



## Administrator's Message:

Dear Midland Community,

Happy November! I hope you're enjoying the cooler weather and all the things that make this time of year special. The first few months of school have flown by, and it's been great to see our students learning, growing, and getting involved across the district.



I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who plans to attend parent-teacher conferences. Those conversations are such an important part of helping students succeed, and your involvement makes a real difference.

We have a lot of good things happening here:

- Our students, staff, and community continue doing great work—whether in classrooms, on fields, or behind the scenes. The energy, creativity, and collaboration I see every day remind me how lucky we are to serve such a caring community.
- As we honor Veterans Day, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the veterans and service members in our community. Your service and sacrifice enrich our schools, our values, and the freedom we enjoy. Thank you!

As a reminder, Tuesday, November 4, 2025, is an important day for our district:

- PPEL Renewal Vote: Voters will decide whether to renew our Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL). This funding supports maintenance, technology, safety systems, transportation, and more. This is not a new tax—it continues funding that helps us maintain safe, modern, and well-equipped schools.
- School Board Elections: Several seats on the Midland School Board are up for election. Your vote will help shape the future direction of our schools. In the coming weeks, we'll share candidate profiles, FAQ sheets about the levy, and opportunities for public conversations so all can vote with confidence.

November Focus & Reminders:

- Stay engaged — Ask questions, attend meetings, and help us spread accurate information about the PPEL and board election.
- Support student well-being & attendance — With colder weather and holiday distractions, consistent attendance is more important than ever.
- Thank you for partnership — Your participation, voice, and support strengthen our schools and community.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools. I'm proud of what we are accomplishing together and excited for what's ahead.

Your partner in education,  
Doug Koerperich  
Superintendent of Schools  
Midland Community School District

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## NEWS FROM THE NEST At WYOMING



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**School photo** retakes will be Friday, November 7, from 8-9am. You can order online at [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) with code: 0258EBC

Congratulations to our newly installed National Honor Society members: Josie Petersen, Kaillen Bailey, Landri Hansen, Dane Ballou, Corbyn Brodersen, Landon Moore, Elizabeth Zaehring and Kylie LaFella. Previous members include: Wyatt Christiansen, McKenna Doll, Gabbie Franzen, Anthony Harrington, Emerson Huston, Grady Sauer and Carter Willms



### Music Department Selections

Congratulations to our band and vocal students who have been selected to participate in a variety of music honor programs!



**Junior High Honor Band** on 10/23: Quorra Sales, Oliver Ahrendsen, Carly Clark, Wyatt Collins, Jonathan Holmlund, Jett Davis, Brad Ruley, Peyton Gaunt, Sam Hines and Draven Webster

**ECICDA Treble Fest** on Oct 29 at Clear-Creek Amana HS: Kora Gile, Katelyn Thein, Elizabeth Zaehring, Ashlynn Bassett, Luran Wiese, Maddi Sweet, Caitlin Depfer, Amlaeh Jerome, Cassidy Fox

**HS St. Ambrose Honor Band** on Nov 1: Caitlin Depfer, Aleah Clark, BayLee Feckers, Logan Gravel

**OPUS Honor Choir** 11/20 @ Stephens Hall, Ames at 4PM: Brad Ruley, Quorra Sales and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Reagan Willms



It's not too late! Order your **Midland 25-26 Yearbook** today!

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?>

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Hard cover \$32.82, soft cover \$25.18



### VOLLEYBALL HONORS

Congratulations to TriRivers All Conference:

1<sup>st</sup> Team - **Emmi Huston**

2<sup>nd</sup> Team - **Addi Miller**

Honorable Mention - **Avery Edwards**

Iowa Coaches Association Awards:

Academic All State - **Emerson Huston**

E. Wayne Cooley "You Can" Award - **Ava Franzen**

Congrats to **Addi Miller** who broke the school record for assists at 403! Also 500 career digs!

Congrats to **Emmi Huston** - 1000 career digs!

Congrats to **Sophia Hunter** - 500 career digs!



### Congratulations to our All District Football selections:

Anthony Harrington - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Punter

Anthony Harrington - 1<sup>st</sup> Team RB

Tyler Gaunt - 1<sup>st</sup> Team DB

Dane Ballou - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team RB

Wyatt Christiansen - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team OL

Avery Kennicker - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team LB



Issac Beranek - Honorable Mention

Blayten Knapp - Honorable Mention

### All District Academic 1st Team:

Corbyn Brodersen, Corbin Eganhouse, Rylan Graves, Avery Kennicker, Dane Ballou, Masyn Brodersen, Tyler Gaunt, Wyatt Christiansen, Anthony Harrington

**Academic 2<sup>nd</sup> Team:** Gage Gile, Wyatt King



# Eaglet's Elementary



**FALL FUN** - Our Kindergarteners recently traveled to Bass Farms and learned about the life cycle of the pumpkin and had a great time playing!



