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Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative
and inclusive culture.
Enable all to achieve success.

(Adopted by the MPS Board of Education July 20, 2020)

US News Best High Schools Rankings 2021 Released Last Week

Here is how the Midland PS high schools ranked:

HH Dow High:

- ⇒ # 47 out of 650 ranked high schools in MI —
top 7% in the State of Michigan
- ⇒ #1,576 out of 17,857 nationally ranked high schools—
top 9% in the Nation

Midland High:

- ⇒ #108 out of 650 ranked high schools in MI —
top 17% in the State of Michigan
- ⇒ #3,040 out of 17,857 nationally ranked high schools—
top 17% in the Nation

“The U.S. News Best High Schools rankings include data on nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.”

Want to see more about the Midland PS high school 2021 rankings? Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/michigan/districts/midland-public-schools-107179>



REMINDER:

NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY (5/7).

MPS STAFF MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN A FULL DAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU
TO OUR
DEDICATED,
HARD
WORKING MPS
PRINCIPALS
WHO ARE
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN
KIDS' LIVES
EVERY DAY!



Way to go, Chemic Girls' Varsity Basketball Team!



The Midland High 2021 Varsity Girls' Basketball Team had ...

THE HIGHEST GPA IN THE STATE! WOW!!

This impressive team ended the season with a 3.9965 GPA, including nine of the ten student athletes earning over a 4.0. Coach Jeff Tuck remarked, *“I'm proud of my girls that they had a great season on the court and a phenomenal career in the classroom.”*



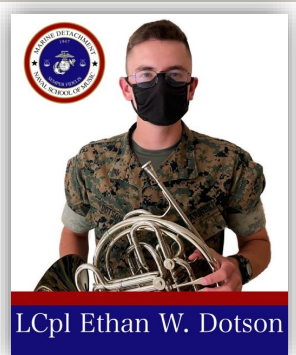
MPSCoconnect is a convenient communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or another MPS staff member will do all we can to reply to your message within the next work day.

<https://www.midlandps.org/content2/706>

— Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent

Please allow us to “Spotlight” two impressive Midland High School graduates in this week’s Communique.

Lance Corporal Ethan W. Dotson graduated from Midland High in 2020 and is currently enrolled in the Naval School of Music to train as an instrumentalist in the U.S. Marine Corps Music Program. Lance Corporal Dotson made the following statement, “I remember the weekend after I arrived at the Naval School of Music and thinking, ‘Wow, I’m really here.’ I was exactly where I wanted to be; I was somewhere I had never been before, living a varied and challenging life. When asked why I wanted to join the Marine Corps upon arriving, I simply said, ‘To become the best version of myself possible.’ I am not the same man I was going in, and that is extraordinarily satisfying.”



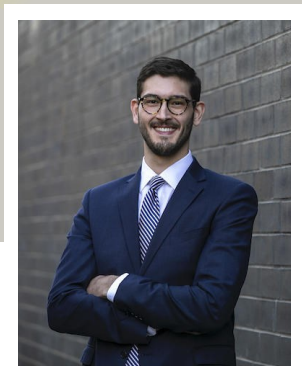
LCpl Ethan W. Dotson

Thank you, Lance Corporal Dotson, for your service to our Country. We are proud of you!

Source Document: Marine Detachment, Naval School of Music, Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MARDETSOM/posts/3599611613478886>

**Midland PS
Alumni Spotlight**



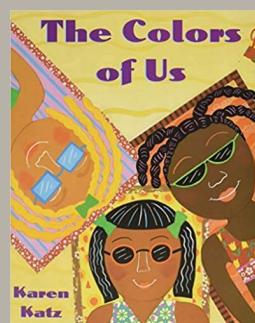
Steve Elmer graduated from Midland High in 2013. After graduation, Steve attended the University of Notre Dame majoring in Economics and was part of the Fighting Irish football program as an offensive lineman. He graduated from Notre Dame a year early. Steve had an opportunity to serve as a Congressional intern on Capitol Hill in 2015. Following his graduation from Notre Dame, Steve was hired at Booz Allen Hamilton, an information technology consulting firm in the greater Washington DC area. While at Booz Allen, he enrolled part-time at George Mason University to earn his Master’s Degree in Public Policy and this month he is receiving the 2021 Alexis de Tocqueville Award for Outstanding Public Policy Student. Last summer, Steve secured a position at the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation. Steve Elmer made the following statement, “Policies at the federal level have the potential to affect everybody in the country. Knowing that there’s a chance to do something great for a lot of people, that’s really compelling.”

