



Administrator's Message:



Dear Midland Families and Community,

March is an exciting and energizing time at Midland Community School District. As we head toward spring, our students continue to shine in the classroom, in activities, and in moments that bring our community together, like the recent Welcome Home Celebration honoring Dane Ballou and Wyatt Christiansen for proudly representing Midland at the State Wrestling Tournament. It is a privilege to see our students grow not only academically, but also as leaders, teammates, and role models who make our community proud.

We were also proud to celebrate FFA Week and the tremendous impact our FFA program has. The leadership, work ethic, and real world skills developed through FFA create lasting memories and meaningful opportunities for our students. At the same time, our Speech team has kicked off its season, winter activities have mostly wrapped up, and we look forward to celebrating our student-athletes at the High School Winter Athletic Banquet. These experiences reflect the well rounded opportunities that help our students grow academically, socially, and personally.

We continue to partner with families through important informational opportunities, including upcoming 8th grade parent meetings that help support a smooth transition to high school. In addition, Preschool and Kindergarten registration for the 2026–27 school year is now open. If you or someone you know has a young learner ready to begin their educational journey, we would love to welcome them to our school community. Please help spread how great it is to be an Eagle!

Behind the scenes, district leadership and staff remain focused on reviewing student achievement data, gathering stakeholder input, and planning thoughtfully for the future. Our work continues to center on strong relationships, high-quality instruction, responsible planning, and long-term stability for our schools and community.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and pride in Midland. Whether you attend events, volunteer your time, or simply encourage your child each day, your partnership makes a meaningful difference. Together, we will continue building a school community where every student can learn, grow, and thrive.

Your Partner in Education,
Doug Koerperich, Superintendent

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NEWS FROM THE NEST At WYOMING



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mar 11 & 12 - 3-7pm

Parents can sign up via ParentSquare, watch for signups from your student's teachers. Please schedule one conference for both parents. Be courteous, keep conferences to 15 minutes. Teachers will be in their rooms.

Wed, Mar 12: 8th Parents HS Information Night
at 6pm. Important Meeting!

Mar 11 & 12 - **2 Hour Early Dismissal Days!**

NO SCHOOL March 13 - P/T Conf Trade-Off

NO SCHOOL Mar 16-20 - Spring Break

ISASP TESTING

MMHS will hold ISASP Testing April 14, 16, and 17.

Courses will run on a 2 hour late start schedule with testing from 8-10am. Seniors would not need to report to school until 10:00am on those days. The science test will then be given to only 8th & 10th graders during the day on April 9. Please have your student well rested, well fed and in attendance if at all possible on those dates. If questions, contact the office.

PROM - May 2: Prom Tickets are \$15 per person attending if purchased by April 1. After 4/1 they are \$25 per person. Every person attending needs a ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please bring money to Mr. Winters for ticket sales. When purchasing we need the names of your dates too. Anyone bringing a date from outside of MHS needs to complete a form, located in Mr. Winter's room. Bound CC Payments - check flyers posted around the school or in Mr. Winters Room.

Suessical Jr - Musical

Mar 6 @ 7pm & Mar 8 @ 2pm

Admission \$5 at the door

Come see all the hard work we have put into this!



FEBRUARY PBIS AWARDS

Congratulations to our February PBIS award recipients: Jillian Garcia, Adalynn Heinrich, Kimberly Campos, Landri Hansen and Peyton Gaunt! These students were chosen because they exemplify Midland's expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best.

FFA ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET

Midland FFA Celebrates Our Greatest Hits

March 30 in the Black Gym

Meal 6:00, Program/Auction 6:30 RSVP to
ffa@midland.k12.ia.us

FFA IOWA STATE DEGREE

Congratulations to these students who will be receiving their Iowa State Degree at State Convention in April! We are proud of your hard work and dedication to our chapter and the ag industry! Theo Baumer, Issac Beranek, Wyatt Christiansen, Sophia Hunter and Jayson Ruley

SUMMER DRIVERS ED

Midland students can sign up to attend the summer Drivers Education course here at MHS by using their school email and completing a google form: "Drivers Ed 2026 Signup" The calendar and rules are posted on the school website, search 2026 Drivers Education Class.

ALL CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Congratulations to McKenna Doll and AJ Soper who were named to the TriRivers 2nd Team All Conference Basketball Team and to Dakota Nicely and Xander Eldred who were named Honorable Mention!



REMINDER: Friday, Feb 27 - NO KINDERGARTEN!

We will be having 2026-27 Kindergarten and Preschool Round Up.

If you still need to sign your student up for one of these just call Erika at 319-259-5340 ext 1300.

Kindergarten Round Up is 8-10am with Parent Meeting at 8:15.

Preschool Round Up session 1 is 10-11:30am with parent meeting at 10:15.

Session 2 Preschool is 12:30-2PM with parent meeting at 12:45pm.



January Leader in Me Elementary Assembly Award Winners!



Students received awards for showing either the 8 Habits of Happy Kids or exceptional leadership.

