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Administrator's Message

by Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent

Eagles,

When it comes to a new year there are always new resolutions. One area that I hope we can continue to improve on as a district is communication. We have recently completed a district wide communication survey and are analyzing the results. We will set some goals and ways to measure progress towards these goals in the next coming weeks.

To start taking steps in a positive direction we have put together a communication plan for when issues arise. It is our hope that by following the chain of communication that we can work to get issues resolved in a timely manner and build stronger relationships with the families that we serve.

We all know that one of the best things about being in a smaller district is that we all know each other and can see what is happening within our schools and in our extracurricular activities. These times and opportunities allow us to just talk with each other and keep communication open. While the communication plan provides a framework or a chain to address issues that arise, we also know that the value of an impromptu conversation is at times beneficial and do not want to discourage the conversations.

The most important part of strong communication is making sure that the right people are in the conversation. I will always love to hear about what you feel we are doing well and about the things you are proud of with our district, and at the same time, what you feel we need to improve on or when there is dissatisfaction with a decision that was made. Your communication and feedback ensure that I know the perceptions that are present within our school community. Where things get tough are when issues are brought to me but I am steps removed from the situation. I want to make sure that all parties involved are able to have the opportunity to work through a situation and for the fastest resolution to be found. This by no means doesn't mean that I don't care or don't want to be involved in these conversations, but really means that I want our school community members to have the opportunity to work with you on solutions. The same is true for our board members. Please talk with them! Unitedly, we want to encourage everyone to have the conversations that are needed and with the right people at the table so that we can all work together to make our Nest the best!

Thanks!

Caleb Bonjour

ANTONS AND MOHL HALL OF FAME

Midland recently held Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies during basketball games for both long time math teacher **Pauline Antons** and former student, teacher and principal **Gary Mohl**.

See story and more pics on page 5.

Wrestling inductions will be featured in our next newsletter.



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M NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



Good luck girls wrestlers @ districts on Jan 27th at 11am at Alliant Energy Powerhouse in Cedar Rapids. Ticket info coming out soon watch email/Facebook.

Basketball Tournament Tickets for both boys and girls basketball will need purchased online.

Boys tickets at <https://www.iahsaa.org/tickets/>

Girls tickets will be through the Alliant

Energy Powerhouse ticket office are on sale now!

Watch emails and Facebook for more info when available.

Good luck wrestlers @ Districts on Feb 11th at Wilton 11am - *PURCHASE TICKETS AHEAD!!!!*

All sectional wrestling tickets must be purchased through

Hometown Tickets prior to the event. Price is \$6.00. No cash purchases will be accepted. Please share this with all Midland Wrestling fans!

For tickets go to: <https://www.iahsaa.org/tickets/>

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

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. Prom 2023 is April 29th. More info soon.

Hoping to create a better method to communicate all things FFA, **Midland FFA Update** can be found online at: <https://www.smores.com/qtvnu>

February is **National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**.

This is an issue that impacts everyone – not just teens – but their parents, teachers, friends and communities as well. Parents, talk to your teens about their relationships. If support is needed call the national hotline at 1.866.331.9474 or text LOVEIS to 22522

2023 ATHLETIC BOOSTER OF THE YEAR – NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Midland Athletic Boosters are looking for your nominations for 2023 Athletic Booster of the Year.

This can be a person, business, organization, etc. that in some way is currently or has in the past helped the Midland Athletic Program in an extraordinary way. Please submit a short letter of recommendation with the reasons you feel your nominee should be the 2023 recipient of this award. Nominations are due by February 1, 2023 to any Booster Officer or you can mail it to Midland High School, ATTN: Athletic Boosters, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362.

