

# Midland Newsletter



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## Administrator's Message

by Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent

When it comes to the end of the year I am always left in a reflective mindset. This year is no different. I can't help but think about how far we have come this year. How much our students have grown. The long list of accomplishments of both staff and students continues to grow. How overall I this year has flown by for me and that I continue to be blown away by our Eagle community.

It is also a time that I reflect on the areas that were contentious and areas that we had to grow and work through. Our covid mitigation strategies were pushed at times. Our staffing levels were taxed. Our days were exhausted due to weather and our methods of communication were revamped. I know that I personally learned a lot working through these challenges and am incredibly excited to continue to work to identify solutions to set ourselves up to have even greater success in the years to come.

I encourage all of you to take some time and reflect on this past year. Celebrate the good times and great accomplishments. Problem solve and stay solution focused on the challenges. As a district we will work to collect feedback from our Eagle community on how we can continue to improve and celebrate our accomplishments! Thank you all for your continued support as we work to make our district the best it can possibly be!

## Introducing Our New Secondary Principal!!!!

My name is Bobby Willms and I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal of the Midland Middle School/High School. I am honored to have been selected to join Midland and be part of the Eagle Family.

I have been in education for 18 years. After graduating from Upper Iowa University, I began my career teaching math at Mason City High School. After only a year, I moved to the Center Point-Urbana district where I was able to teach math and language arts. During my 9 years in the classroom, I also coached Speech, directed a Children's Theater group, and sponsored class activities, including Prom.

My leadership journey began in 2014 when I had an amazing opportunity to join a team through Grant Wood AEA in order to support beginning teachers as they developed their practice. I worked with teachers in various districts, grade-levels, and contents. Most recently, I have served as a principal for West Fork Schools in Sheffield. My first two years, I served as the Preschool-1st grade and 9-12 principal. After realignment, I have now served the last two years as the 6-12 Principal.

Throughout my career, my most important job is that of an advocate for all children. I am excited to spend lots of time with each student in order to get to know their personalities, interests, and strengths. I will encourage them daily to let them know that they are a valued member of our school community.

My greatest achievement comes not professionally, but personally as I am the mother of four beautiful children: Jane(20), Grace(19), Carter(13), and Reagan(8). My husband, Jared, and I look forward to joining the community and raising our children as Eagles. Please know that I will work tirelessly to ensure all your children have the best possible experience while at Midland, just as I do for my own children.

Once again, I am so thankful to have the opportunity to share my experiences with your wonderful community. I look forward to getting to know each student, parent, teacher, and community members throughout the year. Go Eagles!



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## IMPORTANT SENIOR INFO

**Silver Service Hours – due to principal by May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Baccalaureate\*** Wed, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 at Zion Lutheran Church, Wyoming *\*optional ceremony* - all invited!

**Last regular school day – May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Laptop Return – May 17<sup>th</sup> in AM**

**Bills – all bills paid to the office by 11:15 on May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Graduation Walks – Tues, 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30 at OJ, 1:00 at Olin**

**Decision/Awards Day – Tues, 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00.** Doors open 1:45 for guests. Event will be broadcast on STRIVE TV.

**Graduation Practice – Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:10AM SHARP** in gold gym

**Class Trip** Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> after practice, must be passing all classes

**Grades** - all graduation required courses must be completed with passing grade submitted to the office by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> to participate in the graduation ceremony

**Graduation – Sun, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00** - meet in cafeteria by 1:15  
For those that cannot attend, the event will be livestreamed on STIVE TV at [https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/?fbclid=IwAR0A9jBW\\_87AuXQ4Tf9--pBLNIMDeXTKB56u91K1ZPWL3wV9Dndy\\_sYIDhk](https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/?fbclid=IwAR0A9jBW_87AuXQ4Tf9--pBLNIMDeXTKB56u91K1ZPWL3wV9Dndy_sYIDhk)

## SENIOR DECISION DAY CELEBRATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD MAY 17

On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Midland High School will celebrate the accomplishments of their seniors by holding Decision Day and Awards Ceremony at 2pm in the gold gym. Guests are invited to attend, events entry doors open at 1:45 with the ceremony starting promptly at 2:00 in Gold Gym. For those that cannot attend, the event will be livestreamed on STIVE TV at [https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/?fbclid=IwAR0A9jBW\\_87AuXQ4Tf9--pBLNIMDeXTKB56u91K1ZPWL3wV9Dndy\\_sYIDhk](https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/?fbclid=IwAR0A9jBW_87AuXQ4Tf9--pBLNIMDeXTKB56u91K1ZPWL3wV9Dndy_sYIDhk)

