



Administrator's Message:



Dear Midland Families and Community,

April is a special time here as we head into the final stretch of the school year. C classrooms are full of energy, and it's been fun to see students so engaged in their learning. From elementary students turning everyday objects into musical instruments through their Makey Makey projects, to 4th graders bringing the Oregon Trail to life by designing and programming their own "covered wagons," our students are learning in creative, hands-on ways that truly stick.

That same excitement carries through all grade levels. Students have been tackling drone coding challenges, learning through trial and error, teamwork, and problem-solving. We have also had a lot to celebrate, such as our Speech students earning All-State recognition, and our band and choir students building memories and experiences on their recent trip to St. Louis. These are the moments that help shape confident, well-rounded students and make Midland such a special place.

Monday we will celebrate our outstanding FFA program at the FFA Banquet. Our agriculture program continues to be a point of pride for our district, and we are grateful for the strong connection between our school and the local farming community.

One of the highlights this past month was seeing so many of our youngest learners at Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up. These future Eagles had a ton of fun at the event, and it was exciting to welcome new families into our school community. If you weren't able to attend, there's still time to get your child registered for next year—we would love to have you join us.

As we look ahead, we are also exploring the possibility of a before- and after-school childcare program at our Oxford Junction elementary site to better support families in our community. At the same time, our district leadership team continues to review student learning, gather feedback, and plan for the future to ensure we are meeting the needs of all students.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and pride in Midland. This time of year is busy, but it's also a great reminder of how strong our school community is. Together, we will continue to create a place where every student can learn, grow, and succeed.

Your Partner in Education,
Doug Koerperich, Superintendent

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NEWS FROM THE NEST At WYOMING



STATE SPEECH PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE ALL 1'S!

7 entries, 7 STRAIGHT ONES!

Jayden Dirks - Poetry, Expository Address

Nathan Dunfee - Prose Grady Sauer - Improv

Landon Moore - Storytelling

Carter Willms - After Dinner, Spontaneous

Jayden Dirks was selected to participate in the Allstate Festival for Expository Address!



High School band and choir students travelled to St. Louis over Spring Break and enjoyed a variety of activities topped off with an amazing jazz show and dinner.

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DRONE CODING



Computer Science teacher Kris Doll recently guided students through their first drone coding challenges. Students began by programming the drone to take off, hover for five seconds, and land. They then advanced to more complex tasks, coding the drone to fly under a table and land, and later to fly above the table and land on top of it. To successfully complete the challenges, students measured the drone's takeoff height and the height of the table to ensure it could safely clear the obstacle.



MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOL:

Apr 6 - JH Band/Solo Ensemble 4:00 here

Apr 12 & 19 - Coe Honor Band

Apr 18 - HS Solo/Ensemble @ DonBosco

YOU ARE INVITED to our MMHS Spring Concert on May 5 at 7:00 pm at the Middle/High School.

Please join us for this musical evening!

BOOSTER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Bill Rohwedder who was named the 2025 Midland Booster of the Year. Bill is always supporting our athletes and willing to give of his time and talents to help them improve theirs. Thanks for all you do Bill!



DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASS

MMHS students interested in Summers Drivers Ed can sign up using their school google account by searching their google drive for "2026 Drivers Ed Signup" and filling out the form. If interested sign up NOW! Space is limited!

2026-27 HS Course Scheduling is underway, students are reminded to make any needed changes **BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR!** See Mrs. Lasack once that schedule is out!

Paraeducator Appreciation

April 3 is Para Appreciation Day. We have eight lovely ladies who serve the Wyoming center as paraeducators. We couldn't do it without them. Next time you see them, give them your thanks too: Deb Beatty, Stacy Current, Bobbie Dettbarn, Brittany Knapp, Carrie Oakley, Marcela Rickels, Sherry Wadsworth and Autumn Woodward. Thanks ladies!



Eaglet's Elementary



It's **never too late** to sign your child up for 2026-27
Preschool or Kindergarten, just contact Erika at
the elementary at 319-259-5340 ext 1300 or
etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us for more information.



CODING & HISTORY



4th graders brought history to life by combining their study of the Oregon Trail with hands-on computer science and engineering. After learning the history, students designed and built their own 'covered wagons' using Hummingbird rover kits. They then programmed micro:bits to guide their rovers on a cross-country journey from the East Coast to Oregon, incorporating code that required their rovers to pause at key landmarks like the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. This engaging project blended history, coding, problem-solving, and design to deepen their understanding in a creative and meaningful way.

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Elementary students brought music to life through their Makey Makey "Piano/Guitar" project, exploring basic circuitry concepts like conductivity and grounding while building skills in coding, programming logic, troubleshooting, and creative design and engineering.