For a list of previous winners check:

http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/default.asp?NewsCategory=Athletics_AthleticBoosters

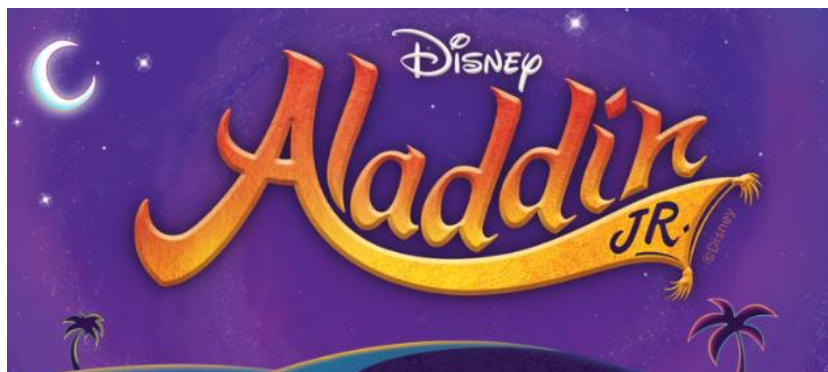
ACT BOOT CAMP

Calling all Midland HS Juniors! Free ACT Bootcamp for TRIO Talent Search students on March 18th, 2023.

What is TRIO Talent Search? A free in-school program that helps students figure out what they want to do after high school! Want to go to a two year? Four year? Trade school? We are here to help you with whatever you need! We take you on field trips, campus visits both in and outside of the state of Iowa. Want to join? Click here for the online application or pick up an application in the conference room. Want more info? Email Sam at Samantha.Flores@kirkwood.edu

Summer Drivers Education Class

A google form was emailed to all students in grades 8-12, if you plan to take the class this summer sign up by filling out the form ASAP. There is a limit to class size and preference is given to the older students who have not signed up before. Once rules/calendar are finalized those will be emailed out to all who sign up and posted in this daily bulletin. Fee to take the class is \$450. Students qualifying for free lunch have the fee waived = \$0. Students qualifying for reduced lunch status cuts this fee in ½ so \$225. The fee is due by the first day of class. Student must have driving permit before class starts. Attendance is CRITICAL! You will fail if you miss more than 2 classes, refund will not be issued.



SAVE THE DATE: The Midland Musical **Aladdin Jr.** is set for 7PM on Sat, Mar 4 & Sun, Mar 5.



Eaglet's Elementary View



"Snow" many smiles!

Kindergarteners enjoyed building snowmen at recess



Santa visits Wrap Care!



5th grade students are working hard with Mrs. Streets learning to play the ukulele in music class!

Preschool and Kindergarten sign-up for 2023-24

The Midland District would like to have information on the number of **Preschool** and **Kindergarten** students to be enrolled next fall for the 2023-24 school year. A preschool student must be 4 years old by September 15, 2023 and a kindergarten student must be 5 years old by September 15, 2023 to attend school.

K / PK Round up is scheduled for Friday February 24, 2023.

Kindergarten Round up: 8:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Preschool Round up: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM OR 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Please visit the district website, www.midland.k12.ia.us, to Sign up/RSVP by clicking on the *Preschool Roundup Information Form* banner

GUIDANCE CORNER

ALL STUDENTS: A new resource was brought to our attention that you all should check out!

<https://www.raise.me/>

This website allows students to earn "micro scholarships" for things they already have done, are doing, or will do during their high school career. They create an account and then click through the options that apply to them, such as, take science class, get an A, go on a campus visit, have a job, play football, etc. After going through choices, the site matches them with colleges around the area and assigns a dollar amount to each "task". Freshmen can sign up and earn quite a bit for doing what they would already do during high school! The counseling department will explain more during registration talks but students should take advantage of this resource now if college is in their future plans!

Registration talks will take place during February! Students should look at their Xello accounts and make adjustments to course plans ahead of time to make the process quicker!

The **TRIO program** will be visiting more college campuses this semester. If seniors are still unsure or juniors want to get a head start, see Sam Flores in the conference room on Tuesday to learn more!



We are looking for anyone that would want to take part in a Career Fair for students during Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 15 or 16.

Our counselor would like to find people who can talk about apprenticeships, trades that hire and send kids to school/programs while working, and those that hire right out of school.

