EAGLE PRIDENovember 2024



Midland Community School District

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Administrator's Message:

Midland Community,

As we enter November, I am reminded of all that there is to be thankful for. First I would like to say thank you to our students. They show up each day ready and eager to learn and experience the wonderful opportunities they have in our schools. Thanks to our staff that collaborate with one another to make each experience our students have meaningful, relevant, and engaging. Thank you to our parents for your partnership and support of our schools. Finally, thank you to our school board and community for providing leadership and input for our district and the work we all do.

Conferences have just wrapped up. Thank you for taking the time to visit with our teachers and continuing that great partnership in your child(s) education. Fall sports season has come to a close and we look forward to a successful winter season. As you read through the rest of our newsletter, you will see the wonderful work our students and staff have been involved with such as our National Honor Society induction, Ms. Christiansen's award, pictures from our Leader In Me assembly, pictures of our construction project at Midland Elementary and many other terrific opportunities and reminders from and for our school community.

Another group to thank are our Veterans. We would like to remind and welcome you to our District wide Veteran's Day assembly on November 11th starting at 9:00 in the High School gym. A brunch will follow the program.

Thank you all again,

John Zimmerman, Superintendent

American Education Week November 18-22, 2024



Thanks to all of our dedicated staff!



Thanksgiving Break

No School Nov 27-29

Happy Turkey Day from our family to yours!

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M NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING

NHS INDUCTION

Midland's chapter of the National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony on Sunday, October 20th. Nine new members were inducted, joining the seven returning members. Midland NHS qualifications include: must be a sophomore, junior or senior, have a GPA of 3.25 or above, be involved in community service, show good leadership skills and have good character.



Congratulations to Morgan Hollingshead, Gabbie Franzen, Jayson Ruley, Wyatt Christiansen, Grady Sauer, Emerson Huston, McKenna Doll, Carter Willms, and Anthony Harrington. Returning members include McKenna Brown, Alyssa Eckhardt, Jordyn Ellefson, Addi Franzen, Bryce Leeper, Olivia Paulsen, and Haleigh Payne



Nov 15 in AM Order online:

https://vando.imagequix.com/g1001136374



MIDLAND YEARBOOK

The Media Class will be putting together a Midland Middle/High School Yearbook. The estimated delivery date will be June 16, 2025. There will be a hard and soft cover option. The cost per book will be from \$23.00 -\$31.00. Use the QR code to order.

NHS Veteran's Day Assembly

is Nov 11 at 9AM in gym (see flier page 4) all are invited to attend, use Activities Entrance which will open at 8:30am.

CALENDAR REMINDER:

October 30 is a full school day November 1 is a NO School day for Teacher Inservice

Christiansen Receives CASE Learning Innovation Award On October 23rd, Jamie Christiansen was



awarded the 2024 CASE Learning Innovation Award. This is a national level award.

The CASE Innovation Award highlights creative classroom and teaching approaches as CASE Certified teachers implement and promote CASE. Ideal innovations include, but are not limited to, classroom instruction, assessment strategies, social media, technology integration, industry partnerships, university partnerships, and state or regional collaboration.

The application included showing how innovative practices have been implemented in the program. The application focused on the ARD project that Jayda Thomsen and Hannah Fishwild did in collaboration with Eli Slouha.

They completed tests to evaluate the difference between Eli's Berkshire pork and pork purchased from Walmart and Fareway. It also discussed how we used scientific methods to determine the preferred salinity percentage as we made and smoked homemade bacon. Ms. Christiansen has also been contacted by a writer for Venier for a blog they are writing and the Eastern Iowa Farmer for their March edition.

The award presenter said "Jamie's work at Midland High School showcases the impact of innovative teaching in agricultural education. Since embracing the CASE curriculum in 2011, she has redefined student engagement through hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences. Her approach has fundamentally changed how students connect with agricultural science.

The awards presentation was live streamed on Midland FFA Facbook page, so you can view it at https://www.facebook.com/ffamidland/videos/528741479779045



Eaglet's Elementary View



LEADER IN ME ASSEMBLY



These students were chosen by their teachers for showing leadership skills in the classroom! The Student Lighthouse Team led skits and selected students from each grade level to help create and act out the 7 Habits.

Great job everyone!



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



FARM SAFETY DAY 2024

Midland FFA members enjoyed a beautiful day working with our elementary students on Farm Safety at the Wyoming Fairgrounds.



