



Midland Public Schools

Inspiring Excellence

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SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNIQUE

Midland Public Schools' did you know?



- 2017 11th grade students' SAT scores put MPS in the top 3% of all districts in the State of MI
- All six MPS elementary schools are now International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme authorized schools
- MPS ranked #20 out of more than 550 school districts in the State of Michigan in Niche's 2018 Best Schools in America rankings
- 2017 IB Diploma results: 159 students took 312 IB exams in 22 subject areas ... 92% received a score of 4 or higher
- 2017 AP results: 271 students took 496 AP exams in 22 subject areas ... 86% received a score of 3 or higher
- In 2017 MPS had 35 Summa Cum Laude; 67 Magna Cum Laude; 156 Cum Laude grads

Central Park Elementary Community Open House

Monday, September 25 <> 6:00-7:30 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



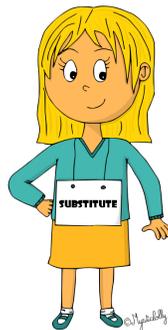
For the 2017-18 MPS Parent Information Committee (PIC)

Our Midland Public Schools' Parent Information Committee has been meeting for more than 15 years. This committee is chaired by the MPS Superintendent to share information and keep lines of communication open with our parents.

Looking for work around your child's school schedule?

MPS is seeking ...

- Teachers
- Office Professional
- Paraprofessionals
- 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 call (989) 923-5021.

New job postings are posted on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Keep checking for new opportunities.

For the 2017-18 school year, the PIC group will meet the first Wednesday of each month beginning October 4 from 12:00-1:00 at the MPS Administration Center (600 E. Carpenter).

Participants are welcome to bring their lunch or we will be happy to order a staff lunch from our Chartwells Food Service, which the parent can pay for when they arrive for the PIC meeting.

PIC participants are welcome to come every month or just the months when their schedule allows.

Topics for discussion are always timely and thought provoking. Some of the topics covered last year were: STEM Strategic Plan, bond project updates, assessments, food service, IB Primary Years Programme, robotics and much, much more.

If you are interested in being part of 2017-18 PIC, please complete this very brief form: [FILL OUT FORM](#). (Those on PIC during 2016-17 do not need to complete the form.)



MPS Connect

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!

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>



Please note ... **Christmas Sharing Tree** forms are **due to your child's school by the end of September**. Please ask your child's office staff for a form.

Thank you to our generous neighbors, **Live Oak Coffeehouse**, for providing coffee to Central Park Elementary parents and staff on the first day of school.



What a lovely way to welcome everyone to the first day of the 2017-18 school year with a cup of their eye-opening delicious, aromatic coffee. Thank you Live Oak!



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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

Idle-Free Zone ...

In the spring of 2016, I received a letter from two **Adams Elementary students** who **"took action"** and asked MPS to consider having an Idle-Free Zone in school parking areas, which just means drivers would turn off their engines while waiting in school parking areas. The article they quoted from *Sustainable America* cited five reasons to STOP idling now: saves gas, saves money, saves the planet, makes us healthier, good for your engine.



I would like to encourage all drivers who pick up/drop off students to observe Idle-Free Zones when they are near MPS buildings! Thank you!

Please take 2.57 minutes to check out this very cool video produced by the National IBEW about Central Park Elementary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vzdtlP88vI>

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:

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."
—William Shakespeare

"Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious."
— Stephen Hawking

"We are all of us stars, and we deserve to twinkle"
—Marilyn Monroe

