

Dear Midland Community School District,



Snow Days and Late Starts: We have had some incredible weather during the month of January! I wanted to inform everyone about the process taken before calling a late start or canceling a school day. John Stender, Transportation Director, and I begin planning and watching the weather forecasts every evening as well as tuning into webinars hosted by the National Weather Service. Mr. Stender communicates with other transportation directors in our area including, Cal-Wheat, Maquoketa, North Cedar and Monticello. Likewise, I am communicating with the superintendents of Cal-Wheat, North Cedar, Monticello and Anamosa. We are also tuning into KCRG and other television forecasts. This

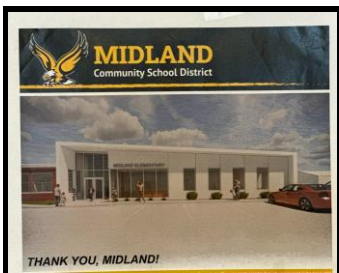
gives us a bigger picture of our weather conditions and helps us make the best decision. Unless the weather is blizzard conditions, we also drive in different directions across the district to check for icy conditions and/or fog. Sometimes, this is a very difficult decision, and please know we take our school community's safety very seriously. I cannot thank John Stender enough for his hard work, diligence and going above and beyond for Midland CSD!

I am working hard to make sure and get the information out as early as possible. Here is the order that I put information out to our school community.

1. FaceBook - I post any changes there immediately.
2. ParentSquare - If you do not have the ParentSquare app, please email either office, and we can help you.
 - a. Cancellations and late starts are made through Urgent Alerts - phone calls/texts
 - b. If the cancellation is done the night before (12-15 hours previous), I have been using the Alert System (message received immediately).
3. KCRG - KWWL - KWQC - WQAD - Telegraph Herald & KCCK

If you are a parent or guardian, please take note that if you have any concerns about your child(ren) driving or going to school you can keep them home, you have the right to do so. It is your responsibility to make that determination and then please email or call the school to notify them of your child(ren)'s absence.

To date we have canceled 5 school days due to hazardous conditions. We will use our Monday, April 1st, snow make-up day to remove one of them. At this time, we have 4 "Snow Days" remaining which are built into our school calendar before we will need to extend the school year past our last day of school which is, May 22, 2024. Let's hope February will be much better!



New Elementary Building ~ Thank You, Midland! Contractor Bids were taken on January 18th for the new elementary building project. We had several companies put in bids and they were all very close. The school board approved the bid from [PEAK Construction Company](#), out of North Liberty on January 22, 2024. Peak has done projects for other schools in our area, and OPN Architects felt very positive about this company as they have worked with them before on other projects. Ground breaking for the new elementary building will depend on the weather conditions, but we are hoping for late spring to begin this exciting chapter in Midland Community School District's history!

Hair Palooza! Not sure why - but this was fun!

Let's get out and support our student activities! We are at a super fun time of the year as we have several events which include choir students who were chosen to participate in Luther College's, Dorian Vocal Festival; band students participated in Tri-River's Band Festival; as well as Middle School, J.V. and Varsity Girls and Boys basketball and wrestling teams. We are nearing the end of basketball and wrestling, please come out to cheer on our Girls State Wrestling as well as the final conference events. A special thank you to all of the coaches & Ryan Steines for working around the snow, rescheduling practices & games & caring for kids!!!



A warm thank you to all of the Midland teachers, staff, parents/guardians, and all of our school community working and caring for our students. We have such amazing kids. They are so deserving of an educational community, ***Where Everyone Belongs!***

Sincerely,

Terese Jurgensen,

Terese Jurgensen, Superintendent, Midland Community Schools

M NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



WINTER SPORTS POST SEASON – all tickets must be purchased ahead of time – watch Facebook/email for info when available:

Boys Basketball tickets at <https://www.iahsaa.org/tickets/>
Girls basketball tickets are purchased through Bound.

Good luck wrestlers @ Districts, Feb 10 at Wilton 10

GIRLS STATE WRESTLING QUALIFIERS!



