



Administrator's Message:



As May flowers bloom around us, and crops go in the fields, the energy and excitement within Midland CSD grows. This month is packed with events celebrating the hard work and achievements of our students, from the stage to the field and finally to the graduation stage. We encourage you to join us in celebrating these milestones and supporting our students. As the school year draws to a close, let's finish strong and make these last few weeks memorable.

Upcoming Events:

- **6-12th Grade Band and Vocal Concert:** Prepare to be impressed by the musical talents of our middle and high school students! They will showcase their dedication and skill in a combined band and vocal concert on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM at the high school. Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful music!
- **Spring Sports Update**
 - **Track and Golf Wrap-Up:** Our track and golf teams are nearing the end of their seasons. We commend all the athletes for their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the spring. Be sure to check Bound and social media for results from their final meets and tournaments.
 - **Baseball and Softball Season Begins:** Get ready to cheer on our baseball and softball teams as their seasons get underway! Check the game schedules on Bound and come out to support our student-athletes as they take to the field.
- **Graduation Ceremony:** We are incredibly proud of our graduating seniors! Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments at the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 PM in the High School Gymnasium.
- **Last Day of School:** The final day of the 2024-2025 school year will be Friday, May 23rd. Please note that there will be a two-hour early dismissal on this day.

Important Reminders:

- ISASP Results are slowly coming back. Our staff is excited to look over the academic data and make plans for the next school year.
- The Midland Board of Education will be making final decisions on your new superintendent. More information will be shared as it comes available.
- The new district school calendar will be shared on the district website. It resembles the one we currently use for the 24/25 school year.

We look forward to a fantastic month of May celebrating the achievements of our students and concluding a successful school year!

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MMHS Spring Concert

Our 2025 6-12 Spring Music Concert will be **May 6th at 6:00pm** on the stage in the cafeteria. Band and Choir will both perform on the stage. Band will perform first and then a quick switch to choir to finish out the concert. Our students are expected to stay for the entire concert to support all of our Midland Students. Students please be at the school by 5:30pm that evening.

We hope you will join us!

Food Trucks coming to MMHS:

May 21 - Simbas Dog Palace

May 27 - Tri-M BBQ

The public is invited to purchase but on 5/21 there will be a lot of students from 11:08-12:31 during their lunches. So if you can come before/after that it would be appreciated.



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

Decision Day and College Athlete Signing Day will be held on Tuesday, May 13th during seminar 12:30-1 in the Gold Gym. We will celebrate the Class of 2025 and their postsecondary goals! Guests are invited to attend.

2025 Senior Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 6pm in the High School Commons. All are welcome to attend!

Midland Council of Churches invites everyone to attend the **2025 Midland Baccalaureate** to be held on May 7th immediately following Senior Awards.

TAP STUDENTS:

If your student works with Angie Kurt-Sconsa, the Transition Coordinator, watch for information about our TAP Summer Camp. It will run weekdays from late May-early June and we will be exploring a variety of careers. Sign-up letters will be mailed.

You can also email Angie for more info:
angie.sconsa@monticello.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 the Colorado Rockies! Students can earn over \$500 annually just by developing and improving their talents and skills! Prospective parent meeting will be April 30th at 6:30 PM at the HS. See counselor if interested or talk to the Kirkwood reps Mr. Hebrink or Ms. Averill when they visit our building.



Preschool planted a tree at the OJ Legion for Earth Day! We toured the Thomsen Filling Station for our Career Unit and finished with an ice cream treat!



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The chicks have hatched!!
1st Grade students put eggs into incubators and then waited patiently for 21 days. Students were able to watch as each chick was piping a hole and zipping out of the eggshell. Now the baby chicks can be heard peeping in the classrooms as students read to them, hold them, and do chicken chores daily. Mrs. Gnade applied for an Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation Grant to purchase a new incubator, eggs, and supplies for the growing chicks.



Kindergarten went on a field trip to the EB Lyons nature center in Dubuque. We learned all about the native animals found in Iowa and went on a hike exploring different plants.



