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Steve Poole, Jefferson Middle School Principal, has been working very hard toward a very prestigious professional goal.

Please join us in congratulating him for successfully completing and supporting his dissertation and earning his PhD. Wow!

Congratulations Dr. Poole from the students, staff and families of Midland Public Schools!

We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to our MPS Varsity Football teams for a wonderful season — best wishes in playoffs!

- Dow High's team had an 8-1 regular season
- Midland High's team had a 7-2 regular season



Our two impressive football teams will meet this Friday, October 30, at 7:00 pm at the Midland Community Stadium in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs.

Tickets will be available at the high schools Thursday (11-3) & Friday (8-3) and at the stadium ticket booths beginning at 5:30 Friday night. All tickets are \$5 general admission (no passes are honored at MHSAA tournament events).

We celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week just last week!

Thank you to our MPS bus drivers & staff who work hard every single day to take our students to and from school safely in all kinds of weather and road conditions!

We appreciate our bus drivers & transportation staff members!



Have questions or comments?
Click on the **MPS Connect!** icon on our website (www.midlandps.org) or call our office at 923-5026.
Let's Connect!

As you know ... late fall and throughout winter

- ⇒ Mornings are very dark
- ⇒ Weather can be dicey
- ⇒ Roads can be slick

We are hearing pleas from our buildings for caution when dropping off and picking up students.



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

- ⇒ Be **patient** in our parking lots
- ⇒ Drive with **caution** ... our students are everywhere!
- ⇒ Encourage your child to **wear bright colors** when walking or riding their bike
- ⇒ Follow **legal and courteous practice around buses** picking up and dropping off students.

Please help us get our children to and from school SAFELY every single day!

The 2nd issue of **Our Schools** for 2015-16 was an insert in yesterday's **Midland Daily News**.

Here is the link if you'd like to check it out on-line:

<http://midps.org/os2015-4>



MPS Shining Star Nominations are now being accepted for MPS staff members who you feel make MPS a better place for students. Please take a moment to nominate an MPS staff member today. <http://midps.org/shiningstarform>

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"pearls" of wisdom ...

"Our work is the presentation of our capabilities."

— Edward Gibbon

"Music in the soul can be heard by the universe."

—Lau Tzu

"The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed."

— Nicolas Chamfort

Congratulations to the Dow High girls' golf team and their coach Doug Bradford for an amazing season. This wonderful photo shows the team with their State runner-up trophy. What an amazing accomplishment!



MPS Administrative Staff Update



As you know, Mr. Paul Schroll began his interim position as Siebert Elementary Principal in mid-October when Dr. Johnson left us to move to the west coast.

To fill the assistant principal duties at Jefferson Middle School,
➔ Marnie Malacara, (JMS Special Education Administrator) and
➔ Julie Villano (JMS 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher)

will share the assistant principal responsibilities for the remainder of this school year.



Thank you to these dedicated MPS staff members for their unwavering service to the students, staff, families and community of Midland Public Schools!

Don't Miss These Special Middle School Music Events

Northeast Middle School's ... Musique Ala Mode
Tomorrow—Tuesday, October 27 beginning at 6:30 pm
Student musicians will perform & ice cream will be enjoyed

Jefferson Middle School's ... Music & More
Thursday, November 5 beginning at 6:30 pm
Student musicians will perform and amazing desserts will be available to purchase and enjoy.



These are major fund raisers for our middle school music programs. Come and enjoy an evening filled with beautiful music, delicious treats and support our middle school student musicians and programs!

Upcoming district calendar items...

- 10/30: DHS vs. MHS varsity football playoff game 7 pm
- 10/30: Grade 5 Spanish Fiesta 6:30-9:00
- 11/03: PD Day—No School
- 11/11: Middle school evening conferences
- 11/12: Elementary conferences afternoon & evening (**elem. students only half day**)
- 11/12-14: MHS performs *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- 11/13: End of marking period
- 11/21: Midland Santa Parade
- 11/25: Afternoon records day (**half day for all students**)
- 11/26-27: Thanksgiving break—no school



For those who observe it, we wish our students a safe, fun, "spook-tacular" Halloween!



The Youth 4 Success Community Alliance, an affiliate of the Legacy Center for Community Success, is offering a town hall meeting on the topic ...

"E-Cigs & Hookahs - Do You Know What Your Kids Are Vaping?"

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at H Hotel

This is a free event, but **advance registration is required** at www.drugfreemidland.org

A flyer with more information is located on our MPS community flyer board: <http://midps.org/cf>



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