

Midland Newsletter



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Congratulations to the Class of 2023! Here are the end of the school year plans for seniors:

Friday, May 5 – SENIOR SILVER SERVICE hours due to the principal.

Wednesday, May 10 – ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY – 6PM in commons all are invited to attend. We will honor those receiving scholarships & other academic awards. *This event will be broadcast live on STRIVE TV.*

Wednesday, May 10 – BACCALAUREATE – immediately following Academic Awards Ceremony in the commons at the high school. All are invited to attend. *Sponsored by the Midland Council of Churches.*

Monday, May 15 – SENIORS LAST REGULAR SCHOOL DAY – final regular scheduled school day where seniors will attend all classes. Turn all work in to teachers, get checkout sheets signed. **SENIOR DECISION DAY** – during seminar – seniors should wear t-shirts or apparel showing where they will be next year/what they will be doing. If questions, see a counselor. **SENIOR CHECKOUT SHEETS** are due to office by 3:30.

Monday, May 15 – TECHNOLOGY RETURNS – turn in chromebook, charger, and bag to the office by 3:30pm. Any damages/replacement fees need paid by Friday at noon to participate in the graduation ceremony, Mr. Greenfield will be checking everything. Let us know when turning in if you feel you have issues so they can be figured out promptly. Must turn in the numbered charger assigned in August or pay \$20 replacement fee.

Tuesday, May 16 – SENIOR CLASS TRIP – see Mr. Eganhouse for info

Wednesday, May 17 – SENIOR BREAKFAST 8:30am in Events Entry for all seniors. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALK** – seniors will load a bus immediately following breakfast. Senior walk through Midland Elementary, wearing graduation gowns. **GRADUATION PRACTICE** immediately following Elementary Walk. **REQUIRED** for all seniors planning on participating in the graduation ceremony! **DON'T BE LATE!**

Friday, May 19 @ 12PM- ALL SENIOR BILLS DUE! All bills must be paid to participate in graduation ceremony.

MAY 21 GRADUATION 1:30 all seniors be in the cafeteria ready to go. If you want professional photos, be in the cafeteria no later than 1:00! Parents/family members are welcome to take photos in the cafeteria from 1:30-1:55 prior to the graduation ceremony. This is the last time the seniors will all be together in one location.

May 21 – 2PM – Graduation – Doors will open at 1:00 sharp for guests. The parent section will be the first 4 rows of seats, they will be first come first serve. If parents require special seating needs such as wheel chair space please be sure to call the high school office by May 15th. All other guests are welcome to sit in bleachers or the seats behind these reserved rows. Ushers will help with seating issues as needed. *The graduation ceremony will be broadcast live on Midland Livestream Channel on Striv.TV – https://striv.tv/channel/midland-ia/?fbclid=IwAR0A9jBW_87AuXQ4Tf9-pBLNIMDeXTKB56u91K1ZPWL3wV9Dndy_sYIDhk*

UPDATED END OF YEAR PLAN for all other students:

May 3 – is now a 2 hour early dismissal day

May 22 – Chromebook returns – more info soon...

May 23 final school day – dismiss 1:20

23-24 School Calendar:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p97m4rk>

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IMPORTANT SENIOR INFO — all info can be found online <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/middle-high-school/school-counselor/senior-information/>

SENIOR DECISION DAY CELEBRATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On May 10th Midland High School will celebrate the accomplishments of their seniors by holding Decision Day and Awards Ceremony at 6pm in the commons. Guests are invited to attend. 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

Midland Council of Churches invites everyone to attend the **2023 Midland Baccalaureate** to be held immediately following Awards Day the evening of May 10th in commons.

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 5-16 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

Upward Bound Math and Science is an incredible opportunity that PAYS students to improve academically and prepare for 2 and 4-year college! Weekly tutoring help, field trips, academic advising, college visits, and planning are part of every student's experience in UBMS. A summer academy prepares students for their next academic year and gives students a look at what the college experience is like.