Important Calendar Dates:



Feb 27 - NO Kindergarten only

Mar 4 - Early Dismissal

Mar 11-12 - Early Dismissal - Conferences

Mar 13-20 - Spring Break **NO SCHOOL!**

Mar 25 - Early Dismissal

Apr 3 - **NO SCHOOL**

Apr 16- K-3 Spring Concert 6PM MHS

Apr 30 - 4-6 Spring Concert 6PM MHS



FINE ARTS SHINE:

Two first-year and three second-year band students attended Prairie's Young Musician Honor Band. Six 6th graders were selected to participate in the ECICDA Honor Choir at Coe College. What great experiences for them all to shine!





ISASP TESTING NEED TO KNOWS

- ISASP testing is a State of Iowa requirement for all students. They must all be taken between **April 7-24**.
- Please have your student in attendance on test days whenever possible. If they miss, they WILL need to make them up when returning.
- Please have your student well rested for testing.
- Please be sure your student eats breakfast the mornings of testing.
- There are practice tests available for students to take to make themselves comfortable with the format, see a teacher if interested.
- Students who are not proficient in some areas will be required by the state to participate in interventions.
- Students shouldn't stress over the tests, but should take them seriously and always give their best effort.



YOU'VE GOT THIS MCSD STUDENTS!!



Hall of Fame Inductions

Congratulations to all three of our 2026 inductees into the Midland Hall of Fame.

David Lanpher was inducted posthumously as a two time state track champion. Dave graduated from Midland in 1972 and during high school he placed 4th in state shot put in 1970, was State Champion Discus and qualified for state wrestling in 1971 and was the State Champion Shot Putter (indoor and outdoor) as well as placed 2nd in discus. He went to Iowa State on an athletic scholarship, transferring to the U of Dubuque where he played football, wrestled and participated in track until an injury ended his athletic career.

John Meyer taught English for more than three decades at MHS. His passion for student growth extended to spring plays, speech, and weight room supervision. He also took students on "Fish Iowa!" for 15 years. John also supported athletics and activities by being the "Voice of Midland" for many years, announcing for football, baseball, basketball, wrestling and track. He served as official basketball scorekeeper for 32 years. John received awards from the Midland Athletic Boosters and the Iowa High School Athletic Association for exemplary service to students.

Audrey Smith dedicated over 40 years to shaping young lives as a kindergarten teacher. She will forever be known for her structured, disciplined approach, firmly believing that children thrive with clear boundaries and respect. Her goal was that every child felt special and was valued as a unique person. Her induction honors her legacy of devotion and the profound difference she made.

We thank all for their contributions to MCSD. If you know of someone who we should consider for Hall of Fame status, please contact our activities director with your nomination information.

Counselor's Corner



8th IMPORTANT GRADE PARENT MEETING

On March 11th at 6pm in the High School Library we will be hosting a 4 Year Plan Presentation to talk about registering for high school classes. It is important to attend this meeting to find out more about opportunities in high school and graduation requirements. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Willms!

Midland Post Prom Committee Updates

The next Post Prom Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4 th at 6 pm at Lalo's in Wyoming. Please join us for planning and discussion for the next two fundraisers and Post Prom. All junior and senior parents are welcome.

The next Post Prom fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 21 st at Hwy 64 Auctions in Baldwin, Iowa. We will be running the food stand and will need help from 715 am until about 3 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet soon. Any junior or senior student or parent are welcome to volunteer. We will need help grilling, taking orders and money, and prepping food. Please reach out to Amber Franzen with any interest. Students can earn free tickets to use the night of Post Prom for prizes. Bammerlee99@gmail.com

On Saturday, March 28 th from 8 pm – midnight, Adam Keith will be performing at The WY Saloon for a night full of friends, fun, dancing, and fundraising. Come on out and join us! There is a \$5.00 cover charge that goes to the Post Prom Committee.

Any Midland Junior or Senior interested in attending Post Prom will need to turn in a completed Permission Slip by April 7th to Mr. Winters.

BALLOU PLACES 4th AT STATE WRESTLING 2026



Dane B, Coach Schoenherr, Wyatt C

Congratulations to Junior **Dane Ballou** who finished 4th place at #175! Dane went in seeded 7th and went 3-2 to climb the ladder to 4th place! His first loss was to the 175 champion from DonBosco. His final match was a close one losing 4-2. Dane finished his junior campaign at an amazing 56-4. We look for big things from Dane in 26-27!

Midland Senior **Wyatt Christiansen** also qualified for state at #157 and had two tough matches. He finished a great wrestling career going 37-18 for his senior season.

Thanks to the Little Eagles Wrestling Club for sponsoring a Welcome Home Celebration and to all who attended!

Midland Middle/High School's
production of



Friday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 8, 2:00 p.m.

MS/HS Cafeteria
\$5 at the door

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Music by Stephen Flaherty

Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss

Director
Bobby Willms

Musical Director
Heidi Streets

Vision Statement

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



Wednesday, March 11 from 3-7PM
& Thursday, March 12 from 3-7PM

Spring Break
NO SCHOOL
March 13-20

Midland School Newsletter
A Tradition of Excellence

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