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Administrator's Message

by Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent

This year we have undergone a lot of "new." New staff, new leadership, new ideas, new programs, new curriculums, new laws, and new plans for the future. Anytime there is change or something new comes about there are also new opportunities. It has always been my hope as a leader that as "new" comes about we can maximize its impact for the good of all of our students, staff, and community!

Next year is going to continue to offer more new opportunities as we look to bring aboard new staff, new leadership at the secondary building, a new calendar, and a new strategic plan for our district. Throughout most of my first year as your superintendent, I have worked hard to keep my eyes and ears open for what our focuses are and need to be. I have been looking at where are our areas that we are excelling in and where are some areas that we need to shine some light on and look to improve. Doing this on a daily basis has shown me more and more how special our district and school community is, but also how important it is in ensuring that we establish a plan for how we intend to ensure that all of our students:

- Think critically and creatively to solve problems.
- Lead with integrity.
- Serve others for the common good.
- Accept and celebrate diversity.
- Strive for excellence.

We have started to formulate a plan that supports the above statements that make up our Eagle Mission. The plan will focus on four main categories: Facilities and Branding, Communication, Teaching and Learning, and School Environment/Culture. While we have started to put together how we will work to improve in these four categories, we know that feedback is essential in designing and implementing a strong strategic plan. Because of this, over the next month I will be setting times for staff, parents, community members, and students to provide feedback on what they would like to see within these categories and what it would look like to know that we are making progress towards our goals.

Stay tuned for more information to be coming on our newly branded facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/MidlandCSD, through ParentSquare, and email.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 14th 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!

National Volunteer Week is April 17-23



THANK YOU to all who help our school, students, sports, clubs, etc.

We couldn't do it without YOU!

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PBIS ACTIVITY DAY APRIL 6

On Wednesday April 6 we will have our spring PBIS day. The middle school students will be going to Maquoketa. They have been given the option of going to the YMCA for swimming and gym time, or attending a showing of the new Marvel movie Morbius at the Voy Theater. High School students will be staying in the building with lots of fun activities planned for them to choose from including inflatables brought in by the Iowa National Guard.

ISASP TESTING

Middle/High School students will be taking the Iowa Assessment Tests on April 18, 22 and 28 from 8-10AM. Please be sure your child is well rested and eats correctly for those dates. We want them to have optimal testing conditions, your help is greatly appreciated! Seniors are not required to be at school until 10:10 that day when we start classes on our 2 hour late schedule.

SENIOR PROFILE INFO for the Anamosa Journal's annual graduation edition were emailed out to seniors and their parents. Please fill out the google form sent to your email by April 10th.

April 13 – Full School Day April 15 – NO SCHOOL

PROM 2022 "A Rainforest Fantasy" will be held on Saturday April 23rd in the high school cafeteria. The Grand March will begin at 8:00 with the dance to follow until 11pm. Tickets are on sale in the office for \$20 per person until April 1st or \$25 after that date. The Post Prom Party is directly after the dance on Saturday/Sunday April 23rd. We are asking the community for contributions of t-shirts, gift cards and monetary donations. Thank you for keeping our tradition going and our kids safe on prom night.

Fine Arts Quilt Raffle

7th graders are selling raffle tickets for a quilt. They designed and printed the fabric using linoleum block printing and tie dye. Tickets are \$1 and the winner will be drawn at the spring music concert. Funds raised will benefit the art program.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Course registration for the 22-23 school year is in full swing! Be on the lookout for more information in the upcoming weeks.

8th grade parents, if you missed the Four Year Plan presentation, you can watch the video here. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Mrs. Schnepper or Mrs. Lasack.

April ACT test date is April 2nd. Next test date is June 11th.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Last year, 56 children were abused in Jones County Learn tips and strategies to help keep children safe and promote family well-being. #ChildAbusePreventionMonth #ThrivingFamilies Child Abuse Prevention

April 5 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!

State Agriscience Fair

On March 24/25 sixteen Junior High FFA members experienced their first State Agriscience Fair. At publication time the results were not yet announced. We are proud of your hard work.

FFA District Results

Congrats to the many state bound teams!

Chapter Program – 1st – Gold

Experience The Action – 1st – Gold

Ag CSI – 1st – Gold

Ag Impact – 1st Gold

Chapter Website – 2nd – Gold

Public Speaking – Silver

National Chapter Award – Supreme – 7th in state

FFA State Proficiency Awards

Karley Schaefer – Equine Placement Award – Gold Hannah Fishiwld – Beef Entrepreneurship – Silver Gracie Franzen – Ag Services Placement – Silver Jayda Thomsen – Ag Processing – Silver

SILVER SERVICE

hours are due to the principal by Friday, May 6th.

Graduation is Sunday, May 22 at 2PM in gym

The Midland School Board Approved the 2022-2023 School Calendar at their meeting on March 22, 2022. https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22.23MCSDMasterCalendar.pdf



Eaglet's Elementary View



2nd graders enjoyed learning about tree tapping with Chuck Jacobsen from Clinton Co Conservation. They learned how to identify a maple tree, how to tap the tree and the process of turning sap into cooked syrup.
Students also got to taste test if they wanted!







During parent-teacher conferences, the work $K - 5^{th}$ grade made in art class was displayed in the hallways and library for all to see!

The students have created amazing artwork this year with Mrs. Hein. We are so proud of them!





1st grade celebrated Dr. Seuss Day!

Students enjoyed reading Dr. Seuss books and also created fun hats!





Dear Parent, Guardian, or other Legally Responsible Adult:

All Iowa public school districts are required to administer an annual school climate and culture survey to students in grades 3-12 called **Conditions for Learning Survey** (Survey). The Survey is designed to measure their engagement in school, safety and the overall learning environment.

From April 1-29, parents and families of students in preschool through grade 12 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Parent Conditions for Learning Survey. The Survey contains similar items to those on the Student Survey, focusing on areas that range from student safety, to positive adult and student relationships, to school rules and how they are enforced.

The Parent Survey, which is available in English and Spanish, will be accessible to parents or families online from April 1-29. Participation in the Survey is encouraged, but it is completely voluntary, and all questions are optional to answer. A copy of the items on the Survey is available by request. The end of the Survey also asks a few questions which the Department of Education must collect as required to report under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Responses to the Parent Survey are confidential and the results are completely anonymous. No names are recorded, and no identifying information is attached to specific responses. The results of the Survey will be provided back to the school to be used with the Student Survey results for identifying areas of strengths, and areas for improvement.

Thank you for your involvement in Midland to improve conditions for learning here and throughout the state. An overview of the Survey is included.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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