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The new Midland Public Schools' STEM elementary school has a name, tagline and mascot

At last week's Board of Education meeting, board members unanimously approved the following:

Name: **Central Park Elementary School**

Tagline: **A STEM Exploration School**

Mascot: **Explorers**

This was a recommendation by the MPS Administration after having solicited feedback from students, staff, families and community members last November. Survey results indicated that these were the overwhelming choices.



The former Central Middle School building is currently undergoing demolition of classrooms with new construction of the STEM elementary building to begin in early April. The gym, cafeteria and auditorium are not being razed. They will be revitalized, updated and part of the new Central Park Elementary School.

Thank you voters and citizens for making this exciting facility a reality for MPS students!



Eastlawn Eagles Receive an A Ranking!

In the recently completed "Michigan Context and Performance Report Card: Public Elementary and Middle Schools 2015," the Mackinac Center for Public Policy reports that Eastlawn Elementary receives an "A" ranking.

This study ranked more than 2,200 elementary and middle public schools in Michigan. Each public school (3-8 grade) received CAP scores (Context and Performance) based on MEAP test results but adjusted according to the socioeconomic status of the students.

Eastlawn was one of only 222 state public schools to receive an "A" for 2013-15.

The complete study can be found at www.mackinac.org/CAP2015

Congratulations Eastlawn Eagle Staff & Students!

NOMINATION WINDOWS CLOSE SOON. NOMINATE A GREAT MPS TEACHER TODAY!

Nominate an MPS Teacher for the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Awards

This year's Gerstacker Ceremony will take place May 12 at 4:10 pm at Northwood University and will celebrate 61 years of teaching excellence.

The nomination window is now open.
For nomination information please go to our website—www.midlandps.org.

Don't miss your chance.
Nominate a great MPS teacher TODAY!

These awards are made possible through the generous support of the Carl and Esther Gerstacker Donor-Advised Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation.

Saginaw Valley League Teacher of the Year Nominations deadline is Friday (3/4)! Don't miss your chance to nominate a great MPS high school teacher TODAY!

MHS & DHS teachers only are eligible for this award. For information and forms, please go to the MPS website or click here: <https://new.midlandps.org/2016svl/>

Nomination deadline is March 4, 2016

Parent-Teacher Conferences are Next week

Tuesday, March 8
Elementary schools

Wednesday, March 9
High schools

Thursday, March 10
Middle schools

All Conferences are in the evenings from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Call your child's school if you have questions.

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| Carpenter Street | 923-6411 |
| Chestnut Hill Elem. | 923-6634 |
| Eastlawn Elementary | 923-7112 |
| Plymouth Elem. | 923-7616 |
| Siebert Elementary | 923-7835 |
| Woodcrest Elem. | 923-7940 |
| Jefferson Middle | 923-5873 |
| Northeast Middle | 923-5772 |
| H. H. Dow High | 923-5382 |
| Midland High | 923-5181 |

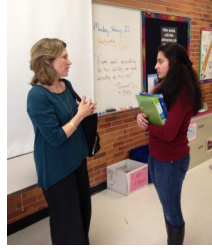
"pearls" of wisdom ...

"Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well."
— John W. Gardner

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."
— Walt Disney

"Opportunities don't happen. You create them."
— Chris Grosser

Students in Sarah Pancost's IB Theory of Knowledge classes at Dow High enjoyed a visit by Marna Anderson of the Nonviolent Peaceforce and Jeanne Lound Schaller of Midland's Nonviolent Peaceforce chapter. The Nonviolent Peaceforce was recently nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. The visit complemented the class' study of solving world issues from the perspective of Nobel Laureates.



Congratulations to our February Shining Stars ...



- Bridget Hockemeyer, Plymouth Elementary Principal
- Dawn Moulthrop, H. H. Dow High English Teacher

These dedicated, hard working MPS staff members were recognized at the Monday, February 22 board meeting. Thank you, Bridget and Dawn, for going above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students! Please keep the Shining Star nominations coming in. We have many, many dedicated, hard working employees. Please take a moment to let us know why you think an MPS staff member is a Shining Star! Here is a link to the nomination form: <http://midps.org/shiningstarform>

Congratulations to our two Midland High Chemic wrestlers who secured a spot at the State Finals!

Zach Donoghue qualified with a 3rd place finish at regionals at 152 pounds.

Hunter Schneider qualified in 4th place out of a weight class that featured five top-ten ranked individuals.

The duo will compete in March at the Palace of Auburn Hills for a State title and All-State places.

Best Wishes Zach & Hunter!



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

The Midland Foundation Scholarship application window CLOSSES TOMORROW. The final deadline is March 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Please go to www.midlandfoundation.org for scholarship information.

Dow High Robotics Team Wraps Up Build Season

The Dow High Robotics Team 2619 – The Charge, "bagged" their robot on February 23 at the official conclusion of the 2016 robotics build season. More than 65 student team members designed, built, and programmed their brand new robot over the last six weeks in preparation for this year's "FIRST Stronghold" game. The Charge will compete on March 4 & 5 at



Standish-Sterling High School and on March 18 & 19 at H.H. Dow High School.

ROBOTICS ... ROBOTICS ... ROBOTICS ... ROBOTICS ... ROBOTICS ...



Mark your calendar for the **Midland FIRST Robotics District Competition at H.H. Dow High March 18-19.** There will be 40 high schools in attendance, each with their own built-from-scratch 120-pound robot. The 2016 competition is "FIRST Stronghold", where two Alliances of three robots each are on a quest to breach their opponents' defenses and capture the opposing tower. The event is high energy, lots of excitement, and is a great way to get your child excited about S.T.E.M. educational and career opportunities. Watch for more information to come your way as this event draws near!