If you would be willing please call Sara at 319-259-5340 ext 1600, leave a message if she isn't available and she will get back to you with information.

**Thanks for helping create a bright future for our students!
*Thanks to those who have already volunteered!***



ASVAB TESTS - In December, all 10th graders took the ASVAB test. Thanks to all of those who showed up on time and did their best! On January 23rd an interpreter shared with the students what these test scores mean and future career options for them.

Seniors, graduation is just right around the corner! Please use your time wisely and prepare yourself for life after high school:

- 1) Be on the lookout for more scholarships
- 2) Apply to any colleges/universities that you are interested in
- 3) File your FAFSA
- 4) Enjoy the last several months of high school!

HALL OF FAME (cont) Check out more photos online at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NcxShXhBCaJqdya79>

Pauline Antons was a math teacher with 26 years of service to the district, once retired she served as a substitute teacher from the age of 65-92. She was also our NHS advisor, senior class sponsor and SES advisor. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by President Reagan in 1988, which included a week in Washington DC and a \$7500 grant. The grant purchased 2 computers and supplies for the math department here at Midland.

She was recognized with a Friend of Mathematics Award from the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 1992 for soliciting funds so each senior would have a TI-81 graphing calculator to use. She received the Jones County Conservation Teacher Award in 1988 and 1993. Mrs. Antons was always happy to share her math experience and passed along her love of math to many students.

She was active in her community and helped raise money for scholarships, needy families and libraries. Living on a farm she was actively involved in conservation efforts as well.

Thank you Mrs. Antons for all of your dedicated service to both our students and our community!



Gary Mohl was a student at Lost Nation where he was an outstanding basketball player (still holding records there) as well as a Division 1 basketball player at UNI. Gary was a teacher, coach, principal and mentor to students in Avoca, Lewis Central in Council Bluffs, Davenport West, Lost Nation, Danville, Calamus-Wheatland, and Midland. Throughout his educational career he had taught science and drivers education, and coached basketball and football. He was a beloved Principal here at Midland, retiring in 2000.

Gary was a humble guy who didn't like to talk about himself but would always tell anyone who would listen that no matter what you do, always be a good person in the process as that will ultimately take you furthest in life. He was very passionate and very positive in his work with students and staff. Gary passed away in August 2022 at the age of 83 so his family came to accept this award on his behalf including his wife Alice and children Gregg Mohl, Brenda Snyder, Mark Mohl, and Jody James.

Thank you Gary for the wonderful memories you created both at Lost Nation and Midland over the years!

Hall of Fame nominations are welcome any time of the year, simply send to MCSD Hall of Fame, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362. A committee reviews them annually and selects new members.

Check out our next newsletter for more Hall of Fame Inductions...

Midland Post Prom Fundraisers

Midland Post Prom is sponsored by a group of Midland Jr/Sr parents who put together a lot of safe fun for our students after Prom. This is some information they provided of ways our community can help them raise the \$6,000 needed to put on the party. Their next planning meeting is Feb 9 at 6:30 at Rack's in Wyoming, all junior/senior parents invited!

PLEASE like and follow "MIDLAND POST PROM" on Facebook to see announcements, and **SHARE** the posts when you see them so we get traffic and our community seeing things. Several of our fundraisers depend on social media to lighten the burden of work on the volunteers.

There is currently a **Meat/Grocery Raffle** going on, all jr/sr parents have tickets available \$10 each to win \$500 Gift Certificate from Coon's Corner. They are only selling 250 tickets, so if you want one contact a junior or senior parent ASAP. Thanks to Coon's for their support!

There will be an **Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser** on Saturday, January 21st at the John Byers Wrestling Tournament from 1-5pm. Cost of each sundae is \$5.00.

Celebrity basketball game is being set up for the home game on Fri, Jan 27th. If you know of someone who would be entertaining to watch, and people would vote with venom dollars to pay to see them play, please let the committee know. Please share on Facebook when you see the post.