Source document: <https://www2.gmu.edu/news/2021-04/leaving-notre-dame-football-career-touchdown-dc/>

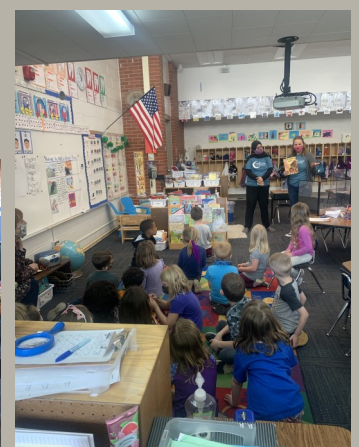
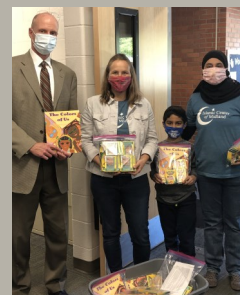
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MPS has partnered with the Islamic Center of Midland to offer a lesson to celebrate diversity!

The Islamic Center of Midland donated multicultural crayons to all MPS students in grades DK-3rd, as well as some extra boxes for classrooms! In addition to the crayons, the book *The Colors of Us* has been purchased. The books and crayons were delivered to MPS elementary schools last week, along with a lesson plan to celebrate diversity!



MPS worked in collaboration and has embarked on a wonderful partnership with the Islamic Center of Midland. We are looking forward to providing many more DEI experiences for MPS students in the future!





HH Dow HS DECA Competes Internationally

Over 20,000 high school students attended the International DECA Competition held virtually April 12-30. Eleven students from Dow High qualified for and participated in the competition. Competing in the ...

- ⇒ School Based Enterprise: **Marshall McGaugh, Michael McGaugh and Ellyanna Tierney**
- ⇒ Hotel and Lodging: **River Penn** (River placed in the top ten for the second judged event, earning a medal)
- ⇒ Principles of Hospitality and Tourism: **Isabella Hillman**
- ⇒ Entrepreneurship: **Olivia Miller**
- ⇒ Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making: **Tolu Oshin and Tyler Sanchez**
- ⇒ Quick Serve Restaurant Management Series: **Alex Price**
- ⇒ Retail Merchandising: **Logan Skinner**
- ⇒ Automotive Services Marketing: **Mark VanHeel**



Congratulations to these outstanding HH Dow High business students!

Midland PS 3-Year-Old Preschool Update — 2021-22 School Year

Thank you to everyone who responded to our 3-year-old preschool survey in the April 19 Communique! The response was overwhelmingly positive.



Midland Public Schools would like to announce ...

We are now accepting registrations for our tuition-based 3-Year-Old Preschool Program 2021-22

- ⇒ Monday-Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm
- ⇒ Tuition: \$30 a day
- ⇒ Will follow MPS school calendar
- ⇒ Child must be 3 years old before September 1
- ⇒ Child must be potty-trained
- ⇒ Before & after school care limited
- ⇒ Limited 3-year-old preschool spots available (first-come; first-served basis)
- ⇒ 3-Year-Old Preschool will be located at the Pre-Primary Center at Carpenter Street School
- ⇒ Call 989-923-6411 if you have questions



Click here to register: <https://www.midlandps.org/docs/building/12/21-22/RegistrationFormsGraphics/>



Do you have a child who will be ready for 4-year-old preschool in the 2021-22 school year?

MPS has openings for the 2021-22 school year in our 4-Year-Old Preschool Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) in the Pre-Primary Program at Carpenter Street School.

This results-driven, high-quality program is **FREE** for income-qualifying families.

GSRP Registration Link: www.MichiganPreschool.org

Call 923-6411 if you have questions.

Regional Preschool Partnership
(844) 492-7707



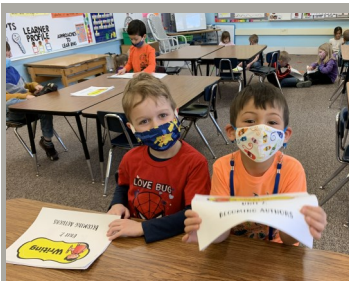
Midland PS Literacy News & Notes

New MPS Writing Curriculum beginning in 2021-22 school year!

