



Administrator's Message:

Dear Midland Families and Community,

Happy February! I hope the new year is treating you well and that you have been able to stay warm! We have had many wonderful moments already this year, and I want to take this opportunity to share some highlights and excitement as we move into the spring 😊 semester.

One thing that continues to make Midland special is the way our students support and encourage each other. Our wrestling cheer team has been bringing great energy and spirit to competition, cheering on classmates and lifting the whole crowd. Moments like that reflect our strong Eagle pride and sense of community. This can make us all feel proud of our students!

We are also thrilled to see students in classrooms making learning both meaningful and fun. For example, Spanish students recently enjoyed planning a mock camping trip complete with treats like s'mores as they practiced new vocabulary. This is an example of a great blend of creativity and learning that reflects the type of hands-on, engaging instruction happening at Midland.

Our HOPE group is sponsoring the Great Kindness Challenge, encouraging students to complete as many acts of kindness as possible. These student-driven efforts remind us that academic success goes hand-in-hand with character and compassion. It is wonderful to see kindness celebrated in our schools, and another pride point!

Looking ahead, there are many opportunities on the calendar this month, including the Midland Hall of Fame Induction during halftime of the boys basketball game on February 6 and several athletic and music events that bring our community together.

I also want to remind families that Preschool and Kindergarten Registration for 2026-27 is now open, offering a chance for young learners to join the Midland family and begin their educational journey with us. More information can be found at: https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/news/?utm_source=chatgpt.com. Midland is a great place, looking forward to you joining us!

I also want to share some positive financial news. Based on current projections, we anticipate the district tax rate decreasing by approximately two to three dollars, moving from nearly sixteen dollars to the thirteen dollar range. This improvement reflects the district's strong financial recovery over the past few years and the fact that our cash reserve levy is now above twenty percent, which allows us to responsibly reduce taxes.

Student enrollment plays a significant role in this picture. The more students we serve, the more funding the district receives, which helps support programs and can reduce pressure on the local tax rate. When resident students attend Midland rather than open enrolling out, those education dollars stay in our community and work for our schools - rather than our tax dollars being sent to other communities and schools. While future adjustments may still be necessary, maintaining strong enrollment helps strengthen both our schools and the overall financial health of the district.

Thank you for your continued support of Midland students, staff, and activities. Whether cheering at a game, attending a concert, supporting our extra curricular programs, or encouraging your child at home, your engagement makes a lasting impact. Together, we continue building an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Your Partner in Education, Doug Koerperich



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NEWS FROM THE NEST At WYOMING



PROM TICKETS are \$15 per person attending if purchased by April 1. After April 1 they are \$25 per person. Every person attending needs a ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please bring money to Mr. Winters for ticket sales. When purchasing we need the names of your dates too. Anyone bringing a date from outside or an underclassman of MHS needs to complete a form, located in Mr. Winter's room. Prom 2026 is Saturday, May 2.



Feb 2-6 - MMHS SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK!

Dress up days: **Mon** - PJ Day

Tues - Jersey/Athlete Day **Wed** - Twin Day

Thurs - Hat Day **Fri** - Spirit (Black/Gold) Day



SEMESTER 1 MMHS HONOR ROLLS



Superior Honor Roll - 3.85 or higher S1 GPA

12: Wyatt Christiansen, McKenna Doll, Gabbie Franzen, Anthony Harrington, Emerson Huston, Nathan Rickels **11:** Dane Ballou, Masyn Brodersen, Ava Franzen, Addison Miller, Max Moore, Dakota Nicely, Carter Willms **10:** Corbyn Brodersen, Avery Edwards, Corbin Eganhouse, Ava Fagan, Rylan Graves, Landri Hansen, Kylie LaFella, Josie Petersen, Haidinlyn Soper **9:** Addi Coates, Adalynn Heinrich **8:** Max Becker, Austin Campbell, Jonathan Holmlund, Keelynn Wherry **7:** Oliver Ahrendsen, Hadley Eganhouse, Elsa Sullivan