## LOCAL HISTORY



The sixth graders went on a field trip to the Wyoming Museum, Grantwood School on Hwy 64 and to Edinburgh Village. They were learning about Iowa's culture by looking at the past. The students enjoyed learning about music, agriculture, education, toys, medicine, homelife, and even the "weather stone."

**DON'T FORGET**

Cooler weather will arrive soon - please make sure students are sent to school with warm gear!

**Coats - Hats - Gloves  
Snow Pants - Boots**

### SCHEDULE:

Oct 29 & 30 - 2 Hr Early Out

Oct 31 - NO School

Nov 3 - No School

Nov 12, 19, 25 - 2 Hr Early Out

Nov 26-28 - No School

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## Counselor's Corner



**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Night -**  
October 29 from 3-7pm in the library.

All seniors and their parents are invited to come get help filling out this important college financial form. Bring your social security card and tax information. If your student is going to college, FAFSA is a requirement. Some scholarships are based on this information.



**Thanksgiving Break**  
**Nov 26-28**  
**No school, enjoy family time!**

**Happy American Education Week!!**

Nov 17-21, 2025

*Thanks to our amazing staff!*

## FBLA Technology Sessions

Midland's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) will be offering free technology sessions for parents and community members.

Stop by the cafeteria in Wyoming on Oct 29 or 30 from 4-6pM for help with Mobile devices, internet basics, and online safety. Have a tech question or want to learn something new? Our students can help with anything from shopping safely online to mastering your device.

Come learn from our students!

## From the Nurse's Office

Please keep your student home when:

- Temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Red, itchy eyes that are draining/matted shut
- MULTIPLE flu like symptoms
- Severe sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea



Your child must be FEVER FREE for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication (Tylenol, ibuprofen, cold medicines with Tylenol in them etc.) PRIOR to returning to school. The same goes for vomiting and diarrhea—your child must be vomit and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If your child has one or more of the above symptoms, they most likely have a communicable illness. For State attendance records it is very important we receive a written note or phone call from you to define your child's absence. It is also very important that we have accurate and up to date phone numbers to reach you and/or an emergency contact in the event your student needs to be picked up from school or there is an emergency!

\*EVERY student must check in with the health office to be assessed and for health staff to determine if the student should stay at school or go home. Students should not text parents/guardians and leave without seeing the health staff.\*

Be sure to turn in dental screenings, vision screenings and updated immunizations to the health office so we are compliant with the Iowa Student Health Screening Requirements.

# Eagles Soar!

## Vote Nov. 4, 2025

### Midland PPEL Renewal on November Ballot



On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, our community will have the opportunity to vote on renewing the Midland Community School District's PPEL.

**Approval of this measure would continue the current levy, without increasing taxes.**

#### What the PPEL Pays For:

- Ongoing facility maintenance, including roofing projects.
- Security upgrades such as secure entrances, cameras, and door systems.
- Furniture for classrooms and learning spaces.
- Technology purchases to support student learning.
- Transportation, including buses, vans, and cars.
- Equipment needed for daily operations, such as lawnmowers, floor scrubbers, and maintenance vehicles.

Without renewal, the current PPEL will expire on July 1, 2026. This would force the district to rely on general fund or SAVE dollars for essential upkeep and equipment needs, which could delay or limit other educational priorities.

**Learn more at [midland.k12.ia.us/ppel-2025](https://midland.k12.ia.us/ppel-2025)**

#### PPEL FACTS

- Over 84% of Iowa Schools rely on voter approved PPEL funding.
- Should the PPEL be renewed, property taxes will not go up.

**PowerSchool:** [www.midland.powerschool.com](http://www.midland.powerschool.com)

**Lunch Menus:** <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/lunch-menus/>

**BOUND Activity Schedules:**  
<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/midlandwyoming>

**ParentSquare:** <https://www.parentsquare.com/signin>

Connect with us on **Facebook** – “Like” **Midland CSD**

**Midland Live Streaming Link:**  
<https://fan.hudl.com/usa/ia/wyoming/organization/12794/midland-high-school>

**Vision Statement**

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

**Midland Hall of Fame Nominations**

The Hall of Fame committee is in need of nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2025. If you know of anyone you believe should be in the Midland Hall of Fame, please make sure you nominate them.

The committee will be meeting in early November to select the 2025 class with induction ceremonies during 2025-26 winter events. We know there are many people and teams that deserve to be part of the Hall of Fame! The nomination form can be found on the school website by searching “Hall of Fame”. If questions, email [midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us)

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