



October 2023

# MIDLAND

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Where Everyone Belongs!*

### TERESE JURGENSEN - SUPERINTENDENT



We have had an amazing start to the 2023-2024 school year across the Midland Community School District. I would like to extend a huge **Thank You** to all of our teachers, staff, principals and parents/guardians who have made this happen!

### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS!

Midland has an abundance of mental health and counseling supports through a partnership with RISE Counseling & Consulting Services. We employ licensed mental health counselors who provide individual & group therapy to support student treatment goals whether it be for anxiety, depression, grief and loss, current life stressors, past trauma, or struggles to learn. We also have amazing School Counselors in both buildings!



SANTANA, ASPEN, TERESE, KASSIDY & MELISSA  
FOUNDER OF RISE COUNSELING SERVICES!

Please don't hesitate to reach out or ask a question! **GO EAGLES!**



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### ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT

We are excited to announce that we are right on schedule for the new elementary building project which is projected to be open to our community in fall of 2025. Over the past months our building committee has worked tirelessly with OPN Architects to create an elementary addition that includes collaborative learning spaces which will accommodate various learning styles in a beautiful, safe environment. We plan on receiving bids in December or January prior to breaking ground this spring. During the September Board Meeting, the board approved the plans and financing for the new playground, which I have attached an overview picture here. I have also posted pictures on FACEBOOK!



Homecoming was a fun and successful event at Midland this school year! The student council, led by Darren Kelley, led a lot of fun activities for the students every day. Students hosted a parade, a fun pep assembly where the entire student body attended & teachers/staff did a Flash Mob!



**THINK. LEAD. SERVE.**



# M NEWS FROM THE NEST AT WYOMING



NHS is requesting photos of veterans from our community for our Veteran's Day Assembly. Send a photo with information including name, branch, years served (if known) to [tzirkelbach@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:tzirkelbach@midland.k12.ia.us) or drop off to HS by 10/20.

## Homecoming Royalty



Princess Gracie Harrington, Queen Anna Bartels, King Ty Jensen, Prince Keegan Rushford



Court - Front L-R: Gracie Harrington, Kyla Cole, Jayde Martin, Emmaleigh Soper, absent Anna Bartels  
Middle L-R: Sawyer House, Keegan Rushford, Cale Crist  
Back: Ty Jensen, Jordan Buford

## BOUND REMINDERS

- 1) Check what notifications you have turned on, coaches will be using to send messages.
- 2) Be sure you have the physical expiration turned on.
- 3) If your student plans to participate in winter sport, be sure to register them now!

If questions, see Mr. Steines –  
[midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us)

## S T A T E V I S I T O R S



Our school year at MHS got off to an exciting start when we hosted Iowa Secretary of Ag Mike Naig and Iowa Representative Steve Bradley on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They toured the ag classroom and got a first-hand look at our food preservation, then toured the FFA garden.



## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS EXPLORE LOCAL HISTORY



The 6th graders enjoyed a field trip to the Wyoming Historical Museum and Edinburgh Pioneer Village in Scotch Grove on September 15th. They were able to learn about how lowans lived in the past and were excited to see pictures of people they knew. It is great that we have these opportunities locally!

## HOPE:

At the end of last semester we started a student advocacy group to help bring awareness to mental health and substance use prevention. HOPE stands for Helping Others Persevere Everyday. On September 26th we hosted a Spike Out the Stigma event to raise awareness for September being suicide prevention month.





# Eaglet's Elementary View



## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Computer Programmers and Computer Scientists



Second graders created clues that correlated with their picture cards so their friends could program their Bee Bots. Students will continue their Computer Programming skills in the future by using their Bee Bots to program different things!

## Kindergarten's 1st butterfly!



Students have been learning about butterflies in Kindergarten! They have been busy reading fun butterfly stories and also have enjoyed watching the process of a caterpillar turn into a butterfly!

## Important Dates to Remember

- **October 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School**
- **October 4<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day**
- **October 25<sup>th</sup> – Early Out P/T Conferences (1:30 – 7:00)**
- **October 26<sup>th</sup> – Early Out P/T Conferences (1:30 – 7:00)**
- **October 27<sup>th</sup> – No School**

## WE ARE

All Seminar groups spent time at the beginning of the year doing activities to develop relationships and learn how to work together as a group. One activity had all students creating an "I Am" poem. After sharing, Seminars combined ideas and created "We Are" poems to showcase each group's uniqueness. Here are some of our examples:

### **Mr. Oberbreckling: 10th grade**

We are Loud and Energetic  
We wonder about grades  
We hear wind  
We see unicorns  
We want good grades  
We are Loud and Energetic  
We pretend to be quiet  
We feel curious  
We touch fairy dust  
We worry about school  
We cry about school  
We are Loud and Energetic  
We understand Isaac is unique  
We dream about Jace  
We try to be loud and have fun  
We hope to be good at something  
We are Loud and Energetic

### **Mr. Wilding: 8th grade**

We are Loud and Proud  
We wonder if we're the most fun seminar  
We hear Mr. Wilding talking  
We see Luran's shoes  
We want a great school year

We are Loud and Proud  
We pretend to behave  
We feel excited for the weekend  
We worry about failure  
We cry about Mondays

We are Loud and Proud  
We understand the need for sleep  
We say hi to each other  
We dream about the clouds  
We try to be nice to each other  
We hope to survive the school year

