

## Happy New Year!

### Superintendent's Message

As we turn the corner into 2018, we find ourselves looking ahead. We have had much to celebrate so far this school year, including:

- outstanding learning experiences in and out of the classroom
- tremendous musical and dramatic performances and artistic endeavors
- fierce athletic competitions
- heartfelt community service projects
- valuable professional learning opportunities for staff
- the day to day hard work that makes success possible for our students
- a special 50th anniversary for the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District.

We also know that many more exciting opportunities lie ahead of us before the end of June!

As we begin the new year, we encourage all our students to work hard and make the most of every learning opportunity, and push themselves to do their very best. We appreciate and ask for the continued support of our families and community as we promote these goals. Our entire staff continues to model this spirit of hard work and continuous improvement by committing to their own professional learning. For example, many of our teachers continue to participate in Learning Walks; opportunities to visit classrooms in other area schools and learn new strategies from grade level and subject area colleagues. Likewise, Midlakes teachers host these same opportunities for our neighbors, so they can learn from the great work going on in our classrooms. The professional dialogue that stems from these visits continues to benefit our students by contributing to new and innovative practices.

On March 16, the Midlakes staff will participate in a Regional Conference Day for the second consecutive year; this time with the Naples and Marcus Whitman School Districts, and focus on the theme of “Connecting for Kids”. George Couros, a well-known educational consultant and author of *The Innovator’s Mindset*, will deliver the keynote address and two additional breakout sessions, while staff members from all three districts will lead additional workshops to share best practices for advancing the learning and overall success of students. Regional collaboration enables us to maximize resources to make the best possible professional development opportunities available to our staff. We are proud of our educators for their growth mindset and their commitment to learning and adapting to meet the unique needs of our students.

Meanwhile, the district leadership team has begun the careful process of developing the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The district has been fortunate over the past several years, through the restoration of state funding, to be able to rebuild programs and expand opportunities for our students. Forecasts related to the 2018-2019 New York State budget are not as promising and there is significant uncertainty regarding anticipated state aid to schools. The district leadership team and Board of Education are dedicated to the strategic development of a 2018-2019 school budget that meets the social, emotional, and academic needs of our students while being respectful and responsible with our community’s financial resources. We remain hopeful and will continue to lobby for fair and equitable state funding, but we will also be prepared to make difficult decisions in the best interests of our students. As always, we will be guided by the vision and mission of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District:

#### Our Vision Statement

To create a community of learners and leaders who demonstrate the 21st century skills necessary to compete and thrive in a global society.

#### Our Mission Statement

The Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District will enable students to demonstrate college and career readiness by displaying:

- Strong Moral Character
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Perseverance
- Cultural Awareness
- Innovation

By working together in a spirit of transparency and collaboration, we are confident that we will continue to accomplish these goals and advance the achievement and development of our students as lifelong learners.

With Midlakes Pride,

*Matthew Sickles*

#### 2017-2018 School Year Calendar Reminders

##### SCHOOL CLOSED

FEBRUARY 19 - 23, 2018  
WINTER RECESS

MARCH 30 - APRIL 6, 2018  
SPRING RECESS

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Midlakes Seeks Names of Distinguished Graduates

Do you know of a Midlakes graduate who has made significant professional achievements and community contributions? The newly formed Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals. Application and details are available in the district office and on our website at [www.midlakes.org](http://www.midlakes.org) under the District tab. Applications are due by November 1. Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction event next spring. Nominees to the Midlakes Graduates of Distinction program shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

1. Nominees must have graduated from Midlakes High School at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. The committee may waive the graduation time limit requirement in certain circumstances, as it deems necessary.
2. Significant achievement after attending Midlakes High School which include:
  - a. Educational achievements
  - b. Professional achievements
  - c. Job related achievements
  - d. Honors, awards, professional affiliations, publications
  - e. Civic or community involvement
  - f. Other appropriate qualifications which the committee believes merit consideration
3. Guidelines for selection include:
  - a. Should be of high moral character
  - b. Should be a graduate of Midlakes High School
  - c. Committee could take into consideration candidates who have contributed to the school or community in a significant way as an honorary inductee even though the candidate may not have graduated from Midlakes

Nominations must be submitted by November 1 of each year to:  
Graduates of Distinction Committee  
Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD  
c/o District Office  
1490 State Route 488  
Clifton Springs, NY 14432

NEHS "ANGEL TREE"

Did you know that more than 30% of people in the city of Rochester live in poverty? With the spate of cold weather so far this winter, the Midlakes NEHS (National Elementary Honor Society) is collecting new hats, scarves and mittens, plus gently used (worn) WARM clothing to donate to various shelters in Rochester, NY. Donations will be accepted through the month of January and can be taken to the Intermediate School and will be placed on or around the "Angel Tree," located just inside the doors of the school. Sweatshirts, hoodies, sweatpants, and jackets (all sizes) were a few of the items specifically mentioned by the shelters. As the woman who runs the House of Mercy in downtown Rochester stated "anything to keep these people warm." Thank you for considering a donation to the NEHS "Angel Tree."

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND NOTIFICATION

In a continued effort to improve communication with parents, please note that our district is now using School Messenger Parent Notification System. In the event of an emergency, we have the ability to reach all parents right away in a matter of minutes. The telephone system may also be used for announcements of school closings or general school news. In addition, the following will broadcast emergency closings:

TV Channels: WROC 8, NEWS 10, WHAM 13,  
WSTM 3 & Time Warner Cable.

