

Midland Newsletter

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Administrator's Message

by Daniel Greenfield

This last year has made things interesting for all of us. As we continue to try and update our technology at Midland the worldwide demand for computers and Chromebooks because of COVID has slowed down this process. We ordered new Chromebooks for the elementary at the beginning of the summer and those are just now becoming available. As the supply finally catches up we will finish upgrading all our old devices at the elementary and the high school for next year.

We have also finished upgrading all the high school classrooms to the new interactive boards making for a much better classroom experience over the old whiteboards we had. We will also be adding other new technology to classrooms as it becomes available.

Midland continues to try and give the students access to the best technology we can to enhance their learning.

BANNER PLUS SCHOOL

Midland Middle/High School being recognized by the Iowa Department of Education for our efforts in PBIS Implementations! We are the recipient of the **BANNER PLUS** Recognition for the 2019-2020 school year. We are only one of two high schools in the state to reach this level.

To earn Banner Plus, teams have met fidelity for Tier 2, are providing more than one Tier 2 intervention to meet students' needs; and through progress monitoring, are able to show that 70 percent of students are responding positively to Tier 2 supports. Banner Plus schools are beginning to develop Tier 3 systems.

<https://educateiowa.gov/article/2021/03/08/schools-honored-creating-safe-positive-environments-2019-2020>

Thanks to Mrs. Guenther and our dedicated PBIS Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams for their commitment to excellence which lead to this award! Tier 1 Team Members: Internal Coach- Beth Wright, Debra Brokaw, Brittney McElroy, Kellie Kelck, Sarah Messenger, Raymond Dosland, Heather Kidder, Eric Brown, Mackenzie Lasack, Marcela Rickels, Carol Guenther, and Tammy McSweeney. Tier 2 Team Members: Debra Brokaw, Beth Wright, Lennie Miller, Mackenzie Lasack, Dalton Harms, Carol Guenther, Renee Green, Tammy McSweeney, and Bridget Kleitsch.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month –

April 8th is

Blue Out Day

in Jones County.

Wear blue to show your support to prevent child abuse!
Be **THE ONE** to help prevent child abuse!

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Senior Profile Sheets for the Anamosa Journal's annual graduation edition were emailed out to seniors and their parents and are due back to the office by April 14. You can fill out the information on email and send to Michelle at mihansen@midland.k12.wy.us OR you can fill out the google form sent to your email.

Tri Rivers All-Conference Basketball

Congrats to the Eagle ballers named to this year's Tri Rivers All Conference basketball team: 1st team Arianna Hacke, 2nd Iziek Soper & Ella Rupp, Honorable Mention Allison Paulsen & Zain Sauer. Congrats to all!

Music Fundraising

The 6-12th grade music students will be **selling cookie dough starting on March 29**. This will help raise funds for student's individual accounts for the music tour in high school. Cookie dough order forms and money will be due April 16th. Delivery of the cookie dough will be May 4th. All orders must be picked up that day!

Music Concert

The **6-12 music program will take place on May 13th at 6:00 p.m.** at the high school. Band and choir will be performing. This concert is a required performance for all students and is graded. **All students must arrive by 5:00 pm to warm-up and rehearse. Dress for the concert will be dress clothes that are school appropriate. No short skirts, shorts, or ripped jeans.** If you have questions about what to wear, please contact Mrs. Ruley.

Prom will be held April 17th from 8-11pm at the HS. Tickets are on sale in the HS office for \$20 per person until April 1 at 3PM or \$25 per person after that date. Post prom is sponsored by parents and will be held at the HS from 11:30-2:30. Students are not allowed to leave these events, once they leave they may not return. Cost for post prom is \$20 per person as well.

2021-22 Kirkwood Academy Orientation

All students registered to take Kirkwood Academy classes next year will be required to complete their orientation online. Kirkwood will be sending information in the next couple of weeks. Watch your emails or the mail!

Vision To Learn Testing

Students who did not refuse screening all had their vision screened a couple of months ago. On April 7, 14 and 28 they will return to MMHS to do the actual eye test on those who need it.