THANKS EAGLE TEAM!!

National Bus Driver Appreciation Day was celebrated on April 22nd by taking treats to the bus barn. We thank all of our wonderful transportation personnel who do a great job with our kids each and every day!



Happy Bus Driver Appreciation Day!



April 13 was **National Make Lunch Count Day**, we thank our wonderful nutrition staff for keeping us all well fed so we can do our best each day!



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9



April 23 was
Administrative Assistants Day
 Thanks to these ladies
 for their daily efforts:
 Michelle Hansen - High School
 Erika Tubbs - Elementary
 Lacie Potter - District Office

May is School Board Recognition Month

- Sarah Fishwild, President
- Scott Doll, VP
- Stacie Cronkleton
- Jeramie Ellefson
- Lennie Miller
- Katie Sorgenfrey
- Teri Sterk
- Patti Whitmarsh

Counselor's Corner



On April 15th we had 43 ELA 1 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!

On April 24th we had 21 visitors come to our **Career Fair** to talk to all of our high school students. It was a great turnout, we thank our visitors!

Upcoming Events: May 1 - 6th Career Speaker Day 1-3pm in classrooms

May 5 - 8th Grade Financial Literacy Fair in Hiawatha

May 5 - Chalk the Walk for Mental Health Awareness 3-5pm - in front of the HS, all are invited!

MUSIC CONTESTS

On April 12th the high school band and choir students participated in the state solo and ensemble contest at North Cedar. This is an event where students are able to showcase their talents by playing solos, small group pieces, and small choir pieces. The rating system goes from 1-5 with 3 being good, 2 being excellent and 1 being superior. Kam Sagers (tuba), Landon Moore (tenor sax), and Josie Geerts (trumpet) all received 2 (excellent) ratings on their solos. Carter Willms (clarinet) and Aspen Rushford (voice) received 1 (superior) ratings on their solos. The high school choir also gave a moving performance that had the crowd feeling the emotions of their songs, earning them a 1 (superior) rating as well.

Come and see some of these amazing performances, along with the 6-12 bands and choirs, on Tuesday May 6th at 6pm in the middle/high school cafeteria.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR 2024-25 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.

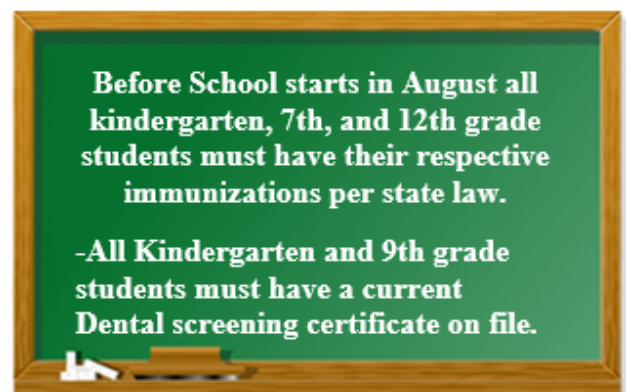
All 7th grade (and above) students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertusis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.

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.

All health requirements and information can be found at:
<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/district-info/health-services/>



*If you take your child to the doctor or dentist this spring/summer **PLEASE get 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!*

THANKS FOR 21 YEARS!!

As the school year closes we will only say goodbye to one employee due to retirement.

Thanks to **Joy Vacek** who started at Midland back in August 2004. She has spent the last several years as a para to 6th graders. Thanks for dedicating 21 years to Midland CSD and its students/staff. We wish you the best in retirement.



Vision Statement

The vision of the Midland School District is to prepare students to think, lead and serve.

THANK YOU and ENJOY RETIREMENT!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION:

The last day regular day of school at both centers is Friday, May 23rd with a 2 hour early dismissal.

The school board approved the 25-26 school calendar, it will be sent out via ParentSquare as well as posted on the school website and Facebook very soon.

School registration will take place on your parent PowerSchool starting mid-July. Watch for more information via ParentSquare, our school website and Facebook.

We hope all of our students and their families have a fun filled summer 2025!

Keep reading and writing!

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