



Administrator's Message:



Midland Community School District,

Spring into Action!

Welcome to March. As winter fades, we're excited to share the flurry of activity happening within our school community. From celebrating winter achievements to gearing up for spring, there's a lot to look forward to this month.

Farewell Winter, Hello Spring!

- **Winter Sports Wrap-Up:** A huge congratulations to all our winter sports athletes and coaches for their dedication and hard work throughout the season! We witnessed some fantastic performances on the court and the mat. Thank you to our coaches, parents, and fans for your unwavering support!
- **Spring Sports Season Begins!** Dust off those golf clubs and break out the track cleats. Spring sports practices are underway or will be underway soon. We're excited to see our golf and track teams competing very soon. Check the school calendar for meet schedules and come out to cheer on our athletes!
- **Oxford Junction Elementary Construction Project:** The construction project is on time and the elementary will be moving several classrooms into the new addition into the east wing of the school. This will allow for renovations to occur in other parts of the building. It looks beautiful and will be such a terrific learning environment.
- **Calendar for Next School Year:** The calendar committee will meet soon to develop options to take to the school board for next year's school year. We hope to have that decided by the end of our March School Board Meeting.
- **To note:** This month we also have spring break from March 17th - 21st. Conferences for our students are also scheduled this month so keep your eyes peeled for information on how and when you can visit with your children's teachers.

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February Highlights:

- **FBLA Success!** Our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter had a great week. Students demonstrated their skills and knowledge in various business-related events.
- **FFA Week Celebrated!** Midland CSD celebrated FFA Week with a variety of engaging activities. From dress-up days to informative presentations, our students showcased their passion for agriculture and leadership. Thank you to our FFA advisors and members for making it a memorable week!

March is Packed with Performance!

- **Spring Musical:** "Into the Woods Jr!" Get ready for a night of entertainment! Our talented students are working hard on the spring musical. Mark your calendars for March 7th and 9th.
- **Speech Contests:** Our speech team has been preparing and competing successfully in recent contests. We wish them the best of luck as they showcase their oratory skills and creative interpretations.
- **Fine Arts in Focus:** This month, our fine arts department will be showcasing student talent in various contests. Keep an eye out for details on art exhibitions and performances.



ISASP TESTING NEED TO KNOWS



- ISASP testing is a State of Iowa requirement for all students. They must all be taken between March 31 and April 17th.
- 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.



PRACTICE TEST



YOU'VE GOT THIS MCSD STUDENTS!!



NEWS FROM THE NEST At WYOMING



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mar 12 & 13 - 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 12th: **High School Information Night for 8th grade parents @ 6pm**

Mar 12 & 13 – both **2 Hour Early Dismissal Days!**

NO SCHOOL - Mar 14 – P/T Conf Trade-off

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK March 17-21

ISASP TESTING

MMHS will hold ISASP Testing April 1, 3, 8, 10. 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 March 27/28. Please have your student well rested, well fed and in attendance if at all possible on those dates. If questions, contact the office.

PROM - APRIL 26: Prom tickets are \$25 per person attending if purchased by April 1, \$30 after 4/1. Every person attending needs a ticket. When purchasing we need the names of your dates and an email address too. You also need to fill out a visitor date form if they don't attend MMHS.

Summer Drivers Ed Signup

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:

<https://forms.gle/4yJQHqpPNdZ7EzPo9>

The calendar and rules are posted on the school website, search
2025 Drivers Education Class.

Basketball All Conference Selections

1st Team: AJ Soper

2nd Team: Xander Eldred

HM: Olivia Paulsen & Masyn Brodersen

Congrats to all players who played hard this season!

STATE ARCHERY QUALIFIER

Congrats to Baylee Feckers who is the first Midland Archery member to qualify for state Archery. She will be shooting on March 1 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. She qualified with a combined score of 525 for bullseye. Good luck Baylee!