We are Loud and Proud

### **Ms. Kelck: 12th grade**

We are intelligent and loud  
We wonder about the pyramids  
We hear Cale & Kyzer arguing  
We see windows  
We want a pizza party  
We are intelligent and loud  
We pretend to get along  
We feel excited for graduation  
We touch food  
We worry Carl won't graduate  
We cry when we slice the golf ball  
We are intelligent and loud  
We understand golf is hard  
We say "Let's go Golfing!"  
We dream to graduate  
We try at school  
We hope Carl graduates  
We are intelligent and loud

**LOUD**

**PROUD**



**ENERGETIC**

### **Ms. Doll: 10th grade**

We are energetic and funny!  
We wonder if we are going to be successful  
We hear silence  
We see unicorns & sunsets  
We want to succeed

We are energetic and funny!  
We pretend to sleep in cars  
We feel alright  
We touch clouds  
We worry about our future  
We cry when losing loved ones

We are energetic and funny!  
We understand English language  
We say we love Jesus  
We dream about being successful in life  
We try in sports  
We hope for a good life  
We are energetic and funny!

### **Mrs. Westphal: 12th grade**

We wonder what our class flower will be  
We hear people cheering for us  
We see the future is bright  
We want to get out of school  
We are aiming to graduate  
We pretend to care about our grades  
We feel ready to graduate  
We touch each other's lives  
We worry about the future  
We cry, "GO HAWKS!!"  
We are aiming to graduate  
We understand teachers' frustrations  
We dream BIG!!  
We try to be respectful

### **Mr. Kelley: 9th grade**

We are special in our own way  
We wonder why we are loud sometimes  
We hear everyone  
We see a unicorn and helicopters  
We want money

We are special in our own way  
We pretend to be in a dream  
We feel happy to see each other  
We touch chairs, desks, and pencils  
We worry that school will never end  
We cry when we have to go to school because we want to sleep in sometimes

We are are special in our own way  
We understand that we are Midland  
We say this is Seminar  
We dream of summer fun  
We try to do good in life  
We hope to be rich and good looking

We are special in our own way

*We Are* **MIDLAND !**



## SEPTEMBER PBIS AWARDS

The school year has been off to a great start! Our secondary building celebrated students who consistently demonstrate our PBIS building expectations: Respect, Responsibility, and Personal Best. These students were recognized and participated in a Froot Loop Challenge. We look forward to recognizing other students throughout the year. Keep on SOARing Eagles!



Students recognized (L-R): Drake B, Kam S, Amlaeh J., Morgan H., Maria H., Maci C., and Kolt D.



### MMHS Counseling Corner

On September 29th we hosted our **Application Day** where we helped seniors applied to college all day.

October 31st is the **ASVAB** for all 10th graders from 8:30-11:30 in the Gold gym. There are many benefits to taking the ASVAB, even if your student is not planning to attend the military.

1. Helps identify skills and abilities. Because the ASVAB is broken into different content areas, your score can help determine your strengths.
2. Helps with career exploration. After students take the ASVAB, we have an interpreter explain the different career pathways based on the student's scores.
3. Assists in planning future high school courses to obtain career goals.
4. Does NOT obligate students to join the military!

**SIAC – School Improvement Advisory Committee** meeting will be held in Wyoming on Oct 19 at 6PM. We are looking for parents and community members who would like to be involved in this process. If interested, please call the school or reach out to Superintendent Jurgensen at [midlandsuperintendent@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:midlandsuperintendent@midland.k12.ia.us).

Thanks for caring about our district, our school, and our kids!

## NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

Our monthly school newsletter is posted on our website at: <https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/district-info/district-newsletter/>, it will also be emailed out to people who want their name on the email list – contact [mi Hansen@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:mi Hansen@midland.k12.ia.us) to be sure you are added. For those who don't have internet access we can mail you a hard copy if you let the school office know your name and address. Contact Michelle at 319-259-5340 ext 1250 or email [mi Hansen@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:mi Hansen@midland.k12.ia.us).

## MIDLAND TAP

Angie Kurt-Sconsa is the Transition Alliance Program (TAP) Coordinator for both Midland and Monticello schools. She can work with any student over 14 with an IEP, 504 or suspected disability. She would need parent permission to work with them since she is a contracted employee through Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Services offered include:

- Job shadows
- Career Exploration
- Career readiness training
- Preparation for the driving permit test
- Self-advocacy instruction
- Counseling on opportunities

This is Angie's 24<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, spending the first 17 as an English teacher. She also still teaches special education at Monticello. She and her husband live in Cascade with their two children. She will be at MHS on Tuesdays and Fridays. Parents are encouraged to reach out to her if there is a student who would possibly qualify for services by emailing [asconsa@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:asconsa@midland.k12.ia.us).

## SCHOOL PHOTOS OCTOBER 4



Midland School Photos will be taken in the morning on October 4 by Halverson Photo.

All students will need to be photographed for their ID card and for use in PowerSchool.

You can order online before October 4<sup>th</sup> at:

[https://halversonphoto.com/?s=midland&id=49&post\\_type=post](https://halversonphoto.com/?s=midland&id=49&post_type=post)

Order forms were sent home from school or:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/2023/09/11/school-photos-october-4/>

Payment options include:

- 1) Exact cash (*sorry they will not be able to give change*)
- 2) Check/Money Order payable to Halverson Photography
- 3) Online payments at: <https://halverson-photography.hhimagehost.com/2023Midland>

Students should give payment envelopes to the photographer that day.

School photo **retakes** will be held the morning of **Nov 7**.

Elementary **Spring Photos** will be **Feb 29**.

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