## TAP SUMMER CAMP

If your student works with Angie Kurt-Sconsa, the transition coordinator, watch for information about our TAP Summer Camp. It will run weekdays from June 9-22 and we will be exploring a variety of careers. Sign-up letters will be mailed home or email Angie for more information: [asconsa@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:asconsa@midland.k12.ia.us)

Interested in being a **Foreign Exchange Host Family** for the 22-23 school year? They are looking to place two students for next school year. If interested, contact Tina James at 319-551-9367. Gain a new son/daughter for life.

## UPDATED END OF YEAR PLAN:

**May 20– Remediation checkout day** - Students must be passing all academic standards, have all detentions served, and have all ICAP assignments completed to receive a gold letter to be done with their school year. All receiving a pink letter are required to attend remediation on 23/24.

**May 23 - Remediation Day** for grades 6-12, full day

**May 24 - Remediation Day** for 6-12, **12:00 dismissal**



## MMHS Spring Concert

Our first music program in over a year will be May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm in the black gym. All 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be singing and playing! We hope to see you all there! There will also be a few familiar faces on staff playing in the band!  
Thanks for your support!

## PROM THANK YOU

Thanks to Miss Kelck and Mrs. Eckhardt, the Post Prom Committee and all who donated to either event for making them safe fun for our students!

## Welcome Mrs. Willms

We are excited to have Mrs. Bobby Willms join us for the 22-23 school year as Secondary Principal. Here are some photos of her family that we all look forward to meeting and welcoming to our district.





# Eaglet's Elementary View



## Happy visits Wrap Care!



Happy from Happy Joe's visited Wrap Care this month! The students learned all about PIZZA and enjoyed a pizza party for lunch!

Sandra Gotto, from Challenge to Change, has been providing yoga and mindfulness instruction to our students during PE! Mindfulness and yoga encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and increase positivity.





Mrs. Marshall and her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have been busy using Humming birds and Micro bits to follow specific criteria and create animals with moving body parts! Mrs. Marshall and a few students demonstrated their final project at a monthly board meeting.



Mr. Ortiz and his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have been learning about consumers and producers. After producing commercials, the students created a juice stand, **Jubilant Juice!** Students practiced good customer service skills, kept track of their revenue, and counted the income to find out their profit.

They enjoyed serving **Jubilant Juice** to everyone in the building!



# 1st Grade FUN!



1st Grade field trip to



Bettendorf Family Museum!

1<sup>st</sup> grade students have been busy taking care of their baby chicks and enjoy watching them grow!



## FREE SUMMER MEALS

Midland will continue to provide FREE meals to children ages 1 – 18 through June 30, 2022. The school district is allowed to provide these grab-n-go style meals using a USDA waiver but it is set to expire June 30th. We will be serving out of 2 sites on **TUESDAYS**, starting May 31st and ending June 21st :

Wyoming – Middle/High School – 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Oxford Junction – Elementary School – 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Each Tuesday, we will be distributing a week's worth of grab-n-go style meals (breakfast and lunch) like we have in the summers past.

For those **interested**, please contact Erika Tubbs, at [etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us) or 319-259-5340 ext **1300**, with the number of children and which site, Wyoming or Oxford Junction, you will pick up from on Tuesdays!

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions and please **SPREAD THE WORD!** This is for **ALL** children ages 1 – 18 whose families are able to pick up from either site.

# REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4 year old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR and Varicella.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade (and above) students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertusis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.

All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

--LASTLY--

All Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a current, within the past 12 months, dental certificate on file.

Dental Certificate: <http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/PDFs/Nurse%20Info/Nurse%20-%20Dental%20Screening%20Certificate.pdf>

Iowa Immunization Program info: <http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/PDFs/Nurse%20Info/NurseImmunizationLawBrochure.pdf>

Recommended Immunization Schedule for 0-18 years:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-combined-schedule-bw.pdf>

*If you take your child to the doctor or dentist this spring/summer PLEASE get us an updated copy of the immunization or dental form and turn it in at school registration so you are in compliance of state laws regarding these things. Thanks!*

**Congratulations to the Class of 2022!** May 17th will be the Decision Day/Award Ceremony. May 18th is graduation practice, followed by the senior class trip. May 22nd is the graduation ceremony.