First grade students have recently read the story, What a Pet! In their Superkids anthology. The story is about a boy that has a pet frog that was a rock. Students then decorated a rock of their own. They place the rock in a different spot every night before going home except when they came back one morning the rocks were missing! The students thought very hard about who might have taken the rocks and why. Luckily, the following morning all the rocks were back. The students are always looking for a different place to hide their rock each night.





Calendar Reminder – Oct 30 is a FULL SCHOOL DAY NO SCHOOL November 1 – Teacher Inservice



Kindergarten did a pumpkin study for science and learned all about the life cycle of a pumpkin. They then went on a field trip to Bass Farms Pumpkin Patch!

NURSE NOTES

Please keep your student home when:

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

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.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The HOPE group organized a coloring contest in honor of **Red Ribbon Week**. This year's theme was "Life is a movie. Film drug free". The HOPE group's goal is to make more students aware of drug prevention.



October was **National Manufacturing Month** and we had two groups that were able to tour different industries. The 8th graders toured New Leader Manufacturing and Modern in Cedar Rapids. The 9th graders toured River Valley Cooperative in Martelle and Welter Seed in Onslow.

Facebook Midland Alumni Spotlight

We are trying to highlight different careers that Midland grads have, if you would like to be highlighted, please fill out this Google form: https://forms.gle/3Pis5PzhZ7NGiea49

OJ CONSTRUCTION UPDATE





The Midland Elementary addition and renovation project is moving right along. We may be the only ones happy for no rain! It is fun to see the progress made each week!

EAGLE SPORTING NEWS:

Midland Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame committee is in need of nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2024. 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 2024 class with induction ceremonies during 2024-25 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

https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/wpcontent/uploads/2021/04/HallofFame-2.pdf . If you have any questions, please email midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us

Midland will be using **Hudl Fan** for live streaming this year. All home varsity events will be live streamed and hopefully we can get some JV events streamed as well. Tune in at https://fan.hudl.com/usa/ia/wyoming/organization/12794/midland-high-school

Postseason Athletic Information

Just to make everyone aware, both the IAHSAA and the IGHSAU have gone to online ticket purchasing for post-season events. As postseason events approach, please check your email, the school website, and the high school Facebook page for information on how to purchase tickets for the event.

Schedules are all on Bound now. Here is the link to our calendar:

https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/midlandwyoming/calendar?includePractices=false&v=week&date=2024-10-21

Online ticketing: Midland now allows pre purchased tickets through Bound. You are also able to purchase passes through Bound. Some schools we travel to no longer accept cash at the gate and all tickets must be purchased ahead of time through Bound. Midland now accepts credit cards to purchase tickets at the gate. We are also scanning all passes at the gate this year.

Winter Athletic Pictures: JH girls basketball and JH boy's wrestling will be on 11/7 before their home events that night. We will start with girls basketball at 3pm. HS winter pictures will be on 11/25 before the HS girls basketball games.

We are having one District wide Veterans Day Assembly this year, all are invited:



ARCHERY SUPPORT

Midland will begin their 3rd year of offering Archery Club to our middle and high school students. Our archery program is part of National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). The program promotes student education and participation in the lifelong sport of Archery. The program's focus is to provide international style target archery training in PE classes. Midland Archery is open to students in grades 6-12. All coaching is done on a voluntary basis by three teachers who are the sponsors.

We are seeking financial support from our broader Midland Community. Your financial support will be used to purchase and maintain equipment. We currently offer 5 support levels ranging from \$1 to \$201 and higher. If interested, please contact Kellie Kelck at kkelck@midland.k12.ia.us or call 319-259-5340 ext 2020 from 7:45-7:55 am or 3:20-3:45pm.

Thanks for considering a donation to this exciting program!

JOIN OUR EAGLE TEAM!



Midland Secondary is looking to hire a paraprofessional.

All job openings and application forms can be found at: https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/district-info/employment/

Communities Talk & Resource Fair on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

FREE EVENT open to the public on Tuesday, October 29th at Monticello HS Cafeteria - 5PM Resource Fair and Dinner. 6PM Program w/ keynote speaker Jim Ott and local high school students.

Sponsored by Jones Co. Safe & Healthy Youth Coalition

There will be a drawing for two \$500 scholarships for Jones Co. High School students. You must be present to win!

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PowerSchool:

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:



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