

Midland Newsletter



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Administrator's Message

by Ryan Steines and Raymond Dosland, Activities Directors

The month of November is upon us, which means that we will be transitioning into the winter sports season. The previous seasons of summer and fall sports were a brilliant success, and we are very appreciative of everyone's efforts to adapt and abide by ever changing COVID guidelines. It is the efforts made by our student athletes, coaches, school staff, volunteers, parents, and the Midland community that got us to the point where we can expect to enjoy a successful winter season. We hope to continue this trend moving forward, which will require some patience and attention to detail when COVID information and guidelines are released based on individual schools where our student athletes will be competing.

The winter sports season will see COVID guidelines similar to the fall season. Full details have been released by the two Iowa athletic unions; the IHSAA and the IGHSAA. Information can be found on both of their websites, and we will be posting any pertinent information from those guidelines in our athletic facilities. Just to be sure everyone is on the same page, our school board has passed a new K-12 mask guideline that will directly affect those who plan on attending events. The official statement reads: "When social distancing is not possible, all students and staff will be required to wear a mask while in the school building or while using school transportation. This includes all before and after school activities." This means that all school aged attendees must wear a mask in the stands when social distancing is not being practiced. This is especially important for students who sit in the student section. Adults in attendance are strongly recommended to wear a mask when social distancing is not being practiced.

Be sure to keep an eye out for individual school COVID guidelines for away competitions as games get closer. This information will be provided via Facebook on the Midland Middle/High School page. Please understand that schools may have different guidelines than ours. Most schools in the conference are mandating masks, so it may be a good idea to bring a mask to all games when traveling on the road. We will do our best to update guidelines for away competitions as they are communicated with us from other schools. Our goal is to get this information out the week of the contest.

We all know that the weather in Iowa can be unpredictable and very unforgiving during the winter months. The best way to stay up to date on changes to activities schedules is to follow our events on rSchool. rSchool is a downloadable app that is easy to use on any smartphone, and can be even more useful if you sign up for notifications. Information on cancellations and postponement dates will also be communicated on the Midland Middle/ High School Facebook page. Please feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions regarding rSchool.

The athletic boosters are always looking for help during all athletic seasons in the concession stand. Please do your part and sign up for dates throughout the winter season, or let them know when you may be able to help out when they find themselves short on workers. The athletic boosters are a vital part to all of our athletic programs at Midland. They supply our teams with uniforms and other useful items to ensure our student athletes are set up for success on the court, mat, and field. Sign-up is on the Midland school website.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 2020
November 16-20
#aew2020 | www.nea.org/aew

THANK YOU
to all of our school
employees at Midland
who take such good care
of our students'
educational needs each
and every day!

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NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



Farm Safety - Midland FFA members and Alumni presented to the 4th and 5th grade students on the importance of being safe on farms and around equipment. Presentation stations included Firearm safety, Tractor safety, PTO safety, Chemical safety, Lawn mower and weed eater safety, Animal Safety, ATV safety, and Grain Safety. Students rotated through the stations and learned how to be safe in and around these situations. Thank you to the volunteers and Alumni that helped our FFA members present this very important information to ensure the safety of our youth.



Food Delivery - Midland FFA, Midland FFA Alumni and Supporters and Midland Schools partnered to accept and deliver 1,250 boxes of food to the community. The food was procured through a USDA grant to get food from farmers to families. Boxes included 1 bag of potatoes, 1 bag of apples, 1 bag of onions, 1 block of cheese, 1 bag of yogurt, 1 package of chicken/sausage patties, bag of chicken taco meat and 1 gallon of milk. We were appreciative of the help of the football and volleyball players, FFA members, Lennie Miller, Corey Guenther, Laurie Dammann, and Sarah Fishwild. We were very lucky to be able to offer this food to our community.

Ceramic Tile Sales

MMHS special education department are creating and selling 12" x 12" personalizable ceramic tiles for \$7.00 each. Available in 7 customizable designs. Funds will be used for educational field trips and supplies. Prepaid orders are due to the MMHS office by December 11th and will be available for pick up there Dec. 18-22. These would make the perfect gift for that hard to buy for someone on your Christmas list!

Order form is available online at:

<http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/PDFs/CeramicTileSaleFlier.pdf>

Thanks for supporting this project and teaching kids some business skills for life.

FFA FRUIT / MEAT / CHEESE SALES



Midland FFA members are currently doing their fruit / meat / cheese fundraiser. All orders are due by Nov 7. Delivery is scheduled for the 2nd week of December. If interested in ordering contact any FFA member or call the high school at 488-2292.



Global Youth Institute

Trenton Rickels was selected to represent Iowa at the Global Youth Institute in conjunction with the World Food Prize. It was a different experience as it was held virtually. One the requirements for Trenton's participation included his presentation of his paper on education in El Salvador. The experts were very impressed with his paper and out of the box thinking. Trenton stated that, 'though online, the experience of the Global Youth Institute was interactive and educational'.



Parents – our students could use replacement school supplies – especially pencils. Please check with your son/daughter to see if they are in need! Thanks!



Eaglet's Elementary View



Farm Safety 2020!



5th grade students spent a morning learning about farm safety with some HS students.

Thank you for sharing your expertise on this important topic!



The 5th grade classes enjoyed making yarn dolls after reading the book, *Esperanza Rising*, in Mrs. Lehrman's class. The students' imaginations shined when talking about how kids would have played back in the 1930's.





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

ASVAB Testing - All Juniors will take ASVAB tests on 11/23 at 9AM in the commons. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world, it measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB also provides career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military career. This test is very important for any student considering a future in the military, but also will give all students a lot of information about themselves.

College & Career Application Day! Mrs. Lasack and Mrs. Brokaw saw at least 13 students on college application day that they helped in one way or another. They helped students fill out applications, review applications, and answered financial aid information. In the spring they will do a Decision Day Celebration. They will celebrate whatever career pathway the students have chosen: military, apprenticeship, college, and employment.

FAFSA Night - Our FAFSA Night was held on October 22nd. This event was sponsored by Ohnward Bank and Trust and hosted by ICAN. This event helped families fill out FAFSA and prepare for the next steps for college! If families are still needing help they can contact ICAN and make an appointment here: [ICAN Appointment Link](#)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Check out these resources to stay informed and up-to-date! Preventing Intimate Partner Violence Across the Lifespan - CDC, <https://nnedv.org/content/10-tips-informed-conversation/>