EGGCITING LEARNING



Brooke Paulsen from the Jones County Extension office recently visited Midland Elementary. She brought eggs which we have put in an incubator and are patiently awaiting hatching. She also talked to us about eggs and read a story to us. Students are sure **EGGCITED!**



PRIMARY LEARNING

Our preschool classes learned about primary colors! They were excited to see how the colors red, yellow, and blue can make so many different colors.



Midland CSD is seeking a partner to operate a before & after school program at the elementary school.



Interested or know someone who might be?
Contact the Elementary to learn more.

Non-Discrimination Annual Notice:

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Non-Discrimination CTE Annual Notice:

The Midland Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

Vo-Ag, Building Trades, Health Care, Occupation Hospitality, Business, Project Lead the Way: Engineering

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You're Invited:



K-3rd Spring Program

April 16th @ 6 PM in Black Gym, Wyoming



4th-6th Spring General, Band, and Choir Spring Concert

April 30th
@ 6 PM in Black Gym, Wyoming



Design Dash

Eight students attended Design Dash, an innovative, 1 day startup workshop where students from across Iowa teamed up to build a business in a single day. This hands-on experience brought together creativity, problem-solving and real-world collaboration. DD gave our students a chance to apply their computer science skills in a fast-paced, real-world setting.

DID YOU KNOW?



You can find all of our job postings for Midland CSD online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/3m4ewp7k>

If questions, contact Lacie Jordan, in our HR office at 319-259-5340 ext 1750 or via email to: midlandhr@midland.k12.ia.us

JOIN US - BE AN EAGLE!



Counselor's Corner



Scholarship season is in full swing! Seniors, be sure to check our Midland School website for local scholarships. Take advantage of the free money and report any scholarships you have received to the counselor or Mrs. Hansen for acknowledgement at graduation.

Here are some activities happening during April from the counseling department.

- April 2: Mock Interviews - ELA 1 students are participating in mock interviews from 9-11am.
- April 9: Iowa Assessment Testing in Science Classes - regular course schedule
- April 14, 16, 17: Iowa Assessment Testing - 2 HR late course schedule - seniors arrive by 10.
- April 17: Financial Literacy Fair - all 8th graders 10:00-11:45am
- April 27: We are excited to have the Olin 6th graders coming for a visit from 11:15-12:30.

April is **National Child Abuse Prevention Month!** Child abuse and neglect are serious public health problems that can have long-term impact on health, opportunity, and wellbeing. Child abuse and neglect are common. At least 1 in 7 children have experience child abuse or neglect in the past year in the United States.



April 14 is National Library Worker Day!

Thanks to Miss Doll and to her associates Maddie Klemme and Deb Beatty for all they do for our students in both buildings!!!

We appreciate your efforts ladies!

From the Nurse's Office

Stress Management Tips for Student

Here are some practical tips for dealing with stress, especially during busy times at school:

- 1) STAY ORGANIZED:** Break down your tasks into smaller, manageable steps. Use planners or apps to keep track of deadlines and set aside specific times to study or complete assignments.
- 2) TAKE BREAKS:** It's important to give your brain a break. Take short, regular breaks while studying to refresh your mind and prevent burnout.
- 3) PRACTICE RELAXATION TECHNIQUES:** Deep breathing, mindfulness, or simple stretching exercises can help calm your body and reduce stress. Taking just a few minutes a day to relax can make a big difference.
- 4) EXERCISE REGULARLY:** Physical activity is one of the best ways to relieve stress. Whether it's going for a walk, joining a sport, or practicing yoga, moving your body helps release tension and boosts your mood.
- 5) TALK ABOUT IT:** Don't keep your feelings bottled up. Talking to friends, family, or a trusted school staff member can provide support and help you feel less stressed.
- 6) SLEEP WELL:** Never underestimate the power of a good night's sleep! Proper rest improves concentration, memory, and overall mood, helping you tackle stress more effectively.



YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, BUT NOT EVERYTHING.

SENIOR INFORMATION

can be found on our website at:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/middle-high-school/school-counselor/senior-information/>

Mar 27-28 – Senior Class Trip to Wisconsin Dells

May 1: Senior Slideshow completed and turned in to Mrs. Willms

May 1: Silver Service Hours due to Mrs. Willms

May 6: Awards Ceremony 6pm/Baccalaureate

May 11: Decision Day Assembly

May 12: Seniors last regular day

May 13: Graduation Breakfast/Practice 8:30am

May 17: Graduation Ceremony 2pm

Only parents should sit in the reserved seating in the front. All other family/friends please grab a seat in the chairs behind the reserved seating or in the bleachers.

Vision Statement

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

April Calendar:

Wed, Apr 1 - **FULL SCHOOL DAY**

Fri, Apr 3 - **NO SCHOOL**

Apr 8, 15, 29 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

Wed, Apr 22 - FULL SCHOOL DAY

Apr 14, 16, 17 - MMHS IASAP testing & seniors arrive at 10

National Volunteer Week

is April 19-25

THANK YOU to all who help our school, students, sports, clubs, etc.

We couldn't do it without YOU!



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