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Midland Community School District
Doug Koerperich, Superintendent
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Administrator's Message:

Hello Midland Community!

As we head into November, I want to thank our Midland families for the many ways you support our students and schools. Strong schools are built on strong relationships, and it takes all of us, including families, staff, and community members, working together to hel students succeed.

We all want our students to grow both academically and personally. Research shows that skills like managing emotions, getting along with others, making good decisions, and working through challenges can help students succeed in the classroom and in life after school. One review of 40 studies involving more than 33,000 students found that students who participated in social-emotional learning programs made gains in reading and math. The message is simple: supporting students in their social emotional well being and helping students build confidence, resilience, and positive relationships supports their learning, too.

Families can help! Take a few minutes each day to ask your child about their day. What went well? What was challenging? What did they learn? Listen, talk through problems together, and remind them that mistakes are part of learning. These everyday conversations can make a real difference. Here are a few ways we can all support our students and one another:

- **Make attendance a priority**. Every day brings opportunities to learn, connect, and be part of the Midland team.
- **Stay connected**. Ask about school, check communications, attend events when possible, and reach out to teachers with questions or concerns.
- **Lead with kindness.** Encourage children to include others, show respect, and think about how their words and actions affect those around them.
- **Celebrate effort and growth.** Recognize hard work, encourage students to try again when things get tough, and give them opportunities to solve problems and learn from mistakes.
- **Support one another.** A thank-you, a kind word, or a respectful conversation goes a long way. When questions or concerns arise, open communication helps us work toward solutions together.
- **Support working through problems**. Life is not always easy, nor instantly satisfying. Help your child work through difficult situations rather than solving the problem for them or placing blame on others. Encourage grit, resilience and the understanding that challenges are opportunities to learn and grow.

As we move into and through November, I hope your family finds time to slow down, enjoy one another, and appreciate the good things happening in our lives and community. We won't always agree on everything, but we can always work together with our students' best interests at heart.

Thank you for being part of what makes Midland a special place. Together, we can make a difference, one student, one kind act, and one day at a time.

Go Eagles!

Your Partner in Education.
Doug Koerperich, Superintendent
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NHS Installation

Three students were inducted into the Midland chapter of National Honor Society at their Induction Ceremony on October 18th. Congratulations to Carter Lehrman son of Nate and Pam Lehrman, Addison Miller daughter of Corey Miller and Katie Miller, and Max Moore son of Michael and Sheila Moore.

Volleyball All Conference

1st Team: Addison Miller
Honorable Mention: Ava Franzen

Congrats!

Football All District Team

1st Team: Dane Ballou - Linebacker
2nd Team: Masyn Brodersen - Returner
Tyler Gaunt - Wide Receiver
Gage Gile - Defensive Lineman
Carter Otte - Linebacker
Avery Kennicker - Defense Utility
Honorable Mention:
Corbin Eganhouse, Ashton Boge, Raiden Cruise
Congrats guys!

School Photo Retakes will be Friday, November 13 from 8-9am. You can order online at: inter-state.com/order using code: 0551XS

Music Department Selections

The JH Tri-Rivers Honor Band will be on October 22. Students representing Midland will be Quorra Sales, AeCha Falkner, Blakelyn Meyer, Oliver Ahrendsen, Nevaeh Smith, Reagan Willms, Landon Gravel, Sebastian Lumsden, and Owen Heid.

Carter Willms had a good experience auditioning for All-State Band.

The JH St Ambrose Honor Band will be on Nov. 3. Students participating are Quorra Sales, Blakelyn Meyer, Oliver Ahrendsen, Carter Jensen and Lucas Cornelius.

DEGREE EARNED

Congratulations to Morgan Hollingshead and Olivia Paulsen who received their American Degree at National FFA Convention last week.

SAVE THE DATE:

Dec 14 - 7PM
JH/HS Winter Band/Choir Concert
in the Black Gym

NHS Veterans Day Assembly

Wed, Nov 11
9am Gold Gym
All are invited to attend!
Veterans Brunch following assembly.

Leader In Me Assembly

Student Lighthouse Team members reviewed the **8 Habits** students practice daily at school, during the first **Leader in Me** assembly for the 26-27 school year. Leaders in K-6th grade were recognized by teachers and celebrated with popsicles!

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Oct 28 & 29 - 2 Hr Early Out
Oct 30 - NO School
Nov 2 - NO School
Nov. 11, 18, 24 - 2 Hr Early Out
Nov 25-27 - NO School

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Save The Dates: Winter Concerts

12/14 - **5th-6th Winter Concert**
1:00 & 5:00 Black Gym, Wyo
12/21 - **K-3 Winter Concert**
1:15 & 6:00 Black Gym, Wyo

Elementary students will be travelling to Wyoming for our all district ***Veterans Day Assembly*** *on Nov 11 at 9am in the Gold Gym. The public is welcome to attend!*

PATS Blood Drive

Wed, Dec 2

2:30-6pm

Call Elisha to reserve your appointment
319-480-4929

"The choices you make today shape your tomorrow."

Midland Elementary Tackles a Good Book!

Midland Elementary wrapped up its Fall Reading Challenge on Friday, October 23, with an impressive 5,310 minutes read across the elementary!

To celebrate, students enjoyed a special tailgate-themed lunch on Monday, October 26. Eleven middle school and high school students joined in the fun, spending time with our elementary students during lunch and recess alongside Mrs. Lasack.

A special congratulations goes to Mr. Ortiz's class, who led the challenge with 510 minutes read! As the winning class, they earned a special treat of popcorn, M&M's, and Skittles!

We are incredibly proud of all our elementary readers for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the challenge. Way to tackle those books, Midland Eagles!

Counselor's Corner

SENIOR PARENT MEETING with counselor Mrs. Lasack - **October 28th at 5:30** in the library. Please try to attend to get all important senior information.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Night will be **October 28 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 as well.

We recently had 31 college applications completed and 83% of seniors completed one college application.

Midland Hall of Fame Nominations

The Hall of Fame Committee is in need of nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2026. 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 2026 class with induction ceremonies during the 26-27 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, contact the AD at 319-259-5340 x 2420 or midlandad@midland.k12.ia.us.

🩺 From the Nurse's Office: Back-to-School Health Tips

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.

Stay well,
Nurse Jessica BSN, RN
School Nurse

Happy American Education Week
Nov 16-20, 2026
Thanks to our amazing staff!!

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Vision Statement

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

2026-27 Midland Yearbook

Order your 26-27 Midland Yearbook online using the QR code below or at:
https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1017259296124138
You will need to set up a treering account if you've not ordered before.

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