The program is flexible to meet individual student schedules and needs. Participation in the program pays \$40 per month. Summer Academy attendance pays even more and offers a free trip to Chicago to visit museums and college campuses. Students can earn over \$500 annually just by developing and improving their talents and skills! See counselor if interested or talk to the Kirkwood reps Mr. Hebrink or Mr. Kiracofe when they visit our building.

FFA Newsletter can be found online at <https://www.smores.com/kjrwg>

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Kona Ice will be at MMHS on May 23 from 9-11am.

Students can preorder online through May 20 at midnight at: <https://app.konaicepay.com/#/F02261004>



MMHS Spring Concert

Our 2023 6-12 Spring Music Concert will be May 8th at 6:00pm starting with vocal groups on the Musical Stage in the MS/HS cafeteria. At the conclusion of the vocal groups there will be a 15 minute intermission and the audience will move to the Gold Gym for the band portion of the evening.

PROM THANK YOU

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



Industry Tour:

On April 24th, 53 FFA members attended our annual Industry Tour. On the Tour, our members toured the Manchester Fish Hatchery where they learned about different native trout species, fish breeding, and raising. The Manchester Fish Hatchery supplies local bodies of water with trout. They were even able to see 250 fish be loaded and taken out for distribution. A tasty lunch was provided by the buffet at the Pizza Ranch in Manchester. Our second stop was at HillTop Greens in Dyersville where members learned about greenhouses and aquaponics. Our tour guide was even a Midland Graduate: Jena Jepson. The members had a great time learning about different parts of agriculture and look forward to more tours in the future. We want to thank the chaperones for coming with us and businesses for hosting us.



Eaglet's Elementary View



5th Grade Smoke Detector Project



Has there ever been a house fire in your area? If a fire starts you have less than 2 minutes to get out. When a fire starts, stay low and go, nothing is more valuable than your life. In order to stay safe, make sure you have smoke alarms and change them every 10 years. Also check the batteries to make sure they are working properly.

If you don't have any smoke alarms, call the Red Cross to participate in the Sound the Alarm program. This program is free. The Red Cross will take your name and number and coordinate with the local fire departments to install smoke alarms in your home for FREE. We lost a classmate to a fire last fall, and we don't want any other families to go through a tragedy like this. Please take advantage of this program if you need smoke alarms!

Payton and Keelynn
Midland 5th Graders



FREE Smoke Alarms

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

If a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape. The best way to keep your family safe from home fires is to have working smoke alarms.

We're offering free home fire safety information and smoke alarm installations. Appointments take less than 30 minutes.

The 5th grade is working with the Red Cross and the local fire departments to promote smoke detectors in all homes.



3rd grade joined Wrap Care for a fun morning of Lu interaction and walking sundaes!



3rd graders have been designing 3D projects. They could make anything they wanted but had to WOW Mrs. Marshall before she would print the project for them. These 5 students were the first to WOW Mrs. Marshall!

Midland students are amazing designers!

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR 2023-24 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 7th 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 12th 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 9th 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 2023!

May 10th will be the Awards Ceremony. May 15th is the Decision Day Celebration during seminar. Please get your senior photo to Sophia Coates ASAP.



Counselor's Corner

On April 13th we had 42 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!

Be on the lookout for 23-24 schedules! Our goal is to get them out to students in May so we can start the schedule change process.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month – we are here to help.

May 1 – Principal Appreciation Day!

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

May 8-12 – Teacher Appreciation Week! Thanks to all of our teachers PK-12!!

You make a difference every day!



May 5 is School Lunch Hero Day!

Thanks to OPAA! and their wonderful employees!

May 10 – School Nurse's Day!

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



School Board Appreciation Month is May!

Thanks to Teryn Crist, Stacie Cronkleton, Derek Denniston, Scott Doll, Jeramie Ellefson, Sarah Fishwild, and Teri Sterk for generously giving of your time and talents to the district! All you do is greatly appreciated!

