



Midland Public Schools

Inspiring Excellence

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SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNIQUE

Consider becoming trained to help our elementary schools administer the DIBELS assessments. The training is free and the volunteer opportunity is rewarding!

DIBELS stands for **Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills**. It is an assessment system designed to assess all students' progress. It is not a reading program. MPS elementary students are tested three times a year—fall, mid-year and spring.

DIBELS are individually administered measures of student skills in each of the key basic early literacy skills. The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (**DIBELS**) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. **DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)** is a measure that assesses Accuracy and **Fluency** with text, the ability to effortlessly translate letters to sounds and sounds to words. The fluent reader is one whose decoding processes are automatic, requiring no conscious attention.



If you are interested in becoming trained to help administer the Oral Reading Fluency part of DIBELS, please contact Lou Ann Bensinger at 923-5070 or bensingerlt@midlandps.org.

MPS school offices are now officially open for the 2017-18 school year. (However, because of construction, Plymouth & Woodcrest office staffs are working off-site.) School office phone numbers are listed on Page 2 of this Communique.

Free and Reduced Priced Breakfast/Lunch applications can be filled out online at www.lunchapp.com. **A new application is required every year.** A student who does not have a new application on file for the current year, will be



RESET to FULL PAY as of October 18, 2017. Breakfast and Lunch Menus, along with nutritional and allergy information, can be found at <http://midlandps.nutrislice.com/>

Looking for work around your child's school schedule?

MPS is or will be seeking ...

- ➔ School Paraprofessionals
- ➔ Transportation Paraprofessionals
- ➔ Bus Drivers
- ➔ Substitute Bus Drivers
- ➔ Substitute Teachers
- ➔ Substitute Office Professionals
- ➔ Substitute Paraprofessionals



Click on this link for information:

<https://new.midlandps.org/pages/district/human-resources/>

or call (989) 923-5021.

Postings are posted on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Keep checking for new opportunities.

Volunteers! Sign up today.

United for Success (replaces BRAVO) is our new volunteer partnership with United Way of Midland County, made possible, in part, by The Dow Chemical Company. As part of the ongoing work to build school capacity for coordinating volunteer resources, MPS and United Way are partnering to increase volunteerism, student success and impact in our schools.



Together, we will have a greater collective impact on local education and will pave the way for the next generation to be ready for college, careers and 21st century citizenship.

Want to get involved? Visit new.midlandps.org/volunteer to fill out the new volunteer registration form. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Renee Urlaub at urlaubrs@midlandps.org or [989-923-5034](tel:989-923-5034).



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!

We have been awarding **Shining Stars** to deserving MPS team members for the past four years! We have had administrators, teachers, office professionals/administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, technicians, building and grounds staff, and more receive this small token of our appreciation for their hard work and dedication. **MPS Shining Star Nominations** are now being accepted for the 2017-18 school year 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>

School Day Beginning and Ending Times

SOME OF OUR ELEMENTARY START AND END TIMES HAVE CHANGED SLIGHTLY!



Elementary

Start Time: **8:40 am** <-> End Time: **3:40 pm**
Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill Elementary

Start Time: **8:55 am** <-> End Time: **3:55 pm**
Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest Elementary

Secondary

Jefferson Middle School: **7:55-2:40**
Northeast Middle School: **8:05-2:50**
H. H. Dow High School: **7:40-2:25/3:25**
Midland High School: **7:40-2:25/3:25**

Construction Projects

Thanks to the 2.95 mills bond from Midland Public Schools' voters in February of 2015, here are a few summer projects being accomplished thanks to our generous community!

=> All MPS schools have undergone construction projects for secure entrance improvements over the summer. In addition, security camera systems are being installed.



Jefferson's new entrance and security cameras



=> Woodcrest and Plymouth are undergoing their major renovations.



Here are a few photos of Woodcrest construction projects

THANK YOU, MPS VOTERS!

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Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
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

2017 SNEAKERPALOOZA

This year's Sneakerpalooza **K-12 Shoe Give Away** for Midland County students will be from **3-8 pm on August 22** at **Carpenter Street School**. Children must be accompanied by their parents. One pair of shoes per student.



Looking for the **2017-18 District Calendar?** Here is the link:

<https://new.midlandps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-2018-Calendar.pdf>

Looking for the new District Bus Schedule?

On Saturday, August 19, the first MPS *Our Schools* quarterly newsletter for the 2017-18 school year will be an 8-page full color insert in the *Midland Daily News*. The 2017-18 Transportation Schedule will be listed on each schools' page. Stay Tuned!



wise words

Wise Thoughts to ponder:

"A somebody was once a nobody who wanted to and did."

— John Burroughs

"Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me."

— Carol Burnett

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

— Helen Keller

"You will never win if you never begin."

— Helen Rowland



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