

Midland Newsletter

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Administrator's Message

by Caleb Bonjour, Superintendent

Eagles,

Unlike the preparation that goes into the school calendar, my message this month is pretty short and simple. This past year has been spent continuing to research calendars, the time needed to tackle our goals, and putting together a calendar that represents our values and allows us to accomplish providing the best possible education and opportunities for our students.

A variety of models and calendars were looked at and discussed but when it boiled down to putting a final draft together we opted to go with what we have been doing to a degree for a while now. We are going to continue to have our PD days on Wednesday next year, but will be sprinkling in a couple of full days of PD throughout the year on Mondays. We will also be having a week-long spring break and have the possibility of additional time off around some of the holidays. We will be presenting the final draft of the calendar at our next board meeting and I look forward to being able to share it with everyone shortly after that.

As for this year. We are only making a slight change at this time. We will be dismissing swapping the May 3rd full PD day for an early out day. This adds additional student time back in and still allows for us to get out on the 23rd, pending any additional late starts, early outs, or no school days due to weather.

We look forward to closing out this school year strong and preparing for the next year as it approaches!

Take care and have an amazing one Eagles!

Non-Discrimination Annual Notice:

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The Midland Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study: Vo-Ag, Building Trades, Health Care, Occupation Hospitality, Business, Project Lead the Way: Engineering

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**April is Child Abuse
Prevention Month –
April 13th is
Blue Out Day
in Jones County.**

Wear blue to show your support to prevent child abuse!
Be **THE ONE** to help prevent child abuse!

National Volunteer Week is April 17-21



THANK YOU to all who help our school, students, sports, clubs, etc.

We couldn't do it without YOU!

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ISASP TESTING

Middle/High School students will be taking the Iowa Assessment Tests on Mar 30, Apr 4 and Apr 6 from 8-10AM. Please be sure your child is well rested and eats correctly for those dates. We want them to have optimal testing conditions, your help is greatly appreciated! Seniors are not required to be at school until 10:00 that day when we start classes on our 2 hour late schedule. April 12th our 8th and 10th graders will take the science test during 1st and 2nd periods, all other students will follow regular classes that day.

April 7 & 10 – NO SCHOOL

April 19 – NO SCHOOL – Inservice day

PROM 2023 "A Red Carpet Premiere" will be held on Saturday April 29th in the high school cafeteria. The Grand March will begin at 8:00 with the dance to follow until 11pm. Tickets are on sale in the office for \$20 per person until April 1st or \$25 after that date.

POST PROM: The Post Prom Party is directly after the dance on Saturday/Sunday April 29. Post Prom permission forms and \$20 each payment is due to HS office by Apr 4. Forms were emailed out to all jrs/srs & parents 3/27. We are asking the community for contributions of t-shirts, gift cards and monetary donations. Thank you for keeping our tradition going and keeping our kids safe on prom night.

April 25 is National School Library Worker Day!

Thanks to Miss Doll and to her associate Maddie Klemme for all they do for our students in both buildings!!!

We appreciate your efforts ladies!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Thank you to all students who completed their Xello course requests!

Juniors and Sophomores that are interested in taking Kirkwood classes next year, please see Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Schnepfer ASAP as academies are becoming full.

Scholarship season is in full swing! Seniors, be sure to check our Midland School website for local scholarships. Take advantage of the free money and report any scholarships you have received to the counselors or Mrs. Hansen.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month! Child abuse and neglect are serious public health problems that can have long-term impact on health, opportunity, and wellbeing. Child abuse and neglect are common. At least 1 in 7 children have experience child abuse or neglect in the past year in the United States.

SENIOR INFORMATION can be found on our website at: <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/middle-high-school/school-counselor/senior-information/>

May 5 – Silver Service hours due to Mrs. Willms

May 10 – Academic Awards 6pm / Baccalaureate to follow at the HS

May 15 - Seniors last day – Senior Decision Day – Chromebook return – Checkout day

May 16 – Senior Class Trip to Kalahari, Wisconsin Dells

May 17 – Senior Breakfast 8:30 / Elementary Walk / Graduation Practice

May 19 – All senior bills due by noon!

May 21 - Graduation 2PM in gym, doors will open at 1PM. Parent seating is first come, first served.

Guests/other family can sit behind the parents or on bleachers.



FFA DISTRICT RESULTS

Congrats to the many State-bound teams!

Ag Issues – 1st Gold advanced to State

Ag Impact – 1st Gold advanced to State

Experience The Action – 2nd Gold advanced to State

Ag CSI – Alternate to State – Gold

Creed Speaking – Gold Rating

Ag Impact – Silver Rating

Conduct of Meetings – Silver Rating

Parliamentary Procedure – Silver Rating

FFA State Proficiency Awards

Hannah Fishwild – Beef Entrepreneurship – Gold 1st place advances to Nationals

Jayda Thomsen – Ag Processing – Gold Rating 2nd place

Karley Schaefer – Equine Placement Award – Gold Rating

FFA State Star of Iowa Finalists – Top 6 in State

Hannah Fishwild – Star Farmer

Jayda Thomsen – Star Agribusiness

FFA Night meeting April 12th – 6-8pm

State FFA Convention April 16-18th

The Midland School Board voted to revise the 2022-2023 School Calendar at their meeting on March 28, 2023 for snow days: <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22.23MCSDMasterCalendar.pdf> *

May 3 is now an early dismissal day – Wyo runs a PM schedule

The last day of school for students is currently May 23 with early dismissal schedule.

**Subject to change if more weather related closures*



Eaglet's Elementary View



3rd Grade Multiplication Boot Camp



Multiplication and division fact fluency is an important skill for our 3rd graders to master.

Every year our class participates in a multiplication boot camp that helps us practice 3 important facts each day.

This activity ends with a class camp out where students build a tent and fire pit to finish the two weeks activities.

5TH GRADE ARTWORK!



Abstract art



5th grade coil pots



Aria Goble, 4th grader, placed 5th at AAU State Wrestling in Des Moines on February 26th! This was her first year out!

Great Job Aria!



**3rd – 5th Grade
Spring Concert
'Let's Jam! It's Our Band!'**

Please join us on **Thursday April 6th** at **1:30 PM** in Wyoming at the Middle/High School (**Cafeteria**) for a "rocking" performance!

Dear Parent, Guardian, or other Legally Responsible Adult:

All Iowa public school districts are required to administer an annual school climate and culture survey to students in grades 3-12 called **Conditions for Learning Survey** (Survey). The Survey is designed to measure their engagement in school, safety and the overall learning environment.

From April 2-28, parents and families of students in preschool through grade 12 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Parent Conditions for Learning Survey. The Survey contains similar items to those on the Student Survey, focusing on areas that range from student safety, to positive adult and student relationships, to school rules and how they are enforced.

The Parent Survey, which is available in English and Spanish, will be accessible to parents or families can be picked up in the HS office. Participation in the Survey is encouraged, but it is completely voluntary, and all questions are optional to answer. The end of the Survey also asks a few questions which the Department of Education must collect as required to report under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Responses to the Parent Survey are confidential and the results are completely anonymous. No names are recorded, and no identifying information is attached to specific responses. The results of the Survey will be provided back to the school to be used with the Student Survey results for identifying areas of strengths, and areas for improvement.

Thank you for your involvement in Midland to improve conditions for learning here and throughout the state.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Bobby Willms, Secondary Principal
Deanna Martens, Elementary Principal

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