State FFA Convention



Crowds of blue corduroy as far the eye can see, full of shuffling feet and distant conversations all heading in one direction. A time full of motivational speeches, cheering crowds and music to match. From roaring engines to the crisp cold air of Ames. The distinct smells of fog machines and the taste of sushi, chicken, and Starbucks drinks to beaming lights and lasers lighting up the dark coliseum. All events home to this year's State Convention where thousands of FFA members from across the state of Iowa joined to compete, receive awards, and have fun all in the bitter cold of mid-April.

From the 16th to the 18th of April; 28 members of our Midland FFA Chapter and countless adults and chaperones attended the annual state convention. Our members earned the right to compete after numerous hours of hard work and practice to go head to head with the greatest of their respective competitions throughout the state. With competitions ranging from speaking to test taking, our members strived to be the best they could be, participating in events such as Ag Biotechnology, Ag Communications, Ag Impact, Experience the Action, the Greenhand Test and Poultry.

On Monday the 17th Ag Impact and Experience the action competed with Ag Communications and Ag Biotechnology competing later that afternoon. Ag Impact, made up of 8th graders Caileigh Bickford, Caycee Crist, Raiden Cruise, Max Moore, Dakota Nicely, and Laney Otte. Their competition focused on a presentation of the importance of agriculture in Iowa and earned a Bronze Rating. Members Wyatt Christiansen, Morgan Hollingshead, Olivia Paulson, Coy Peterson, Karley Schaefer, Owen Sterk, and Jayda Thomsen formed an AG Issues team and with their presentation on the Right to Repair they earned a Gold Rating. Experience the Action presented on activities within our chapter and FFA in general. Their team consisting of Theo Baumer, McKenna Doll, Hannah Fishwild, Gabbie Franzen, Sophia Hunter and Emmi Huston received a Silver Rating. Our combined chapter display with Monticello focused on an event held in conjunction with Monticello FFA - M&M Ag Explore Day. The display was granted a Gold Rating. That afternoon Ag Biotechnology including Bryce Leeper, Nathan Rickels, Jayson Ruley, and Carter Willms competed earning a Gold Rating and 13th place.

The next day our senior Ag Communications team made it to the finals ultimately placing 3rd with a Gold Rating. Sophia Coates, Hannah Fishwild, Karley Schaefer, and Jayda Thomsen made up the team. They also earned 1st place in Team Presentation. Some of our members, Diaz Beltran and Jayden Dirks, took the Greenhand Quiz both earning Gold Ratings. Poultry also competed on Tuesday finishing in 16th with a Gold Rating. Wyatt Christiansen, Olivia Paulson, and Coy Peterson were members of this team. Coy also finished 10th individual and 1st in the written test portion of the competition.

For many of our seniors they were awarded for their service to FFA throughout their high school careers with their State FFA Degree. Logan Bicknese, Hannah Fishwild, Gracie Franzen, Karley Schaefer, and Jayda Thomsen earned their degrees. Hannah and Jayda were also recognized as Star Finalists (Hannah in Production & Jayda in Agribusiness). Only 6 students in each area are recognized as Star Finalists in 4 areas. Hannah Fishwild was also recognized as State Champion in Beef Production - Entrepreneurship in her Proficiency and Jayda as Reserve Champion in Ag Processing.

As the Midland FFA chapter moves forward we must challenge ourselves to look beyond what we believe to be possible and take the leap towards our destiny.

THANK YOU FOR 116 YEARS!!

As the school year closes we will say goodbye and good luck to four special employees who combined have dedicated 116 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 but hope they come back to see us!

Mary Bowman - 34 years elementary teacher

Nancy Collins - 31 years transportation

Joleen Holland - 30 years elementary teacher

Bruce Petersen - 24 years transportation

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



SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION:

The last day regular day of school at both centers is Wednesday, May 23rd with a 1:20 dismissal. There are no Remediation Days this year so all are regular days.

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 23rd.

Full 23-24 school calendar:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/23-24-Calendar-Board-Approved-4.24.23-CORRECTED.pdf>

We hope all of our students and their families have a healthy & fun filled summer 2023! Keep reading and writing! ☺