



## Happy Thanksgiving Midland Community School District

As I reflect this Thanksgiving as Midland's Superintendent, I am beyond grateful. Over the past few months as a district we have experienced so many wonderful learning experiences, student events, and community gatherings. Our Veteran's Day assembly was one of the very best I have ever experienced with all of our students, many community members and Veterans attending.

### Elementary School Building

Plans for the elementary school building are continuing with success. The exterior, the interior and the playground plans are mostly finalized. I am happy to report that at this time we are under budget. (They say this never happens, but I am believing it will happen for us)! We will be asking for bids in early January. The plan is to break ground sometime this spring with the final project being ready to open for students in August 2025.

### Special Education Services

Midland will be revising and updating their Special Education Service Delivery Plan beginning this January to be completed by spring of this year. At Midland, we are approaching teaching and learning through Universal Design which supports *all students* with the accommodations and services they need in order to be successful. This has proved effective as our students with IEPs **MET** their targeted status in the area of math! Our students with IEPs from Grade 3rd - 11th surpassed the state average for **growth** in math!

### Iowa Association of School Boards

Several board members and I attended training in Des Moines to learn how to work more effectively as a school board. We walked away with good ideas and strategies to support Midland CSD. Ms. Christiansen, along with students from her Food Processing Class, were also a part of the event. The students did an amazing job articulating the lessons learned, the vision for the class as well as sharing tasty treats they had made in class with attendees.

### Have a Wonderful Holiday

As we celebrate with family and friends this Thanksgiving, I also want to remember those less fortunate as well as those family and friends who are no longer with us. If you know of a student or a family in need, please reach out to me or someone you know at Midland Community Schools - We care.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

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**WINTER CONCERT** is Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2PM in the Black Gym. This is Wyoming Christmas City Celebration, come make a day of it!

### CHRISTMAS CITY PARTICIPATION



NHS members Bryce Leeper and Jordyn Ellefsen participated in hanging up Christmas lights on Sunday, Nov 12.

FFA members will be conducting kids' activities during the Christmas City event on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7PM in the Wyoming Library.

NHS members will be selling hot chocolate in the lower level of the Calkins Building from 3:30-7:30. Their funds will go towards making blankets at the end of the year for Jones County Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

### ANGEL BOOKS

Thanks to the Friends of the Wyoming Public Library, Midland PATS, Citizens State Bank and Ohnward Bank for doing their annual Angel Book Program again this fall. Their goal is for all students in PS-8<sup>th</sup> grades to take a new book home at the winter break. If you want to donate, drop a book off at either school office, the Wyoming Library or either bank in our district. You can also purchase a book online from this wish list: <http://a.co/82YSKtS>

### Volleyball All Conference

Congratulations to our TriRivers All Conference selections:

1<sup>st</sup> Team: Anna Bartels, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Gracie Harrington, Honorable Mention Emmi Huston

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Musical "The Descendents!"** will be presented on March 2 at 7PM and 3 at 2PM.

### WINTER SPORTS PARENT REMINDER

Parents of all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Midland athletes are asked to sign up volunteers for the food stand. One volunteer for each middle school athlete per sport and 2 volunteers for each high school athlete per sport. Sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caca92da4ffc25-booster>

### PBIS Assembly

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 Lego Building Challenge. We look forward to recognizing other students throughout the year. Keep on SOARing Eagles!



Pictured (L-R): Nolan Z, Ava F, Jayde M, Izzie F, Wyatt K, Ike B

### ThinkFast Interactive - Iowa SAFE Teen Driver

**Safety** joined our campus on November 20. Our students were engaged with a gameshow activity to build safe driving awareness, while also having a dance contest and a skit contest.



### MCSD Lunch Menus:

<https://www.midland.k12.ia.us/lunch-menus/>





# Eaglet's Elementary View



## Yoga with Mrs. Lasack



Wrap Care students enjoyed a morning with Mrs. Lasack learning some yoga!