Congratulations to Karlana Buford, Alyssa Eckhardt, and Tae Gravel who qualified for State Wrestling! A send-off will be held Wed, Jan 31 at 1pm in Gold Gym.

The girls will wrestle on Feb 1 & 2 at the Xtreme Arena in Coralville. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://xtreamarena.venue.net/>

SENIOR PHOTOS: Please get all senior and baby photos turned in to the HS office or to Gracie Harrington ASAP for graduation slideshow purposes. Head and shoulders senior photo is preferred. Thanks!

PROM TICKETS are \$25 per person attending if purchased by April 1. After April 1 they are \$30 per person. Every person attending needs a ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door. 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. Prom 2023 is May 4th.

BASKETBALL RECORDS FALLING!

There have been boys and girls basketball records falling this season thanks to two talented seniors.

Cale Crist broke the record for the number of made three point baskets in one game when he made 11! The old record of 9 was held by Shane Muhl 88-89 and Kolby Harms 07-08.

Anna Bartels broke the record for the number of made free throws in a game when she went 16 of 18 last week! She also recently broke the record for number of steals in one game with 12!

Way to go! Come out to the gym and watch them perform, who knows what they might do next!

2024 MIDLAND ATHLETIC BOOSTER OF THE YEAR

The Athletic Boosters are taking **nominations for Booster of the Year**. Please send your nominations to Deb Paulsen at gdeaopaulsen@gmail.com, Subject: Booster of the Year. We will be taking nominations through Feb. 15th. For a list of previous winners check:

http://www.midland.k12.ia.us/default.asp?NewsCategory=Athletics_AthleticBoosters

Summer Drivers Education Class

Midland's Summer Drivers Ed class has filled up. We are currently accepting applications to be on the alternate list in case another instructor is found or someone drops out. Be sure to sign up ASAP using the google form at:

<https://forms.gle/vXGeiSNCnVbvRRH49>

Rules and calendar can be found online

at [https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-](https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-MCSD-Dr-Ed-Class-Syllabus-n-Calendar.docx)

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ATHLETIC BOOSTER OFFICERS NEEDED

After five years, our officers are retiring after this winter season. We have enjoyed our time, but are now looking to step down. We need volunteers to step into these positions. We are happy to help you learn the positions and will remain available during transition. Remember, everyone who has a student-athlete is a Booster. You support our athletes. Please feel free to contact any of the officers if you are interested. Deb Paulsen President, Theresa Gravel Vice President, Krista Franzen Treasurer, Kelli Hacke Secretary

SAVE THE DATE: The Midland Musical Descendants

Saturday, March 2 at 7PM and
Sunday, March 3 at 2PM

Please join us for the Midland Musical!





Eaglet's Elementary View



Over 1200 items were collected and distributed to Lost Nation, Oxford Junction and Wyoming food pantries before the holidays!

Thank you to all who donated! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



The 3rd grade classes were given a challenge to build a prototype for Santa's sleigh. They were required to use the Finch robot to pull the sleigh and it had to be coded to travel in the shape of a trapezoid. Our Math and Science class were working on geometry shapes and their attributes. These 4 students shared their learning and gave a demonstration to the school board and the attending visitors.

Preschool and Kindergarten sign-up for 2024-25

The Midland District would like to have information on the number of **Preschool** and **Kindergarten** students to be enrolled next fall for the 2024-25 school year. A preschool student must be 4 years old by September 15, 2024 and a kindergarten student must be 5 years old by September 15, 2024 to attend school.

Please contact Erika at the Elementary School 319-259-5340, extension 1300
or email etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us with any questions

GUIDANCE CORNER

February is **National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**. This is an issue that impacts everyone – not just teens – but their parents, teachers, friends and communities as well. Parents, talk to your teens about their relationships. If support is needed call the national hotline at 1.866.331.9474 or text LOVEIS to 22522

Registration talks will take place during February! Students should look at their Xello accounts and make adjustments to course plans ahead of time to make the process quicker!

