

# Midland Newsletter



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## Administrator's Message

by Superintendent Bonjour

### We Need Your Input on Communication Effectiveness

Midland CSD has partnered with SCoPE School Surveys to gain input on the district's communications. School Communications Performance Evaluation (SCoPE) Surveys seek feedback from [district staff, parents of students, and community members] on how they receive information and whether they consider the communication to be effective. SCoPE Surveys will help us to take the guesswork out of our communications. Through the surveys, we will learn whether people prefer receiving an email, seeing a post on social media, or reading about something in the local paper. We will also find out if we are providing enough information about key topics and issues.

SCoPE Surveys are conducted online in a secure portal and take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Questions revolve primarily around the district's communication mechanisms, the effectiveness of communications in key areas of importance to each audience, and whether communication is considered to be accurate, timely and trustworthy. Participants can access the surveys on desktop and laptop computers as well as most tablets and smartphones. The surveys are available in both English and Spanish and participation is completely anonymous.

Midland's SCoPE Surveys will open on 10/31/22 and constituents will have until 11/11/22 to participate. Because the reliability of the results increases with the percentage of people taking the surveys, participation is significant. We strongly encourage everyone to take the time to give us this extremely important feedback.

Once completed, SCoPE then provides reports of the results and an individualized review pointing to school communications program standards based on Midland's highest and lowest performing areas. This review helps the district identify opportunities to improve communications and prioritize next steps.

Developed by leaders in school communications, SCoPE Surveys are rooted in research and align with nationally developed standards for effective school communication. "We have experienced first-hand how effective communication builds trust. Faculty and staff, parents and families, and community residents all deserve to be informed about their local schools so that they can each do their share in supporting student achievement," note founders Sandy Cokeley, APR, and Julie Abbott. Here in Midland, we agree that effective communication is essential to supporting our students' success as well as our success as a school district. Once again, we need to hear from our constituents on what is working and what is not and we ask everyone to participate.

Survey links will be sent out on Monday through email and ParentSquare. We will also post to our district Facebook page. For questions on participating, contact me at <mailto:cbonjour@midland.k12.ia.us>. To learn more about SCoPE, visit [www.scopeschoolsurveys.com](http://www.scopeschoolsurveys.com).

Take care and have an amazing one, and Go Eagles!

Caleb Bonjour  
Superintendent



### American Education Week

November 14-18, 2022

Thanks to all of our dedicated staff  
here at Midland.

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### ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our all district football team members: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Zain Sauer, Caden Ballou, Brayden Grau, Shayden Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> team Seth Bixler, Jared Crock, Keegan Rushford, Ty Jensen, Honorable Mention: Jordan Buford, Warren Etten

### ALL CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to Gracie Harrington who was Honorable Mention selection to the 2022 Tri-Rivers Conference All Conference Volleyball Team

### Middle School Football Goes Undefeated

Congratulations to the Midland Middle School Football Team who finished their season undefeated with a win over EdCo 58-0! Nice job guys! Keep working hard!



### FARM MEAL DELIVERY

What do FFA members do on a no school day? They showed up and packaged and delivered 150 meals for our area farmers. Thank you farmers and thank you to these awesome youth!

### Angel Book Program

Thanks to the Friends of the Wyoming Public Library, Midland PATS, Citizens State Bank and Ohnward Bank for doing their annual Angel Book Program again this fall. Their goal is for all students in PS-8<sup>th</sup> grades to take a new book home at the winter break. If you want to donate, drop a book off at either school office, the Wyoming Library or either bank in our district. You can also purchase a book online from this wishlist:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MEHBVSPJ98HX/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MEHBVSPJ98HX/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

Congratulations to Caycee Crist, Rylan Graves, Laney Otte, Carter Willms, Wyatt Tracy, Max Moore, Dakota Nicely, Landri Hansen, Ava Franzen, Josie Petersen for being selected to **TriRivers Conference Middle School Honor Band**. The concert was held Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

**HS Vocal Festival** is November 14 at Maquoketa Valley.

**Winter concert** is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Black Gym. This is also Wyoming's Christmas City Celebration day, so take that in afterwards for a fun winter celebration day!

**Picture retakes** at both buildings on Thursday, Nov 1 in the morning.



### FARM SAFETY DAY

Safety is the number one priority in any operation, the same can be said for farms and their equipment. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, members of Midland FFA hosted and helped run a collection of 8 stations for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Farm Safety. These stations included animal, gun, chemical, ATV, mower, tractor, and grain safety. Some of the key points of each station included adequate safety equipment, how to operate, and things to avoid while using and not using the machinery. Emphasis was also put on what to do around equipment and animals when visiting another farm. Members of the community also helped run the stations including Cody Dirks, Larry Meyer, Brian Eckhardt, Terry Lineburg, Scott Fishwild, as well as employees at Nutrien Ag Services. With youth ages 7-11 being at the largest risk of injury on farms we wanted to make sure that we are ensuring that Midland youth learn what they can do to keep themselves safe. We hope that our teachings will help save lives and prevent injuries in the future, especially during the stressful and occasionally chaotic harvesting portion of the year.





# Eaglet's Elementary View



## Fire Prevention Week 'FUN' with



## OJ Volunteer Firemen

Thank you for the fire  
truck rides and fire  
safety tips!



Wrap Care students  
want to send a big  
**THANK YOU** the OJ  
Volunteer Fire  
Department for the fire  
station tour to celebrate  
**Fire Prevention  
Week!**

Thank you to Wyoming  
FD for the fire hats!

**DON'T FORGET**

Now that the cooler weather is here to  
stay - please make sure students are  
sent to school with warm gear!

