

Midland Newsletter



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Administrator's Message

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We care! Each person that works in the Midland district cares deeply about "our kids". We work together as a team to help your children learn and grow and to become their best selves. It is our mission, our life's work. We care and we care deeply.

It starts each day with the bus drivers and staff members that greet students as they see them for the first time each day. All throughout the day we work together as a team to give kids what they need to grow and excel. Teachers, paras, secretaries, principals, the superintendent, at-risk coordinators, counselors, nurses, kitchen staff, bus drivers, janitors, interventionists, special education teachers, specialists, therapists... all of us use the gifts and talents we have to make a difference in the unique way that only we can.

Parents, we are partners with you. Please communicate with us your child's or your family's needs. We can point you to community resources, offer information and advice to help deal with life's difficulties, and provide guidance in post-high school plans. Please feel free to reach out to us via phone or email.

We want to help. If we don't have the answer right away, we will search to find it. We are continually learning and growing ourselves as we help our students do the same. Also, we thank you for supporting us in the work we do. It means more than we can say. Working together we can do amazing things!

Here's to a new year! Let's make it awesome together!

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COVID CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC AT MMHS

Band concert link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1siZ8YvubjzCu350G513WT7kbyBop5wuO/view>

Program order: 6th gr, 7/8 gr, 7-12 combined, HS Concert Band

Choir concert link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G7BPWUL76SwkthxHNAex8K88DRvaQf1x/view>

Program order: 6th gr, 6-8 gr combined, 7/8 gr, Midland Treble Makers (7-12 select group) & HS Concert Choir

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NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



Paraeducator Appreciation Week

The Wyoming center has designated Jan 18-22 as Paraeducator Appreciation Week. We have fourteen lovely ladies who serve the Wyoming center as paraeducators. We couldn't do it without them. Next time you see them, give them your thanks too: Kristina Agnitsch, Theresa Ballew, Stacy Current, Bobbie Dettbarn, Lorie Dunne, Carla Eganhouse, Theresa Gravel, Jan Henkes, Madeline Klemme, Gail Merrill, Carrie Oakley, Marcela Rickels, Joy Vacek and Christina VanAmburg!

Senior Photos- Seniors are asked to get their **senior photos and baby photo** turned in to Ms. Kelck ASAP for the graduation slide show.

SUMMER DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASS

Tentative drivers education calendars will be available at the high school office in January. Students who plan to take the course should sign up in the office ASAP. Class is currently scheduled to run during June/early July. Cost is \$425 per student. Students must have their driving permit and the fee paid by the first day of class. Questions email bpaulsen@centralcitycsd.org

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2021 ATHLETIC BOOSTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please submit nominations for this award to any Athletic Booster officer or send to either school office by February 1, 2021. You can find a list of past winners at:

http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/default.asp?NewsCategory=Athletics_AthleticBoosters

Thanks to ALL who volunteer their time and talents to help our athletes and athletic teams every single season!

SENIORS ~

Counselor's Corner



Scholarship season is kicking check the scholarship binder in the office, check the scholarship webpage and watch your email for all potential scholarships that we are informed on. Be sure to give your references plenty of time to write good letters of recommendation for you and give them plenty of information about yourself including all activities you are involved in, any work experience, all volunteer info, most importantly **WATCH THOSE DEADLINES!!!** Show the HS office any letters or emails you receive showing you've been awarded a scholarship so you can be acknowledged at graduation!

~ **FAFSA** financial aid form should already be submitted!
~ Remember, **2nd semester grades are important** and can affect your scholarship eligibility, finish **STRONG!**

JUNIORS:

~ **Make sure your senior year includes the credits you need to meet the college entrance requirements.**
~ **Put together a resume** listing your activities, volunteer experiences, academic achievements and employment.
~ **Register if planning to take the April ACT test.** April is a good time as you can retake it in fall if needed.

JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES:

If you have never taken a Kirkwood class, NOW is time to Apply to Kirkwood for college credit in high school and skilled technical training! If you are curious or interested in the Academy program starting next August, you need to go to www.kirkwood.edu/

ALL STUDENTS:

~ **Investigate colleges or post-high school options** – talk to your parents, counselor, relatives, friends!
~ **Investigate careers.** There is a link to various careers at www.icansucceed.org.
~ **Finish your year strong**, make S2 2020 your best academic semester yet!
~ **Discuss your future plans and dreams** with your parents, counselor, teacher when we start the 19-20 course registration process so you sign up for the right courses to set yourself up for future success.

Midland Archery Club

An item that has been discussed in the past years has been the creation of a shooting club at Midland. We believe that shooting sports requires concentration and the ability to assess your shot and to make the desired corrections to be successful. The program that allows for greater access for more students is the National Archery in the School Program or NASP. Students will be introduced to archery during a two week period in PE. If the student desires to continue with shooting, they may continue with the club. Some of the local archery clubs that exist are Anamosa, Springville and Central City. The archer does not need to buy any equipment. This is all provided by the school for students in grades 6-12.

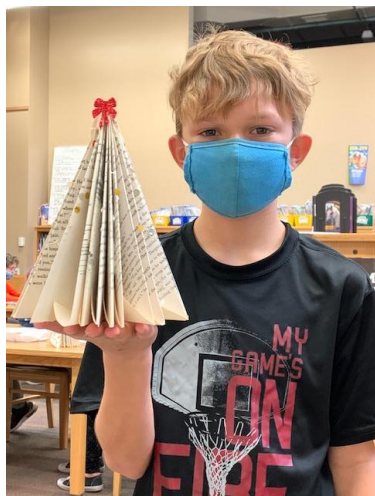
The first part of November, Mr. Eganhouse was certified as a Basic Archery Instructor or BAI by the NASP. This allows me to apply for a grant from the Iowa DNR for the school. The grant amount from the DNR is \$1000. To get the program up and going will total about \$3200. This covers the compound bows, arrows, targets and miscellaneous equipment that is needed. So the program needs the final \$2200 plus volunteers who will help with the club shooting at night and the competitions on the weekends. If you have any questions or interested in donating time or dollars, you can email him at jeganhouse@midland.k12.ia.us



Eaglet's Elementary View



Upcycled Holiday Book Art



Ms. Maddie and her students enjoyed creating Christmas trees using worn out books from our school's library. What a FUN, festive project!



327 is the number of items collected for our local food pantries by Midland Elementary students, families and staff members. **THANK YOU** for your generous donations!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 1st and 4th – NO SCHOOL

Jan 5th – School Resumes

Jan 13th, 20th, 27th – 1:00 Early Dismissal

Midland Community Schools
MIDLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
A Tradition of Excellence

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Wyoming, IA 52362

OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTIFICATION Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child(ren) in another public school district in the state of Iowa are to be aware of the following dates: *March 1, 2021 – Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2021 -22 school year. If the student meets the definition of the GOOD CAUSE under section 281 of the Iowa Administrative code 17.4(1), or is an entering kindergarten student, the application can be accepted after March 1, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year. Applications with GOOD CAUSE or the kindergarten must be filed on or before September 1, 2021. **Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility.

HOMEWORK STRATEGIES THAT WORK



Completing Homework on Time Contributes to School Success

Homework reinforces skills learned in the classroom and provides additional practice. It allows students to be responsible and work independently. Homework maintains a link between home and school by engaging children to talk about what they are learning, while providing parents with an opportunity to see how their students are progressing. The following study tips can help students succeed in the classroom.

Top 10 Tips for Studying

1. Don't leave revision until the last moment before an exam. It's best to look over your notes every day. The more you see it, the more you remember!!
2. Have a separate place for studying and another for relaxing.
3. Make sure that it is a quiet place to study.
4. Don't procrastinate. Get down to studying as soon as possible. The longer you put it off, the later you will get to bed.
5. Make sure that you have all the books that you need.
6. Read through what you need to learn.
7. Make notes on the key points.
8. Take short regular study breaks.
9. Ask yourself the sort of questions that might be in the exam.
10. Get to bed at a sensible time and sleep well!!