## Red Ribbon Week activities!



Now that the cooler weather is here to stay - please make sure students are sent to school with warm gear!

**Coats - Hats - Gloves**  
**Snow pants - Boots**



*Midland K - 2 Winter Concert*

**Monday, December 18, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**Midland Middle/High School**

**All are Welcome!**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### PBIS:

On November 15th we had our first PBIS day of the year! High schoolers went to the movies and bowling in Maquoketa. The middle schoolers stayed here at school and enjoyed various activities such as board games, movies, yard games, gym time, and Bingo. It was a well-deserved, fun day!



### Counseling: **Scholarships**

Winter Break is a GREAT time to get a leg up!

- Work on your resume!
- Search the internet for scholarship opportunities!
- Gather letters of recommendation from those who know you.
- Save copies of all scholarship applications and essays you submit. Often you can recycle those with small changes for the next scholarship opportunity.
- Research school websites looking for their scholarship opportunities.

### **FAFSA Night**

- What: To help those complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for those planning on going to college
- When: Wednesday January 10th
- Time: 2pm-7pm
- Where: High School Cafeteria
- What to Bring: Social security number, FSA ID (create one beforehand), W-2, 2022 tax information

### **Schedule Changes:**

All semester 2 schedule changes must be done before we leave for Winter Break on December 20th. Please make an appointment with Mrs. Lasack to make changes!

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## NURSE NOTES – DECEMBER

Illness is on the rise including flu, RSV, Covid etc. We ask that you **DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL SICK**. Use standard precautions to help prevent the spread of illness (washing/sanitizing hands often, get plenty of rest, cover your cough/sneezes etc.). If a student gets sick during the school day they need to go to the nurse's office and we will call a parent/guardian if the student needs to go home. **PARENTS--please include the student's symptoms when leaving a voicemail on the attendance line and make sure your contact information is accurate in PowerSchool.** Reminder any student absent 3 consecutive days due to illness will need a doctor's excuse to return. We appreciate your help in reducing the spread of illness at school! If you have any questions regarding illness or if/when a student should stay home please reach out to the school nurse at 319-259-5340 ext 1400 or [midlandnurse@midland.k12.ia.us](mailto:midlandnurse@midland.k12.ia.us).

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## MIDLAND HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Midland Hall of Fame is set up to honor everyone who has made Midland what is it. It will honor not only athletics but fine arts, contributors to Midland, and distinguished graduates. Please understand this will be a Hall of Fame for Midland, not just Midland athletics.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or group for the Midland Hall of Fame can do so at any time by completing the [nomination form](#) and submitting it to Midland High School, ATTN: Hall of Fame, PO Box 109, Wyoming, IA 52362

The Hall of Fame committee will be getting together each year in August to look over all nominations received. The hall of fame inductions will take place at a scheduled event during the following school year. If questions contact the Activities Director at the high school 319-259-5340 x 2420.



## Veterans Day Assembly 2023

The Midland National Honor Society worked with the elementary to provide one Veterans Day Assembly this year on November 10th in Wyoming.

Thanks go out to Mr. Miller for being our speaker, NHS and the elementary students who helped with the program, the band and choir for performing, MMHS staff members who provided food for the breakfast and the community members who took time from their busy schedule to attend this program. Mostly THANK YOU VETS!





## PATS BLOOD DRIVE



**Wednesday, December 27  
in Black Gym, Wyoming  
2:30-6:00 PM**

To make appointments  
call Elisha Hansen at  
319-480-4929

## FOOD DRIVE

Midland is sponsoring a non-perishable Food Drive competition. This food drive serves many families within our community.

**Contest runs Dec 1-12**

MMHS - the Seminar group collecting the most items will receive a pizza party!

Thanks for caring Eagles!



## WINTER BREAK INFO:

School dismisses 2 hours early on  
Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Wed, Jan 3 is a full  
Staff Inservice day, NO SCHOOL.

School resumes Thurs, Jan 4

