

# Midland Newsletter



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## Administrator's Message

*by Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent*

When it comes to the calendar for next school year (2022-2023) there has been a lot of brainstorming and planning put in up to now. My goal as the district leader is to look at our big picture as a whole and do all that we can to see that we accomplish our goals and continue to grow and build upon our already great educational system.

One way to assist in making some of these things happen is to look at how we can constructively utilize our calendar. This was done years ago when the district moved towards implementing an early out every week. This provided much needed time for staff to work and learn together. With the impacts of the pandemic still being widely felt, a teacher shortage leading to difficulty in hiring teachers, and sub shortage leading to it being difficult to find subs while having staff give up their prep time to cover for each other, we are trying to look at ways to combat all of these issues.

One thing that multiple school districts are looking at and currently four districts in Iowa are implementing next year is a 4 Day Week. With this idea, there has been a lot of research done to see if this would be viable for our district and it garnered enough support to warrant further investigation.

I have prepared a website page that outlines the 4 Day Week and questions that you may have. I have also prepared a video with some brief explanations and a survey that you can utilize to provide us with feedback (Video Below) 2022-2023 Calendar Survey - <https://forms.gle/4RW6yUXhUk97KhqPA> (the survey will require a log-in to ensure that there is one submission per person- emails will not be collected to provide anonymity). I will also be at the MS/HS on Thursday, March 3rd from 5:00 - 6:00 for an information and Q&A session on the calendar proposals. If you have any questions, you can email: [2023Calendar@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:2023Calendar@midland.k12.ia.us) or put them into the survey where feedback is allowed.

All of the survey information as well as a synopsis of questions and answers will be presented and discussed with the board in a work session that is to be held at the MS/HS building on March 7th. A calendar will be proposed and approved at the March 21st board meeting allowing the district to move forward with planning based on the passed calendar.

We know that if passed the 4 Day Week would be a big change, but we also feel that if this is the direction that we go, we will be able to greatly capitalize on the opportunities that it can provide. We are currently looking into ways to address concerns that we know will come, especially in regards to child care and meals.

Please take some time and look at the materials provided and provide us with your feedback. Links for the website, survey, calendar, and email can be found in this PDF - <https://drive.google.com/.../1Imutu9PwTOv4AXvs1E5.../view...> All information and research articles can be found at the 2022-2023 Calendar Webpage as well - <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/2022-2023-school-calendar/>

Thank you for your help and assistance!



Tuesday, March 8 – 4-8PM  
and  
Thursday, March 10 – 1:30-8PM

Watch for more details from each building soon!

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**March 11-16**

# M NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



**Quarter 3 Remediation Day is March 4** for quarter 3 academics for grades 6-12. We will use the same format as always, students will bring a letter home on Mar 2 showing if they are required to attend school or not. This is a regular school day for all students who have not passed all academic standards in all classes. More info: <https://www.midland.k12.wa.us/.../02/Q3RemediationInfo.pdf>

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

will be held on **Mar 8 & 10.**

Mar 8 from 4-8pm or 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-8pm.

*Watch for more info via email on how to sign up soon.*

## Important 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting

Tues, March 8th @ 6:00 in the cafeteria to go over high school scheduling and student 4-year plans. Please add this to your calendar.

## 22-23 Course Registration To Begin Soon

Course registration and scheduling for next year will be starting soon! Mrs. Lasack and Mrs. Schnepfer will be coming to talk to each grade (8th-11th) in the next few weeks to discuss the process. Students will use their Zello account this year instead of using PowerSchool to enter their course requests. They will discuss the new graduation requirements with current 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The course registration handbook can be found online at <https://www.midland.k12.wa.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22.23MHSRegistrationHandbook.pdf>

## SPRING BREAK March 11, 14, 15, 16 – NO SCHOOL

**Prom tickets** are \$20 per person attending if purchased by April 1. After April 1 they are \$25 per person. Every person attending needs a ticket. When purchasing we need the names of your dates too. More info as it becomes available.

## Summer Sports Signups

Students planning on participating in school sponsored baseball or softball should sign up now on the google docs below. All must have a current physical and concussion form on file in office before starting practice.