FFA State Convention will be held April 18-20 in Des Moines. The Ag Issues, ETA, Ag Communications, Ag Marketing Plan, and Biotechnology teams will be competing for a chance to advance to Nationals. The Ag Communications team composed of Allison Paulsen, Elizabeth Soper, Karley Schaefer, and Sophia Coates. The Ag Marketing Plan includes Hannah Fishwild, Gracie Franzen, and Jayda Thomsen. Good luck to all competing at State Convention. At State Convention, the chapter will also be recognized for The National Chapter Award where the chapter ranked 8th in the State and won the category of Growing Leaders. Trenton Rickels will also have his proficiency judged, and depending on how that goes, he can potentially advance to nationals.

FFA DISTRICTS were very successful for the Midland FFA chapter. We had two teams and one individual compete. The Ag Issues team (Hope Saroka, Jensen Orr, Kole Michaud, Trenton Rickels, Chiara Dusanek, Hannah Fishwild, and Alivia Smith) received a first place, gold rating, and is advancing to the state competition. The Experience the Action team (Hunter Wink, Isabelle Ricketts, Payton Rockwell, Logan Bicknese, and Owen Sterk) received second place, gold rating, and are advancing to the state competition. Jared Crock competed in Chapter Website, receiving a silver rating. Jared Crock also got 7th as an individual for Farm Business Management. The Farm Business Management Team (Jared Crock, Isabelle Ricketts, Ty Jensen, and Coy Petersen), earned a silver rating and earned 5th place in the district. Logan Bicknese and Hannah Fishwild earned a gold rating on chapter test and placed 8th as a team. Jared Crock and Hope Saroka earned a silver rating on chapter test. Anna Bartles and Kyla Cole received gold ratings for Greenhand Test, and Jayde Martin, Coy Petersen, and Kyzer Seibert earned a silver rating, and Rylan Gerdes earned a bronze rating.



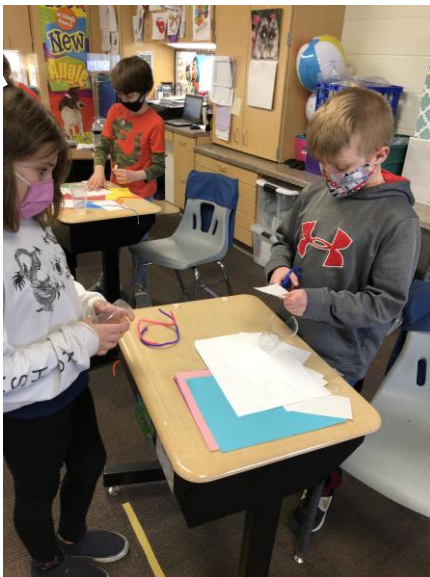
Eaglet's Elementary View



First graders are learning about birds! Students have been watching eggs in an incubator for 2 weeks. Several eggs have **HATCHED** and now the students are learning how to take care of the baby chicks!



Third grade had the opportunity to experience the pet shelter at Animal Welfare Friends in Monticello. The pet shelter project is a real world activity connected to math in the classroom. Virtually, the shelter showed the students how much area both cats and dogs need at the shelter. One kitten and several puppies were also seen on their virtual tour.



Students designed an automatic pet feeder prototype

Counselor's Corner

Juniors:

Now is the time to be planning **college visits**. Applications will open up in the fall right after school starts. You will want to have these visits done if possible before then. If you need a college visit form this spring because you are going to miss school, they are located in the gray rack outside of Mrs. Brokaw's office.

SENIORS:

Decision Day & Awards Ceremony is being planned, possibly May 18th during school hours. More details when they become available. Don't forget to get information to the HS office on any scholarships you receive ASAP so you can be acknowledged.

Baccalaureate is sponsored by Midland Council of Churches and will be held Wed, May 5 at 7PM at the Methodist Church in Wyoming. This is an optional service for families/friends to bless the class of 2021.

