



VERY IMPRESSIVE JOURNALISM ACCOLADES!

On April 21st, Midland High Journalism Advisor Jim Woehrle traveled to the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) spring conference with the MHS Focus staff.

Senior **Julia Quinn** was recognized as the best photojournalist in the state, and the paper won its 24th Spartan Award.

The **Focus** staff won 31 individual awards, including

- ⇒ 1st Place Diversity Coverage – **Katherine Vernier & Madelynne O'Callaghan**
- ⇒ 1st Place Informative Feature – **Will Hackbarth & Ella Colbert**
- ⇒ 1st Place Human Interest Feature – **Katherine Vernier & Madelyn Groulx**
- ⇒ 1st Place Environmental, Health or Science Coverage – **Maddy Pasche & Claire Booth**
- ⇒ 1st Place Sports Columnist – **Anna Schultheis**
- ⇒ 1st Place Feature Columnist – **Sonja Anderson**

As well as 4 second places, 2 third place, and 18 honorable mentions.



Journalism students from the *Update* and *The Charger* yearbook staff attended the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's Spring Conference and walked away with 64 individual awards between the two staffs.

Update received a Gold ranking for print, and a Silver ranking for their online publication.

The Charger received a Gold ranking for the yearbook.

Senior **Megan Pisarczyk** was recognized as a member of the 2016 All-State Student Journalist Staff for News Writing and Reporting.

The Charger yearbook

- ⇒ 1st Place Organizations Writing – **Kaylee Wasco**
- ⇒ 1st Place Caption Writing – **Julia Ahrens, Sarah Naumovitz & Paige Stemler**
- ⇒ 1st Place Academic Writing – **Justin Sanderson & Kaylee Wasco**
- ⇒ 1st Place Sports Action Photo – **Campbell Bortel**

As well as 3 second places, 3 third places, and 23 honorable mentions.

Update

- ⇒ 1st Place News Story – **Maggie Schaller**
- As well as 5 second places, 5 third places and 20 honorable mentions.



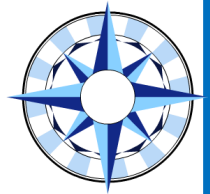
CONGRATULATIONS

to these very impressive student journalists and their teachers, Mr. Woehrle and Ms. Hall!

This Week is National Teacher Appreciation Week!

Join us in celebrating and honoring the great teachers of Midland Public Schools this week.

Thank you MPS teachers for helping our students chart their course!



Roses to the cast, crew and advisors of HH Dow High School's Beauty and the Beast for their amazing performances this past weekend!



CONGRATULATIONS PLYMOUTH ELEMENTARY STAFF AND STUDENTS

on receiving word that Plymouth has met all of the requirements to become an authorized IB World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP). This amazing journey began three-years ago! Congratulations, Pioneers, on this impressive accomplishment.

We are proud of you!



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| Eastlawn Elementary | 923-7112 |
| Plymouth Elem. | 923-7616 |
| Siebert Elementary | 923-7835 |
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| Jefferson Middle | 923-5873 |
| Northeast Middle | 923-5772 |
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“pearls” of wisdom ...

“Most of us end up with no more than 5 or 6 people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives.”

— Andy Rooney

“Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students.”

— Solomon Ortiz

April 25 was Carpenter’s Inspired 3rd Grade Concert Day!

The concert was titled, "Sing Me A Story". It focused on authors of famous stories, and the messages of those stories:

- Hans Christian Andersen: *Thumbelina, The Ugly Duckling and The Little Mermaid*
- Carlo Collodi: *Pinocchio*
- Lewis Carroll: *Alice in Wonderland*
- Frances Hodgson Burnett: *The Secret Garden*
- J. M. Barrie: *Peter Pan*

The concert also included concert artists, who painted visual images inspired from the music. Our artists are family members of 3rd graders, a community friend of Carpenter school (Cheryl Levy) and one of our 3rd grade teachers (Angel Rajewski).

Artists were called forward when it was their turn to paint. There was an art easel near the stage, with a tray of paints & brushes. While the student speakers began the narrative to the song, the artists started visualizing colors/shapes/images right away. Once the music began, the artists painted their visual idea of the song. After each song, the artwork was posted in the media center, creating a concert art gallery, and the audience was invited to do a concert gallery walk. Mrs. Jacques also led the audience and students in reflecting on which PYP Learner Profile attributes were demonstrated by the choir, artists, pianist, conductors, audience, rehearsal process team, venue preparation and support. Hint: They ALL do! :)



The **3rd Graders at Adams Elementary** showed off their knowledge of How the World Works through their summative assessment which was engineering a paper roller coaster. They incorporated the central idea that we use energy and that forces make work easier. Through the use of social and communication skills they were able to work collaboratively to gather information and produce a working roller coaster. They included information on the key concepts of Form, Function, and Causation in their presentations. The school and their parents walked through a roller coaster museum as the third graders showed off their knowledge and thinking. Great job third graders!



Dow High DECA received top honors at International Competition April 23-26

Over 18,000 students from around the world competed in the DECA International Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee. **Austen Zhu and Michael Szabo** received medals for their test placing their test scores in the top 10 in the World. **Melanie Sequeira, Afua Ofori-Darko and Ann Marie Moolenaar** received medals for their case study placing their scores in the top 10 in the world. **Annamarie Moolenaar** was an overall top 10 finalist in her event of Hotel and Lodging Management. **Kofi Ofori-Darko** took First in the World for Quick Serve Restaurant Management. Congratulations to all students who competed!



MPS Middle School student artwork will be showcased



from May 16-24 at “A Gem of an Art Show” at Dow Diamond. An open house will take place Monday, May 16 from 4-6 p.m. on the suite level. Don’t miss this chance to see great artwork by our talented student artists!

Sister City Committee seeking host families for visiting Japanese teens

The Midland-Handa City Japan Sister City Committee is seeking Midland families who are interested in hosting a visiting high school student from Handa City this summer. Families are asked to **host a teen for one week during his/her stay in Midland**, to provide lodging, meals and local transportation. Families are also invited to participate in several group recreational and cultural events for all visitors and their host families during the students’ visit (July 23-August 11). For information, please contact Committee Member, Dick Dolinski, at rdolinski@tlc4cs.org or call at 859.2290.

