

Superintendent Communiqué

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Toastmasters Help Midland High Students Refine Their Public Speaking Skills

During the past few weeks, students in Ms. Libby Marsh's Sales Class were challenged to increase their public speaking skills. Through a number of different exercises and tools provided by their Toastmaster mentors, the students worked to increase their grammar and skills to speak in front of a group fluently with poise and confidence.

Thank you to Ms. Nagel and Ms. Dotson, the Toastmaster mentors, who encouraged the students with tools to become better speakers and less nervous in future public speaking opportunities!

What a great learning opportunity for these students as they look ahead to their post secondary and future career goals!



First Graders in Mrs. Westervelt and Ms. Coon's classes at Eastlawn enjoyed a special visitor during their recent How the World Works unit of inquiry. They took a deeper look into the ways that weather patterns affect human culture. To expand our knowledge of weather, the classes had a visit from Meteorologist Chris Easlick of WNEM TV5. Mr. Easlick did a wonderful job answering student questions about the ways weather is formed, the ways weather forecasts help us plan our day, and what it is like to be a meteorologist.



Kindergarten Orientation Date for ALL MPS Elementary Schools: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:30 p.m. Adams, Carpenter, Chestnut Hill, Eastlawn, Plymouth, Siebert
6:00 p.m. Woodcrest



MPS Preschool Orientation:

 **February 6, 2017 @ 5:30 pm at Adams Elem.**

Mark your calendar for these important dates!



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SCHOOLS OF CHOICE WINDOWS

Semester 2
Current 2016-17 School Year
for ALL MPS Schools

Schools of Choice?

- Schools of Choice applications available January 3-27 ONLY
- Parents notified of their application status by January 27 via US Mail

Fall of 2017-18 for ALL MPS Schools
★ including Central Park Elementary ★

- First Round Schools of Choice applications available February 1-28 ONLY
- Parents notified of first round application status by March 10 via US Mail

For more info call Jana Kullick at 923-5024 or go to <https://new.midlandps.org/school-of-choice-windows/>

Did you see the great picture and article about our new Central Park Elementary School in Friday's *Midland Daily News*? If not, here is a link to the article ... [A look inside new STEM school](#). We hope you will take a moment to check it out!



is a great communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or a member of our staff will do all we can to reply to your message the next work day. Click on the green MPS Connect box on our MPS website (www.midlandps.org) to connect with me!

Booster Bash 2017

Mark your calendar for March 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm for what is expected to be the bash of the year!

Working together to raise funds for our athletic programs through teamwork and community spirit, the Dow High and Midland High Athletic Booster programs will unite for an evening of entertainment with

- ★ Empty Canvas (a fun and energetic art/music experience by the Brothers McMath)
- ★ casino fun
- ★ silent auctions
- ★ dancing
- ★ food & spirits

The need is great to continue to support over 2,000 student athletes from both of our high schools. Funds from this event provide scholarships for students in need, uniforms to help promote community spirit, transportation to and from events, equipment & supplies, educational resources, safety training & supplies and much more. The 6th annual Booster Bash, taking place at the Great Hall and Convention Center, is sure to be an evening you won't want to miss.



Please contact either school's athletic department or go to www.mpssportsboosters.com for more information.

Sponsorship is also critical and a needed element for the Booster Bash – if you would consider being a sponsor of any size, please to go www.mpssportsboosters.com.

To help support our Casino Night efforts we are also looking for donations of large items such as: airline miles, electronics, golf carts, etc.

Please contact Lisa Bean (989.513.0824) if you have questions or would like to help with this great event!

If you get a chance, take a moment to check out the beautiful, new showcase outside the **Dow High Drama Room** constructed by MPS Carpenters, Mike Barrons and Clay DeJongh. Watch for hard-earned trophies and awards from the DHS Drama/Debate programs that will soon be displayed in this beautiful showcase. Kudos to Mike and Clay and Buildings and Grounds Manager, Mark McLaughlin, for a job well done!



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 team member today. <http://midps.org/shiningstarform>

January

- ★ **2nd Semester SOC Window:**
January 3-27, 2017
- ★ **January 16:**
PD for staff —
No school for students
- ★ **January 24, 25, 26:**
High School Final Exams
(high schools follow special schedule; elementary and middle schools follow regular schedule)
- ★ **January 26:**
End of 1st Semester
- ★ **January 27:**
Records Day for teachers—
No school for students
- ★ **January 30:**
2nd Semester Begins

44th Annual Midland County Snow Sculpture Contest
Friday, January 13, 2017
at Midland's City Forest
Competition begins at 7:15 am;
Judging from 1-2:00



Don't miss this year's snow artists at work!

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Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Street	923-6411
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Eastlawn Elementary	923-7112
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

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wise words

Thoughts about time:
"Lost time is never found again."
—Benjamin Franklin

"Time and memory are true artists; they remound reality nearer to the heart's desire."
—John Dewey

"The time is always right to do what is right."
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."
—Harriet Beecher Stowe