**Coats - hats - gloves - snow pants - boots**

**PATS (Parents And Teachers for  
Students) - ALL are Welcome!**

All Midland Elementary parents/guardians are invited  
to participate in PATS! If you are interested in  
helping students, PATS is for YOU! Elementary  
teachers, staff and students appreciate the  
wonderful things PATS is able provide for us!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**November 1 - Picture Retake Day**

**December 20 - Winter Concert at 1:30 in Wyoming Commons**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



### Job Shadow

The counseling department secured job shadow experiences for 9 students in September. The job shadow experiences are provided through Kirkwood's Workplace Learning Connection. This program is available to sophomores through seniors and allows students to explore careers of interest and gain useful information about what it will take to succeed in these careers. Opportunities include careers in Ag, Engineering, Health Science, Human Services, Information Solutions, and Business. If a student missed out, don't worry they will have more opportunities next semester!

### Internships

Did you know that you can earn high school credits while gaining valuable work experience through an internship? If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Schnepfer before November 4th!

### Suicide Prevention Month

September was suicide prevention month. While the topic is scary, it's something that should be discussed so you know what to do should your friend or family member ever confront you with suicidal thoughts. In 2020 there were 536 deaths from suicide in the state of Iowa and 5 of those were from Jones County (Iowa Public Health). A message from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is to #BeThe1To. This includes being the one to ask how someone is doing, be there for them, keep them safe, help them to stay connected, and follow up. There is a new national hotline, 9-8-8. Calling this number will allow you to talk to a local trained professional. There is also a crisis text line (text HOME to 741741) and apps such as NotOK and suicide safety plan. Locally, Foundation 2 has crisis response. Your counselors, teachers, paras, and administration are all here for you no matter what. If you or a friend need help, reach out!

### FAFSA

Data shows that students have an 85% chance of being awarded financial aid by simply completing the FAFSA form. Students are being called to seek additional education and training beyond high school, but for many, paying for college is a barrier. Filing FAFSA can help remove that barrier. If you need help filing, please contact Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Schnepfer.



## ATHLETIC CLIPBOARD



Midland will be using this as their live events streaming site this year. All varsity events will be live streamed and hopefully we can get some JV events streamed as well. Stay tuned...<https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/>

**HS Winter sports team photos** will be taken on November 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30. Coaches will hand out order forms.

**Postseason Athletic Information:** Just to make everyone aware, both the IAHSAA and the IGHS AU have gone to online ticket purchasing for post-season events. As postseason events approach, please check your email, the school website, and the high school Facebook page for information on how to purchase tickets for the event.

**Midland Hall of Fame Nominations:** The Hall of Fame committee is in need of nominations for the hall of fame class of 2022. If you know anyone who you believe should be in the Midland Hall of Fame, please make sure you nominate them. The committee will be meeting in early November to select the 2022 class with induction ceremonies being during events in early 2022. The committee currently has less than 5 nominees for the hall of fame, we know there are many more people and teams that deserve to be part of the hall of fame! The nomination form can be found on the school website <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HallofFame-2.pdf>. If you have any questions, please email [midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us)

**Girls Wrestling** Midland has added HS and JH girls wrestling this year! The HS girls schedule is on Rschool. It has all of their tournaments listed. We will also be trying to get them matches at the duals scheduled for boys each week.

Midland Community School District  
Midland Elementary School

Midland Middle/High School

## 2022 Veterans Day Assembly

There are events scheduled for both buildings on Friday, November 11, 2022.

The elementary school program will start our Veterans Day events.

- 10am
- Elementary School Gym
- Contact [dmartens@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:dmartens@midland.k12.ia.us) for more information.

The high school program will finish our Veterans Day events.

- Lunch will be served 11:30am - 12:30pm.
- The assembly will start at 12:40pm.
- Midland High School Gold Gym
- We encourage guests to park in the activities parking lot and enter through the Activities Entrance doors. This will lead you directly to the luncheon and Gold Gym.
- There will be priority seating for veterans and active duty service members on the gym floor, west side.
- The guest speaker for the assembly is scheduled to be Jones County Chief Sheriff Deputy Brian Eckhardt.
- Contact [skaftan@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:skaftan@midland.k12.ia.us) for more information.



We would love to include your **veteran(s)** in the digital presentation. If you would like, **EMAIL** any veteran's military information (provide a photograph, name, years of service, branch, and highest rank) by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:  
[skaftan@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:skaftan@midland.k12.ia.us).

Proudly presented by the Midland High School National Honor Society Chapter  
Midland High School Student Council  
Midland High School Golddusters Dance Team



## **NURSE NOTES**

### **VISION TO LEARN - NOV 29**

Vision To Learn provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students in low-income communities.

Vision To Learn will be coming to Midland on Tuesday November 29th to perform vision screenings. Information about this program as well as OPT OUT letters were sent home Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> with Remediation Day letters. You can also pick one up at either center in the nurse's office.

Parents only need to return the letter if you DO NOT want your child participating!

**OPAA! Lunch Menus:** <https://midland.nutrislice.com/menu/>

**RSchool Activity Schedules:**

<https://www.tririversconference.org/public/genie/273/school/24/>

**ParentSquare:** <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin>

## **HACAP MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

HACAP will have their mobile food pantry in our communities on these dates:

November 7 – Olin Elem School 3:30-4:30

November 8 – Onslow City Hall 1:00-2:00

Other dates can be found at

[www.hacap.org/mfp](http://www.hacap.org/mfp)

## **CONNECTED WITH FACEBOOK**

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