### Baseball 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U3QrjSDzWPd4\\_zzBXZuIdyWLnauQ6qg-c1396zfPdM/edit?ts=6203eee9](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U3QrjSDzWPd4_zzBXZuIdyWLnauQ6qg-c1396zfPdM/edit?ts=6203eee9)

### Softball 6-12:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SCSZWekcbup6aaGwjxLdxwUJvtOLdmZT7VdvCsxgFvY/edit?ts=62054f25>

## STATE WRESTLING



Congrats to Cayden Miller who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at 190# at State Wrestling!

## Summer Drivers Ed Signup

Midland students can sign up to attend the summer Drivers Education course here at MHS by using their school email and completing this google form. Drivers ed calendar and rules are available on the school website or a hard copy can be picked up in the office. Students must have a valid learners permit and pay the fees before the class begins.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1V1FhEW1TQk5QLLeJp9ZOXzPsPJwDZPPtBXPOb4a0fUPg/edit>

**Midland Hall of Fame** nominations are being taken to submit complete the form found online at

<https://www.midland.k12.wa.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HallofFame-2.pdf> or pick a copy up at office. Return it to the school ASAP. If questions contact the athletic director at 319-259-5340 x 2420 or [rsteines@midland.k12.wa.us](mailto:rsteines@midland.k12.wa.us).

**SENIOR PHOTOS:** Please get all senior and baby photos turned in to Miss Kelck or HS office ASAP for graduation slideshow purposes. Head and shoulders senior photo is preferred. Thanks!

Congratulations to our **All Conference Basketball** selections, it was a fun year watching both teams! Allison Paulson and Elizabeth Soper 1st team, Zain Sauer 2nd team and Amaya Terrell & Cale Crist honorable mention!

**ACT Preparation Class** at Kirkwood in Monticello on Wed, Mar 23 from 5-9PM sponsored by F&M Bank. To register contact Abby Jaeger by Mar 8 at 319-465-2302 or [abby.jaeger@kirkwood.edu](mailto:abby.jaeger@kirkwood.edu)



# Eaglet's Elementary View



## PBIS Incentive – FUN at Rustic Park!

Students enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at Rustic Park after displaying outstanding SOAR expectations and meeting a school wide goal!



Midland Elementary is now taking names for 2022-2023 school year **Preschool and Kindergarten** classes. Parent/Guardians should contact Erika Tubbs at Midland Elementary by emailing her: [etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us) or calling [\(319\) 259-5340, ext. 1300](tel:3192595340).

Preschoolers must be 4 years old by 9/15/22 and Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by 9/15/22. Please contact Midland Elementary for more information about round-up dates and to ensure your child gets a spot.

## Kindergarten / 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading buddies!



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."  
-Joseph Addison

Preschool and Kindergarten  
Round Up is  
Friday, March 4, 2022



There is **NO SCHOOL** for the  
current kindergarteners on  
that day.



## Counselor's Corner

**Attention 8th grade parents!** On March 8th at 6pm in the cafeteria, the counselors are hosting a 4 Year Plan presentation to talk about registering for high school classes. It is important to attend this meeting to find out more about opportunities in high school and graduation requirements. We will also have a speaker present on the Kirkwood Academy opportunities that our students can partake in their junior and senior years. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Schnepfer.

**Attention Senior Parents!** On March 10th from 1:30-7pm we are hosting a FAFSA night! Is your senior going to college? Then make an appointment and we will help you fill out FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Appointments will be required. Both the student and the parent will need to create an FSA ID beforehand. Click here to create FSA ID. You will also need your social security number(s) and 2020 tax information. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Schnepfer.

**Internship application deadline is April 8** – <https://www.kirkwood.edu/workplace-learning-connection/internships/>

**SAVE THE DATE! ICAN is hosting FREE virtual presentations for Midland sophomore and junior families:**

**Career and College Planning March 3 /2 5:30pm**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/7616236946739/WN\\_PSra-hpBRxm3DJnPOx1Q1g](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/7616236946739/WN_PSra-hpBRxm3DJnPOx1Q1g)

**Financial Aid Process March 3 @ 6:30pm**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/1916236947732/WN\\_f71d-cfNSj6dsin0v4nB9g](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/1916236947732/WN_f71d-cfNSj6dsin0v4nB9g)



### FINE ARTS:

6th grade classes each spent two days creating gelli printed papers. Now they are working on using those papers to create collages. These pictures show students working on gelli printing and starting their collages.



