



Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence

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SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNIQUE

NOTICE TO PARENTS:

With the start of the 2017-18 school year, you will notice many changes to student drop off, student pick up and entry procedures at your school. Over the summer break, most of our schools received improvements to traffic flow, secure entrances and video surveillance in order to keep your child safer and more secure. Please pay close attention to your child's school newsletters for updates on these procedural changes. When arriving at school, **PLEASE BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE** as these changes are implemented. As **WE ALL AGREE, the safety of our students is of the HIGHEST PRIORITY.** Safety is often inconvenient but vitally necessary!



2017 State Assessment Results



Reports will be released to parents soon. The video link below may be a useful tool when interpreting your child's assessment results.

We encourage you to discuss these results with your child's principal and/or teacher.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvenxL17_So&authuser=0



In the State of Michigan, Midland Public Schools ranked #20 out of more than 550 School Districts ... Wow!

In their just released "2018 Best Schools in America Rankings" Niche (the largest website for researching public and private K-12 schools) ranked MPS #20 out of more than 550 districts in the State of Michigan. This score was achieved based on a variety of factors: test scores, student-teacher ratio and reviews from students and parents. Niche has the most comprehensive data available on US schools and neighborhoods.

Congratulations to Helena McDonald Newly Appointed MPS Administrative Mentee

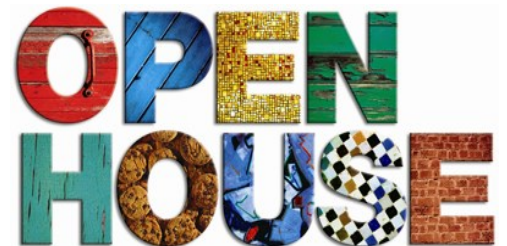
This school year marks the beginning of a new MPS program—the Administrative Mentee program. For the 2017-18 school year, **Ms. Helena McDonald** has been named to fill this position. During the last school year, Ms. McDonald was a Midland High teacher in the Science Department.

Ms. McDonald's Administrative Mentee role will involve Co-Assistant Principal duties at Siebert Elementary, Curriculum/Instructional Assignments, Secondary Administrative Shadowing and much more.

We are excited for this new MPS program and for the breadth of knowledge and experience Ms. McDonald will bring to the position.



**Central Park Elementary
Public Open House
Monday, September 25
6:00-7:30 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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>

Midland Public Schools' Teachers Busy with Summer Learning

Smithsonian Institute: Two MPS teachers, Denise Bujalski from Northeast Middle School and Christie Gayheart from Jefferson Middle School, participated in the Smithsonian Science Education Center week-long academy, Earth's History and Global Change, this summer. They worked directly with scientists from NOAA and Carnegie Institute and the staff who curate collections at the Smithsonian. They learned concepts and activities that they can bring back to their classrooms and share with their students this coming school year.



Beaver Island Institute: Two Jefferson Middle School teachers, Christie Gayheart, science teacher, and Tonya Lambert, English teacher, participated in a week-long institute to learn how to integrate reading, writing, critical thinking and science into each other's classrooms. The week included a stay on Beaver Island with field trips learning about ecology, and how reading, writing and technology activities can be integrated within the classroom. Participants were encouraged to collaborate throughout the year and bring activities from the institute into their classroom for the coming school year.



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<http://midps.org/youtube>

Community Flyers:
<https://new.midlandps.org/pages/com>

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

MPS SCHOOL START AND END TIMES:

- ➔ Adams, Central Park, Chestnut Hill Elementary Schools: 8:40-3:40
- ➔ Plymouth, Siebert, Woodcrest Elementary Schools: 8:55-3:55
- ➔ 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



2017-18 District Calendar Link: <https://new.midlandps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-2018-Calendar.pdf>

Volunteers!
Please sign up
today.



United for Success

is our new volunteer system in partnership with United Way of Midland County, made possible, in part, by The Dow Chemical Company.

Visit new.midlandps.org/volunteer to fill out the new volunteer registration paperwork. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Renee Urlaub at 923-5034 or urlaubrs@midlandps.org.

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/>

wise words

Wise Thoughts to ponder by Mahatma Gandhi:

- "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."*
- "A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people."*
- "There is a higher court than courts of justice and that is the court of conscience. It supersedes all other courts."*
- "My life is my message."*