Honor Roll – 3.75 – 3.849 S1 GPA

12: Morgan Krutzfeld, Gabriella Wiese **11:** Caileigh Bickford, Tyler Gaunt, Wyatt Powelson **10:** Logan Gravel, Avery Kennicker, Landon Moore, Milee Streets **9:** Izzie Franzen **8:** Dawsyn Heinrich **7:** Peyton Gaunt, Kennedy Gilson, Summer Nicely, Quorra Sales

HS Improvement Honor Roll

12: Kailen Bailey, Theo Baumer, Diaz Beltran, Issac Beranek, Shyla Curran, Conner DeForest, McKenna Doll, Xander Eldred, Gabbie Franzen, Collin Hacke, Maria Hansen, Anthony Harrington, Emmerson Huston, Blayten Knapp, Morgen Krutzfeld, Jace Nicely, Nathan Rickels, Grady Sauer, AJ Soper, Brianna Streets, Kaleb Swick, Andrew Sykora, Maylin Taylor, Nevaeh Wagner, Taylor Wagner, Keegan Weirup, Gabriella Wiese, Nolan Zaehringer **11:** Alivia Buresh, Ava Franzen, Jillian Garcia, Savanna Gutwiler, Amleah Jerome, Gavin Johnson, Sarine Landeros, Addison Miller, Jayden Minor, Max Moore, Wyatt Powelson, Cole Snyder, Nathan Stoll, Marques Terry, Landen Tjaden, Randall Tjaden, Brendon Wherry, Carter Willms **10:** Elijah Baker, Corbyn Brodersen, Kai Brokaw, Zyler Clark, Hadley Dosland, Cael Eckhardt, Jacob Eckhardt, Corbin Eganhouse, Ava Fagan, Ella Graham, Logan Gravel, Rylan Graves, Landri Hansen, Avery Kennicker, Kylie LaFella, Tristan Minor, Landon Moore, Josie Petersen, Lucas Ricklefs, Aspen Rushford, Kameron Sagers, Kameren Smith, Lane Thomsen, Wyatt Tracy, Ayden Tuttle, Aliyah Winchester, Elizabeth Zaehringer

SENIOR GUIDANCE CHECKOUT

Seniors are asked to fill out the google document for Senior Guidance Checkout by January 31, this contains graduation requirement information!



Thank you to Cassi Gilson for teaching our 8th graders CPR. This gives them a life skill we hope they never need to use and also meets a graduation requirement for them!

Summer Drivers Education Class

Midland will be offering a summer drivers education class to start in May. Students will sign up using a google survey. Watch for a ParentSquare notification when the calendar, rules, and signup are available.



Preschool & Kindergarten Sign-Up for 2026-27

The Midland District would like to have information on the number of Preschool and Kindergarten students to be enrolled next fall for the 2026-27 school year.

A preschool student must be 4 years old by September 15, 2026 and a kindergarten student must be 5 years old by September 15, 2026 to attend school.

Please contact Erika at the Elementary School

319-259-5340, extension 1300 or email

etubbs@midland.k12.ia.us with any questions.



TEAM BUILDING

When the weather permits, recess is full of fun even in the winter! Here's a recent photo of Midland Elementary students teaming up to build snowmen.

Life Cycle Learning

Our mealworms have arrived, and second graders are excited to begin learning about the mealworm life cycle! Students have been discussing what living things need to survive (air, water, food, and space) and will now apply that knowledge through hands-on learning.

Students have been divided into small groups and given mealworms to care for over the next few weeks. They will be responsible for feeding and caring for their mealworms as they move through the life cycle, with the goal of observing the transformation into a darkling beetle.

As students clean their vials, they will carefully monitor and record the changes they observe, strengthening their science observation and recording skills.



Mrs. Gnade Receives Ag Literacy Grant

Midland first grade teacher, Diane Gnade has been selected to receive an Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher Supplement Grant from the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation (IALF) with the project titled "Chicken Hatching in the First Grade Classrooms".