## Will you give? GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Midland PATS will be hosting a blood drive on  
**Thursday, March 17 from 3:00 to 6:45pm**  
in the Black Gym in Wyoming. Will you give?



*"You don't need a special reason to give blood. Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member/friend might need blood someday. Some believe it is the right thing we do. Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life." American Red Cross*

Will you give? To make an appointment to donate call **Elisha Hansen at 319-480-4929**

All 16 year old donors must have signed Parental Consent Form. ALL donors must have Photo ID.

**GIVE BLOOD SAVE A LIFE!**

**Will you give?**



## GIVING BACK

Midland FFA found a way to give back to others during National FFA Week by making and delivering casseroles for the Ronald McDonald House. Great job helping others guys and gals!



February is  
National Children's  
Dental Health Month

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### Midland 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Looking For Donations

In an effort to keep kids engaged, focused and motivated the teacher is trying 10-15 minute mid-morning snack and brain breaks daily. Donations of prepackaged, non-perishable snack items would be greatly appreciated. You can drop off items at the MMHS office or purchase from this Amazon wish list at:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3IY63CIE21TRD?ref=wl\\_share&fbclid=IwAR1kfuetby62B03umjGe9rmrmPsXiqUpqnfO891x6cNN-HsSsb0A3MPQuB8](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3IY63CIE21TRD?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR1kfuetby62B03umjGe9rmrmPsXiqUpqnfO891x6cNN-HsSsb0A3MPQuB8)



Parents and Guardians –

Please check your email and/or text messages for a Parent Square Invitation (our new communication system). If you have not received an invite, contact Mrs. Martens at [dmartens@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:dmartens@midland.k12.ia.us). Click on the provided link to verify your contact information.

The invites were sent out based on the email/phone number that you entered in Contacts in Powerschool at registration time. If you have issues, you may not have your parent contact information filled out fully in PowerSchool. Log in to Powerschool and click on Update Contacts to do that, then it should work.

As we get this new communication system up and going, there are going to be a few glitches. Thanks in advance for your patience!

## GENERIC MIDLAND CLOTHING ORDER

Midland Elementary is having Midland PBIS clothing order fundraiser. Prepaid orders are due online March 13<sup>th</sup> and will be back before Easter. The money raised will go towards purchasing items for school store, incentives for students displaying positive behavior at being a SOAR student, and PBIS school wide celebration days for all elementary students.



[https://shop.envisiontees.com/midland\\_pbis/shop/home](https://shop.envisiontees.com/midland_pbis/shop/home)

As always, **thank you for supporting Midland Elementary students!**

## CHRISTIANSSEN NAMED 2022 NORTHEAST IOWA GOLDEN OWL FINALIST

Congratulations to Midland's FFA Advisor Jamie Christiansen who was surprised at a student assembly today during FFA Week and was named the Northeast Iowa Golden Owl Finalist. She is one of only 7 FFA Advisors in the state of Iowa to receive this recognition. The Golden Owl winner will be named at the 2022 FFA State Convention.



Ms. C received multiple nominations for this award last fall. She goes above and beyond when working with her FFA team and her students. During 2021 she helped three teams make it to national competition and they all finished in the top 12 in the nation.

A big thank you to her FFA officer team, co-advisor Jen Westphal and FFA Alumni member Sarah Fishwild who helped to pull off the surprise assembly. It started with a game of "Are you smarter than an ag teacher?" with former FFA advisor Keith Kleis participating alongside of Christiansen and Westphal against three ag students.

The tenth question was "Who is the 2022 NE Golden Owl Finalist" and the answer of course was Ms. C and everyone there knew the answer except for her!

Some special guests joined the fun via zoom including former students Sydney (Stender) Hadacek, Elli (Slouha) Lineburg, former principal Carol Guenther, her former FFA Advisor Mike Retallik (from ISU) and Chelsea Ahrens Dorf a fellow FFA sponsor. Jamie's brother and sister-in-law also attended the award presentation. Also in attendance were a KCRG reporter, Anamosa Journal-Eureka reporter and Kim Buchholtz taking photos for MCSD.

Ms. C was awarded a \$500 check and a plaque. We wish her well in the next round of competition. With the time she has put into our Midland FFA Chapter we know she will surely be hard to beat! Again **CONGRATULATIONS** and **GOOD LUCK JAMIE!**