3/3 TRC JH Vocal Music Fest @ North Cedar

3/8 FFA Districts @ Waterloo

3/31 - FFA Chapter Banquet 6pm Black gym

3/15 - Individual State Speech 10am @ DeWitt

4/3 - MS Dance 3:30-5pm cafeteria

FFA State Degrees

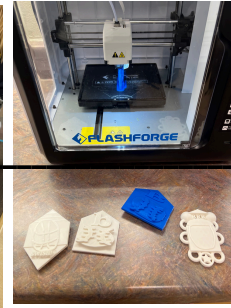
Congrats to Mckenna Brown, Morgan Hollingshead, Olivia Paulsen & Logan Rockwell who will receive their FFA State Degree in April!

Media Class - MHS students enrolled in Media Pathways class have been trying their hands at some public broadcasting by doing Weekly Announcements. Check them out on our Facebook page Midland CSD.
Great job to all involved!

February PBIS Award Recipients

Congratulations to these outstanding students chosen for exemplifying Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best! 6th: Nevaeh Smith, 7th Quinn Hansen (*not pictured*), 8th Izzie Franzen, 9th Ava Fagan, 10th Madison Hendley, 11th Anthony Harrington & 12th: Morgan Hollingshead





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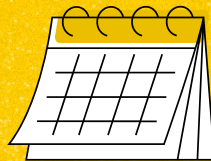
Combining technology with a classic story! After reading *The Adventures of Don Quixote*, 5th graders designed and 3D printed their own shields using the school's printers—an exciting blend of literature, history, and tech!



LEADER IN ME - Our elementary school had a fantastic Leader in Me Assembly, planned and led by our incredible Student Lighthouse Team! 3rd graders joined in on a fun activity. 5th graders shared about their service project.

Teachers recognized students for showing the 7 Habits in action.

Put THESE on your Calendar!



Mar 5 - Early Dismissal

Mar 12-13 - Early Dismissal - Conferences

Mar 14-24 - Spring Break **NO SCHOOL!**

Mar 26 - Early Dismissal

Apr 17 - 3rd-5th Spring Concert 6PM MHS

Apr 18-21 - **NO SCHOOL**

Third Grade Multiplication Bootcamp

Our third graders recently participated in a 10-day Multiplication Bootcamp, where they focused on mastering three multiplication facts each day. Through engaging games and creative craft activities, students explored multiple strategies to strengthen their fact fluency.

Beyond multiplication, the camp incorporated various math skills and STEAM challenges, including the one pictured. In this activity, students were tasked with designing a tent to keep their "campers" (cotton balls) dry, encouraging problem-solving, engineering, and teamwork. To wrap up the camp, students applied their fraction skills in a delicious way—by learning how to make a s'more using fractions! This hands-on, tasty lesson reinforced key math concepts while celebrating all their hard work. Multiplication Bootcamp was a huge success!



INFO FOR EAGLES



FFA CREATED AWARD WINNING BBQ SAUCE

Things have looked and smelled a little different with the FFA this year as a BBQ team was formed last summer - Smokeshow BBQ. With competitions at the Wyoming Fair, Rustic Days and the State Fair, students have gained a lot of experience in preparation as well as thinking on the fly when things don't go exactly as planned. The team has continued to practice their skills as they have cooked for both the staff and school board this year. Through the competitions a lot of praise was given to the homemade BBQ sauce that was initially created as a class project in Food Science and Safety. Through a lot of research the team has been able to create and market their BBQ sauce directly to consumers through Iowa Cottage Law. Our BBQ sauce has made its way across the state as each attendee of the FFA Foundation Gala took a bottle home. Also if you have access to the Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman, you will find the team on the front page as they were interviewed and highlighted as a FFA chapter spotlight. We thank the community for their support and we look forward to making sure you have a jar of sauce in your cupboard soon.

Wrestling Wrap Up

Both the girls and boys wrestling teams set some new records during the season. Here are the highlights from both coaches, congratulations to one and all!

Boys had two 3rd place finishes at districts: Nathan Rickels (120) and Wyatt Christiansen (150)

Most wins this season - Dane Ballou finished 38-9

New records set by Rylan Graves: Most Escapes in a Season - 34 AND Most N4 in a Season - 18

Girls had Tae Gravel qualify for state wrestling.