HOW TO BUILD RESILIENCE

TO BUILD RESILIENCE, PRACTICE POSITIVE COPING STRATEGIES
WHILE ELIMINATING NEGATIVE COPING STRATEGIES

EMOTION FOCUSED COPING

If you cannot change the situation, change your mind. These strategies are most effective when faced with a situation you cannot alter.

ACCEPTANCE

Start by accepting the reality of the situation while recognizing and accepting your inability to change it. Once a situation is accepted for what it is, begin working on uncommon and creative solutions to make it better.

HUMOR

Humor can boost one's mood, alleviate emotional distress, and even buffer against depression. Laughter and humor improve immune response, enhance perceptual flexibility, and can offset the effects of stress.

POSITIVE REFRAMING

Positive reframing allows you to take control of your response to a situation by reframing it into a potential growth experience.

PROBLEM FOCUSED COPING

Problem focused coping strategies involve direct action to alter the situation or source of the stress.

PLANNING

The first step in developing a good plan, is to define what success looks like. Once you know what success looks like, define clear, measurable goals that will bring you to success.

ACTIVE COPING

Active coping takes action toward dealing with the stressor or activating the plan. Once you have your plan in place with clearly defined goals, start tackling that to-do list.

From <http://experimentsinwellness.com/>

All Midland 8th graders need to complete a 4 year plan online.

If you have not completed this PLEASE do so ASAP. *This is a new state requirement.*

Instructions:

- 1) 8th graders log in to **Navigator**. Review "**My Ed Plan**". If you need to make changes, let me know so I can unlock it. If it is okay as is, then go to step 2!
- 2) Go to **Account Settings**. Go to **Parent Account** and edit. Fill in the parent/guardian information, click send code. Write down access code (this is faster than waiting for them to send it to you). Student log out.
- 3) Go to <https://iowa.kuder.com/landing-page/> Create new parent account. Approve my "ed plan" - you have to click on one of the little tiny icons to the right side of where it shows the "ed plan" click approve and it will electronically sign the document.

If questions contact Miss Kelck via email at kkelck@midland.k12.ia.us

Difference Maker



Congratulations to Haley Carlson who was awarded the Difference Maker Award at the School Board Meeting on March 22. Haley is a special education teacher at our elementary school.

Her nominator said, "Haley is a humble but outstanding leader at Midland Elementary. She has done an amazing job as PBIS Coach in our building, leading PBIS meetings, sharing data and initiatives with staff, and leading the school in assemblies and school-wide events. She goes above and beyond to help not only the students she serves, but also helps support teachers and their students by sharing resources and ideas with them, and putting in much time and effort in making a difference for all students. Thank you Haley for all that you do to make Midland Elementary awesome! "



National Volunteer Week
is April 19-23

THANK YOU

To all who help our school,
students, sports, clubs, etc.

We couldn't do it without YOU!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MCSD

Midland is currently hiring for these positions. Come be a part of our Eagle family! If you know of someone interested please share this information with them. More information can be found on Teach Iowa website or by calling the district office 563-488-2292 x 1210.

STAFF OPENINGS:

Secondary Principal
Secondary School Counselor
Human Resource Management - Shared
Athletic Director - 1/2 time duties
6th Grade Teacher - desired endorsements K-6 Classroom and
K-8 Reading and/or 5-8 ELA

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COACH OPENINGS:

Assistant Volleyball Coach
Assistant Football Coach - 1/3

April 6 is National School Library Worker Day!

Thanks to Miss Doll and to her associate Maddie Klemme for all they do for our students in both buildings!!!
We appreciate your efforts ladies!

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

The Midland District would like to have information on the number of Preschool and Kindergarten students to be enrolled next fall for the 2021-22 school year. A preschool student must be 4 years old by September 15, 2021 and a kindergarten student must be 5 years old by September 15, 2021 to attend school.

Information was mailed to all who have signed up about Round Up – rescheduled date to be announced later.

Please contact the Oxford Junction Center by calling 563-488-2292 extension 3270 or email the information below to etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us

Child's Name - Date of Birth - Parent's Names - Phone number, address, city and zip code