This announcement is for **TRIO Talent Search**, if you started an application with TRIO, please make sure to turn it in to Mrs. Lasack's office on ASAP so you can participate in future field trips and summer activities.

On April 14th we had 37 ninth grade students participate in **mock interviews**. Students prepared for this event by creating resumes and practicing their interview skills. This event was organized by Workplace Learning Connections. Thanks to all of those who volunteered and helped make this event possible. The students did awesome!

**Congratulations to Keegan Rushford** on his \$1,000 scholarship he received by attending Project SAFE's Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention event in Jones Co.



## Counselor's Corner



### May 1 – Principal Appreciation Day!

Thanks to Mrs. Martens and Mr. Kleinmeyer for their efforts every day!

### May 2-6 – Teacher Appreciation Week! Thanks to all of our teachers PK-12!!

You make a difference every day!

### May 6 is School Lunch Hero Day!

Thanks to OPAA! and their wonderful employees!

### May 11 – School Nurse's Day!

Thanks to Nurse Current and Kayla for keeping us all healthy!

### May 9-13 - School Board Appreciation Week!

Thanks to Sarah Fishwild, Katalin Rushford, Teryn Crist, Stacie Cronkleton, Derek Denniston, Jeramie Ellefson and Teri Sterk for all you do for the school!



## FFA

With this being the first year that FFA membership was opened to 8th graders, they made their mark as 14 earned their way to compete at the State level by advancing competitions from Districts with all 3 being named Champions at NE District Convention in March. Way to represent Midland FFA, your school and community.



32 Midland FFA members competed at State FFA Convention.

Champion Chapter Website: Jaylou Schumacher, Sierra Ricklefs, Jay Bentley, and Owen Sterk

Reserve Champion Ag Communications: Sophia Coates, Hannah Fishwild, Isabelle Rickets, and Karley Schaefer

9th place Gold Rating Ag Biotechnology: Jayson Ruley (7th individual), Clarissa Fox, Bryce Leeper, and Nathan Rickels

Gold Rating Chapter Program: Hannah Fishwild, Trenton Rickels, and Alivia Smith

Silver Rating Experience the Action: Diaz Beltran, Issac Beranek, Gracie Franzen, Jayson Ruley, Karley Schaefer, and Jayda Thomsen

Silver Rating CSI: Theo Baumer, Wyatt Christiansen, McKenna Doll, Gabbie Franzen, Sophia Hunter, and Emmi Huston

Bronze Rating Ag Impact: Nathan Rickels, Aleesha Westphal, Hayven Herman, Belle Hollingshead, Neveah Rivera, and Kaillen Bailey

Greenhand Test: Logan Rockwell - Gold; Sierra Ricklefs - Silver

7th place National Chapter Award

4 State FFA Degrees: Justin Agnitsch, Trenton Rickels, Bryce Rushford, and Reece Vacek

We have a highway cleanup scheduled for May 7 at 9 am.

We also have students starting practice for summer and fall CDE's that are currently practicing.

Champion Chapter Website



Ag Biotechnology

Reserve Champion Ag Communications



## THANK YOU FOR 152 YEARS!!

As the school year closes we will say goodbye and good luck to six special employees who combined have dedicated 152 years of their lives, their time and their talents to the Midland District and its students/staff. We wish them the very best in their retirement years.



**Tim Wright** - 34 years custodian  
**Carla Eganhouse** - 28 years paraeducator  
**Lorie Dunne** - 27 years paraeducator/asst. cook  
**Deb Bisinger** - 24 years teacher, *most recently preschool*  
**Patti Podhaski** - 20 years transportation  
**Jim Bicknese** - 19 years custodian/transportation

**THANK YOU and ENJOY RETIREMENT!!!**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION:

The last day regular day of school at both centers is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> with a 12:00 dismissal. Students in grades 6-12 will have Remediation Days on May 23 & 24 with a noon dismissal on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Remediation checkout day is May 20, get those grades up so you too can be done on May 20!

School registration will take place on your parent PowerSchool using a new method, watch for on-site registration days and instructions to be posted this summer.

School supply lists will be emailed out and made available online sometime in late-June. They will also be in the Registration Newsletter in early July.

**School resumes on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Full calendar: <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22.23MCSDMasterCalendar.pdf>

We hope all of our students and their families have a healthy & fun filled summer 2022! Practice your reading and writing! ☺