Records set by Tae: Wins by Tech Fall - 6; 4 Pt Nearfalls - 18; Career Records: Wins by Tech Fall 9; Reversals - 44; 2 Pt. Nearfall - 38; 3 Pt. Nearfalls - 38; 4 Pt. Nearfalls - 18; Match Points - 691

Records set by Senior Alyssa Eckhardt: Fastest Fall - 11 seconds; Career Records: Wins 93; Wins by Fall - 87; Takedowns - 124; Most Matches - 126

Record set by senior Olivia Coates - Career Escapes 44



Music Notes:



Feb 26 - Midland 7/8 Band competed in Large Group Contest at Lisbon.

March 3 - 7/8 Choir participated in MS Tri-Rivers Vocal Festival at North Cedar

March 3 - Dorian Band Festival at Luther College in Decorah. MHS participants include Carter Willms, Caitlin Depfer, Jayden Dircks, Josie Geerts, Nathan Dunfee, Logan Gravel, Landon Moore, Kam Smith

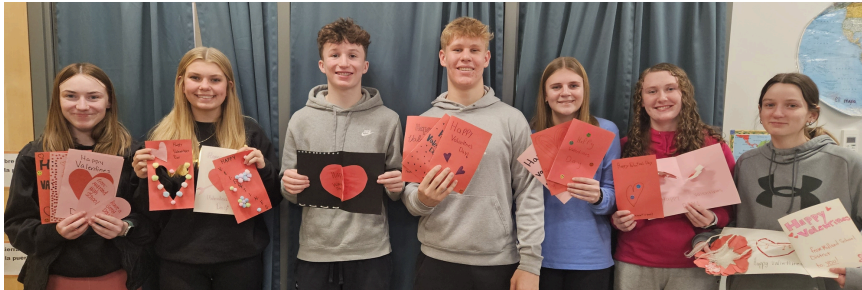
March 8 - Tri State Honor Band Concert @ Decorah High School 5pm. Participating from Midland are Sean Christiansen, Austin Campbell, BayLee Feckers and Jett Davis

8th IMPORTANT GRADE PARENT MEETING

On March 12th 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!

Recently Midland sophomores took part in a powerful exercise on teen dating violence - learning how to recognize warning signs, prevent harm, and support others. Education and awareness are key!



SHARING LOVE

Our Spanish Club members made Valentine cards for adults in the Clarence Nursing home and for adults in the Adult Daycare in Marion.



INTO THE WOODS JR.




The Musical cast had been working hard to prepare for the upcoming show. Mark your calendars for Into the Woods on March 7 at 7pm and March 9 at 2pm in the Midland High School commons!




TEENS TEACH TECH

POWERED BY AT&T


Do you have questions about technology? Let our talented students help you out. All technology questions are welcomed.


 Sunday, 2 March
2.00–3.00 pm
Cybersecurity


 Wyoming Public Library
AND...

 Wednesday, 12 March
2.00–5.00 pm
All topics, Drop Ins W

 Midland HS Library

 **Teen Instructors**
Learn from Midland
FBLA leaders to
become more effective
technology users.

 **Interactive Sessions**
Engage in dynamic,
hands-on activities that
allow you to apply what
you learn in real-time.

 **Contact Us**
319-259-5340 ext.2260(HS)
563-488-3975 Public Library



Midland FBLA Members Teach Tech

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members recently taught community members about internet basics and mobile devices. All had a good time and learned some valuable tips.

The group is trying to raise money for group activities and have secured a grant where they earn money for each participant, so come out and join the fun and learn a thing or two.

Their next presentations will be:

March 2 - **Cybersecurity** at 2pm at the Wyoming Public Library

Mar 12 - **All Topics** - at the high school library drop in anytime between 2-5pm

Midland CSD Presents

Director
Bobby Wilms

Music Director
Heidi Streets

INTO THE WOODS JR.

March 7
at 7:00 p.m.
& March 9
at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at
the door for \$5



Original Broadway production by
Hald Lardeman, Rocco Landerman, Anthony Fisher,
Rick Shuler, Fredrick H. Meyerson, Julecyne Theaters

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by
James Lapine
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

Into the Woods JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212)345-4100 mtionline.com

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Vision Statement

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



Wednesday, March 12 from 3-7PM
& Thursday, March 13 from 3-7PM

**Spring Break
NO SCHOOL
March 14-24**

Midland School Newsletter
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