, government, folklore, religion, and natural resources. There is even a student letter exchange program with some MPS students trying their hand at writing in the Nepali language!

We are looking forward to another successful year for the Nepal Project as we continue to be GLOBAL PARTNERS IN EDUCATION.
Midland Public Schools Announces 2018 AP Assessment Results

MPS is proud to announce the 2018 results for students taking Advanced Placement courses and examinations. This year’s results continue to show excellent achievement and participation in comparison to state and global numbers. Advanced Placement courses and testing offer students an opportunity to earn college credit and advanced placement at most post-secondary institutions. Taking AP courses also demonstrates to college admissions officers that students have sought out a rigorous curricular pathway. Each AP exam is scored using a five-point scale. Scores from 3 to 5 are considered qualified to extremely well qualified.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 241 MPS students took 431 Advanced Placement exams in 25 subject areas. Among the most frequent exams taken were Psychology, Computer Science A, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Biology, Physics C: Mechanics, Microeconomics, and Calculus AB. 86% of the MPS students taking an AP exam achieved a qualified score of 3 or higher. This compares to 65% amongst Michigan schools and 59% globally.

Approximately 22% percent of the Midland Public Schools’ Class of 2018 achieved at least one AP Exam score of 3 or higher at some point during their high school career. 73 MPS students achieved the distinction of being named an AP Scholar, meaning that they earned a score of 3 or higher on a minimum of 3 AP subject area assessments.

Advanced Placement results are one of the many academic achievement points of pride for the Midland Public Schools and its teachers, students, parents, and community.

Midland Public Schools Announces 2018 IB Assessment Results

MPS is proud to announce the latest results for students taking International Baccalaureate courses and examinations. This year’s results continue to show exemplary achievement and participation. IB courses and testing offer students an opportunity to earn college credit and advanced placement at most post-secondary institutions. Taking IB courses also demonstrates to college admissions officers that students have sought out a rigorous curricular pathway. Each IB exam is scored using a seven-point scale. Scores from 4 to 7 are considered satisfactory to excellent.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 178 MPS students took 368 IB exams in 20 subject areas. Among the most frequent exams taken were English A HL, History of the Americas HL, Biology HL, Psychology SL, Math Studies SL, Spanish B SL, and Spanish B HL. 91% of the examinations taken by MPS students received a score of 4 or higher.

23 MPS students earned the full IB Diploma. This is the second highest number of MPS students in a cohort to earn the credential (29 earned a diploma in 2014.) These students completed course work (and received qualifying assessment scores) in six IB subjects. The diploma recipients were also required to complete an Extended Essay, C.A.S. project (service based), and work in a course titled Theory of Knowledge. Since the inception of the IB Diploma Programme in MPS, 168 students have earned the full IB Diploma.

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A MESSAGE OF PEACE AND KINDNESS

Chestnut Hill Spanish students created a wonderful collaborative display celebrating peace and kindness during Spanish class recently. They were inspired by the UN International Day of Peace and the artwork entitled, "Dove of Peace, 1949" by Pablo Picasso. Students read a book about peace in a variety of languages and learned about Picasso before trying their hand at creating traditional Mexican paper flowers to add to the board. Over 400 unique flowers came together to create our common message of Peace and Kindness for the 2018-19 school year.

MPS Middle School Cross Country Head Coach Gigi McIntyre was honored at the ninth annual “Coaching Legends Classic” Cross Country Meet, as one of this year’s recipients of the Coaching Legends Award on September 28 in Brighton. This yearly award is given to middle school coaches—one to a female coach and one to a male coach—for their continued dedication to the sport and promotion of educational athletics. Coach McIntyre has coached track & field at Jefferson since 2008 and is currently in her 7th season as the head coach for the MPS Middle School Cross Country Team.

Meet Avery Palumbo, a published author from Mrs. Doughty’s fourth grade class at Woodcrest Elementary. Avery published her first picture book through the online program, Storybird. Congratulations to our published 4th grade author, Avery! We know there will be many more published books down the road!

A great STEM opportunity just down the road

Walking on water, 60-second ice cream and objects floating in mid-air are just some of the marvels of science that you’ll experience at the 6th Annual Dow Great Lakes Bay STEM Festival at Delta College. Here is a link with more info: http://www.delta.edu/community/youth-programs/stem/stem-festival.html

The festival is free and open to the public on
✔ Friday, October 12, from 6 pm – 9 pm and
✔ Saturday, October 13, from 11 am – 2 pm.

MPS Shining Star Nominations are being accepted for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Nominate an MPS team member today: https://www.midlandps.org/shining-star-nomination-form

wise thought to ponder ...

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” — Albert Camus