Seniors, **graduation** is just right around the corner! Please use your time wisely and prepare yourself for life after high school:

- 1) Be on the lookout for more scholarships
- 2) Apply to any colleges/universities that you are interested in
- 3) File your FAFSA
- 4) Go on any last minute college visits
- 5) Enjoy the last several months of high school



WHAT I WISH MY PARENTS KNEW

Youth Mental Health
FREE Film Screening + Discussion



**Wednesday,
January 31, 2024**
• 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Midland Middle/High School
• Cafeteria
106 W. Webster St.
Wyoming, IA 52362

We are excited to offer a **FREE Youth Mental Health Film Screening**, Discussion, and Meal on Wednesday January 31st from 5:30-7:30. Meal will be from 5:30-6, with film and discussion to follow.

This film is for ALL parents and teenagers and is open to the public! The film will discuss youth mental health and create opportunities for open conversation between parents and teens. The discussion following the screening will be led by mental health professionals.

We hope you will join us!

ANOTHER MOHL INDUCTED INTO THE MIDLAND HALL OF FAME

Congratulations **Mark Mohl**, Athlete/Distinguished Graduate, and our latest inductee into the **Midland Hall of Fame**. Mark's father, Gary Mohl, was inducted as a member of the 2022 MHOF. Mark graduated from Lost Nation High School in 1983.



As a student athlete Mark's basketball career was filled with achievements and accolades. Mark was awarded 1st Team All-Conference four times and was an All-Eastern Iowa Team selectee three times.

In the history of Lost Nation basketball Mark was:

- 2nd in total points scored in a single season with 689
- Scored the most points in a single game with 48
- Career Assist Leader with 368
- 4 time team MVP
- Led the state with a 32.8 points per game average as a senior.
- All-time scoring leader for Lost Nation with 1815 points.
- 2nd team All-State (back when all classes were combined)

In 2012 Mark was inducted into the IHAA Boys' Basketball HOF. Mark played at Kirkwood Community College for 1 year and led the team in scoring. He was named All-Region his freshman year. Mark then played his next 3 years for Division 2 Morningside College where he remains as one of the top 10 scorers in Morningside history and is now a member of the Morningside

Mark then moved into coaching at Osage High School where he took one team to the State Championship as an assistant and a second to the State Tournament as Head Coach. Mark recorded 440 career wins while at Osage.

In the years since leaving Osage, Mark moved into various coaching positions at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) in Mason City. During his 14 years as head coach at NIACC Mark posted 237 career wins. Currently Mark is the associate head coach for the NIACC Men's Basketball Program.

Check out more photos online at www.midland.k12.ia.us/middle-high-school/mmhs-in-photos/

Hall of Fame nominations are welcome any time of the year, simply send to MCSD Hall of Fame, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362. A committee reviews them annually and selects new members.

**APRIL 1 IS NOW A
REGULAR SCHOOL
DAY. PLEASE UPDATE
YOUR CALENDARS
ACCORDINGLY**

*No, this is not an April Fool's Joke – just
a trick played by Mother Nature with too
much snow/ice/cold.*

Gracie
Harrington
helped 7
families with
their FAFSA
application at
FAFSA Night
on January 24th.



Midland Post Prom Fundraisers

Midland Post Prom is sponsored by a group of Midland Jr/Sr parents who put together a lot of safe fun for our students after Prom. This group raises around \$6,000 needed to host the Midland Post Prom Party.

All junior and senior parents are invited and encouraged to attend their next planning meeting on Wednesday, January 31 at 6PM at Lalo’s Mexican Restaurant in Wyoming. The meeting will be held in their side room, so dress warmly.

PLEASE like and follow “MIDLAND POST PROM” on Facebook to see announcements, and **SHARE** the posts when you see them so we get traffic and our community seeing things. Several of our fundraisers depend on social media to lighten the burden of work on the volunteers.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR
CHANGE**

Monday, April 1 we will have a full day of school. This will make up for one of the snow days we had this month.
There are some hours built into our district calendar so we don’t have to make up every single day missed.