This agriculture-focused grant from IALF is made possible through the support and generosity of our statewide Ag literacy friends and partners, including the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. These funds help strengthen agricultural literacy by using agriculture as a foundation to enhance learning in STEM, science, social studies, math, language arts, and other subject areas.



BayLee Feckers, Kameren Smith, Logan Gravel, Aleah Clark, Kam Sagers, and Landon Moore represented Midland at the **Tri-Rivers Conference High School**

Honor Band on January 12th at Starmont High School.

PATS BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Feb 11 @ Midland HS
2:30-6:00pm

Call Elisha to schedule your time to give. 319-480-4929

Day On The Hill



Midland Supt. Doug Koerperich recently visited the Iowa State Capitol to observe the legislative session. During his visit, he spoke with legislators and lobbyists, toured the Capitol, and discussed issues impacting Midland students, staff, and communities.

(Pictured with State Senator Carrie Koelker.)

DORIAN VOCAL FESTIVAL

The 76th annual Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College was Jan. 11th and 12th. One senior and three juniors represented Midland: Thomas P, Jayden M, Shyla C, and Carter W. Vocal instructor Heidi Streets said "I'm so proud of their work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to their music education."



February Health Tips: Stay Heart Healthy & Prevent Illness

BE ACTIVE

EAT HEALTHY

How Colds & Flu Spread

- Coughs & Sneezes
- Germs on Surfaces
- Close Contact

How to Prevent Illness

- Wash Hands Often
- Cover Coughs & Sneezes
- Stay Home When Sick
- Get Vaccinated

Drink Water & Stay Hydrated!

When Calling Out Sick:
Please make sure to contact the school with your child's illness or symptoms

Keep our school healthy!



Attention 8th grade parents!

On March 11th at 6pm in the High School Library we will be hosting a 4 Year Plan presentation to talk about registering for high school classes. It is important to attend this meeting to find out more about opportunities in high school and graduation requirements. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Lasack or Mrs. Willms!

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. This is an issue that impacts everyone – not just teens – but their parents, teachers, friends and communities as well. Parents, talk to your teens about their relationships. If support is needed call the national hotline at 1.866.331.9474 or text LOVEIS to 22522

Course registration talks will take place on February 10th! Students should look at their Xello accounts and make adjustments to course plans ahead of time to make the process quicker! Course plans are due on February 27th.

HOPE sponsored **Great Kindness Week Challenge** during the week of January 26-30.

Awards were presented and a lot of positivity flowed through our student body.

We hope you all did some acts of Kindness as part of our Eagle community!

MIDLAND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

You are invited to attend the 2026 Midland Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to be held at half time of the boys' basketball game on February 6th.

Inductees this year include:

Pauline Antons - Math Teacher

John Meyer - English Teacher

Come join us in congratulating them!

Dave Lanpher was inducted during the John Byers Wrestling Invitational on January 24th. Watch for more info in next month's newsletter!

2026 MIDLAND ATHLETIC BOOSTER OF THE YEAR

The Athletic Boosters are taking nominations for Booster of the Year. Please send your nominations to midlandathleticboosters@midland.k12.ia.us, Subject: Booster of the Year.

We will be taking nominations through Feb. 14th. For a list of previous winners:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/athletic-boosters/>

Be an Eagle!

Think. Lead.
Serve.

OPEN ENROLLMENT
IS OPEN NOW UNTIL
MARCH 2nd 2026



Midland.k12.ia.us

Call for more information
319-259-5340



Vision Statement

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

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Happy 100th to Midland Math Teacher and Hall of Famer



We want to wish a Very Happy Birthday to Pauline Antons! She recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Pauline was a long time math teacher here, she subbed until she was 90 years old. She still lives alone and drives herself everywhere.

You are amazing Mrs. Antons!



The Midland Community School District is seeking licensed Iowa roofing contractors for roof replacement at the Midland Middle/High School.

Proposals are due March 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM, with completion preferred before August 14, 2026.

Learn more and find submission instructions on this page of our website:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/2026/01/20/request-for-proposals-rfp-roof-repair-services-2026/>

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