We are very excited to announce that MPS is adopting a new writing curriculum for all K-5 classes, starting this Fall. The Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing is co-written by Lucy Calkins and her colleagues at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, and it is highly respected in the field. MPS selected the curriculum because of the following:

- ⇒ The teaching methods are supported by over 30 years of research.
- ⇒ Students are engaged in instruction, practice, and given achievable goals.
- ⇒ Students will learn to be confident writers, prepared for any future writing projects they will be given.

We look forward to sharing more information about the writing program as it starts up in the Fall.



Kk is for Kindergarten!

Registration window is **OPEN** for 2021-22 Kindergarten

- ☺ *Kindergarten is offered at all six MPS elementary schools and is an inquiry-based, highly effective program designed to successfully launch your child's educational journey.*
- ☺ *Please help us get the word out to your family, friends and neighbors that now is the time to register for 2021-22 Midland PS Kindergarten.*

Info link: <https://www.midlandps.org/welcome-to-Kindergarten-2021-2022>

Kindergarten registration: [Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment Packet](#)

MPS STUDENT & COMMUNITY FLYER BOARDS

Please check MPS's **TWO FLYER BOARDS** often!

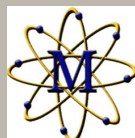
Student Flyer Board—fun activities and learning opportunities for students <https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/> (Currently there are a number of flyers about summer activities and camps on the Student Flyer Board)

Community Flyer Board—geared more for parents and adults with things like food distribution opportunities, energy assistance, MSU Extension information and much more. <https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers>



2021 Graduation Information — Thursday, May 27, at Dow Diamond

Midland High at 4:30 pm ~~ HH Dow High at 7:30 pm



Because of the 20% capacity at outdoor stadiums, each graduate will be allowed TWO guest tickets for in-person attendance @ Dow Diamond. (Rain Date Friday, May 28)





JOIN OUR MPS TEAM — Current Open Positions

MPS Employment Opportunities Link:

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content/Employment%20Opportunities>

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Position	Location
Bus Driver, Substitute	Transportation
Coach, Head Cheer, Fall and Winter	Midland HS
Coach, Pom Pon, Fall and Winter	HH Dow HS
Coach, Asst. Sideline & Asst. Competitive Cheer	HH Dow HS
Coordinator, PYP	District
Coordinator, IB Diploma Programme	Midland HS
National Honor Society Advisor	Midland HS
Office Professional, Curriculum Department	Administration Center
Paraprofessional, Instructional Support	Carpenter PPC
Paraprofessional, Special Education (2 postings)	District-wide
Paraprofessional, Substitute	District
Speech & Language Pathologist	District
Student Support Specialist	District
Teacher, Associate, 3-Year-Old Preschool Program	Carpenter PPC
Teacher, Lead, 3-Year-Old Preschool Program	Carpenter PPC
Teacher, Business Education	District
Teacher, Elementary	District
Teacher, Music	District
Teacher, Physical Education/Health	District
Teacher, Secondary English	Midland HS
Teacher, Special Education	District
Teacher, Chinese (Mandarin)	District
Teacher, Summer School	Central Park Elementary
Teacher, Summer School Elementary	District
Teacher, Summer School Secondary (4 postings)	JMS, NMS, DHS, MHS

MPS Website: www.midlandps.org

Twitter:

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@MidlandPS

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MidlandPublicSchools>

Student Flyers:

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/studentflyers/>

Community Flyers:

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers>

Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Pre-Primary	923-6411
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

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New MPS Team Members and/or New/Additional Assignments

- ⇒ Katherine Warmbier, Paraprofessional, Jefferson MS
- ⇒ Jon Danna, Assistant Football Coach, HH Dow HS
- ⇒ Liz Shuster, Special Education, HH Dow HS & Jefferson MS
- ⇒ Alia Aglan, Psychologist, Special Services

Welcome! We look forward to working with you!



SHINING STARS — If you know of an MPS team member who goes above and beyond to make MPS a better place for students, please consider nominating them for a Shining Star. Here is the link to the nomination form:

<https://www.midlandps.org/Content2/shining-star-nomination-form>



WISE WORDS TO PONDER ...

“Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes.”

— Joseph B. Wirthlin