Radio Stations: WHAM (1180 AM), WACK/WUUF (1420 AM/103.5 FM),  
Finger Lakes Radio Group, WARM/WPXY/WCMF/The ZONE (101.3 FM/97.9 FM/96.5 FM/94.1 FM), WYLF AM, K101.7 FM, WNYR (98.5 FM)

Substitute Opportunities

Midlakes schools are looking for substitutes in the following categories:

Nurse, Typist, Cleaner, Teacher Aide, Cafeteria Monitor, Food Service Helper, \*Teacher, Bus Drivers

\*Certified and uncertified candidates must attend a group interview session conducted once a month by the Superintendent before Board of Education approval. For all other positions, both a district and Civil Service application are required.

If interested, please visit our website [www.midlakes.org](http://www.midlakes.org) under quick links: employment opportunities/substitute applications or phone Mary Jo at 548-6436 for more information.

COMMUNITY SEASON OF GIVING

On December 4th our school received a request to assist a family in our district. This young family was not looking for toys or extras this holiday season but the items needed to simply survive with basic comforts. A wash basin for laundry, detergent, socks, sheets, towels, a cooking pot, warm winter clothing and blankets. Knowing the generous nature of our faculty and staff, an email was sent asking for donations. Within hours that email was shared across our district and well beyond. The outpouring of assistance from our community was staggering! We received all the items requested plus multiple unexpected gifts such as a portable washer, a new washer and dryer, a live holiday tree, cash, checks, etc.! Thanks to the generosity of our community we were able to rally around a family living in an extreme situation. Our Midlakes family always comes together in support of one another. The donations literally came from far and wide and our community deserves a thank you. We received enough donations to be able to cover the needs of the original family as well as many other families across our district. We would like to say THANK YOU for such generosity during the season of giving.

Communication Tools

A reminder to students and parents: Midlakes uses an automated system called SchoolMessenger to provide timely information via recorded telephone calls. These calls will appear to come from 855-790-3994 on your phone, however they may have been sent by your child's principal or the superintendent. Please keep any changes to your telephone numbers updated with the building secretary and school nurse where your student attends, so you don't miss any of these important communications. Thanks for your help.

SENIOR TRIP - WASHINGTON, DC

On November 18, eighty-five students and fifteen chaperones boarded two luxury buses for the trip of a lifetime. A tradition for over forty years at Midlakes High School, the Senior Trip to Washington, D.C. offers its participants four busy, fun-filled days to visit monuments, museums and places of interest in our nation's capital. The purpose of the trip is also academic; students learned about many of the



places and attractions on the trip's itinerary and would be able to now see and experience them in person. The four-day adventure began on Saturday, when students arrived at school at 5 a.m. for check-in and breakfast. After a brief lunch stop in Pennsylvania, the first item on the itinerary was an afternoon tour of Arlington National Cemetery followed by a stop at the Air Force Memorial. Unanticipated bus trouble and heavy traffic prevented the group from making its appointment for a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, but the group was able to have dinner and shop before checking into their hotel. Sunday began with a guided bus tour of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, where students were able to see Robert E. Lee's birthplace, as well as the church where George Washington worshipped with his family, among other locations associated with moments in our nation's history. A visit to the World War II Memorial, a photo opportunity in front of the White House, a narrated tour of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a stop for lunch and shopping at Union Station, a tour of the United States Holocaust Museum, and visits to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr. memorials completed the afternoon's agenda. An evening visit to the Vietnam, Lincoln, Korean War, Einstein and Pentagon 9/11 Memorials capped a long day of tour stops. Monday began with a scenic drive along the George Washington Parkway for a guided tour of Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, which still operates as a working farm. After visiting Mount Vernon the group headed back into Washington for a stop at the White House Visitors' Center, a drive along Embassy Row and a guided tour of Washington National Cathedral. In the evening the group enjoyed a dinner and dancing cruise along the Potomac River on the Spirit of Washington. On Tuesday, the final day of the trip, the day began with a tour of the US Capitol building, as well as stops and group photos at the Library of Congress and US Supreme Court buildings. Lunch and time to explore the many Smithsonian museums followed. After that the two buses headed north to return to the place where the adventure had begun just four days earlier. Students and chaperones would agree that another successful trip was enjoyed by all who chose to partake in the adventure.





## PERSONALIZED LEARNING AT MIDLAKES

The innovative practice of personalized learning is growing at Midlakes! Twelve teachers signed up last year to start transforming their curriculum and their classrooms to better fit the needs of their students. Twenty-one more teachers joined this year for a total of thirty-four teachers working to personalize learning for their students.



What is Personalized Learning?

Personalized Learning begins with recognizing that each one of us learns differently, at different paces, and with different passions. Teachers work to build instruction that allows

students to learn in different ways including whole class, small groups and even through videos. Different paces for different students is accomplished using technology and classroom management systems. Incorporating student voice and choice are some of the most exciting parts of personalized learning for students as they can show what they know in a way they choose. We are proud of the work that our teachers are doing for students and appreciate the investment they have made of their time and talent. Our district wide vision is "to create a community of learners and leaders who demonstrate the 21st century skills necessary to compete and thrive in a global society." To create 21st century learners and leaders we must use 21st century practices like personalized learning. We are excited to see the amazing things to come from our teachers and students as they embark on this personalized learning journey.

## Le Club de français @ MMS



**French Honor Society Inductions:** On November 30, the high school French Honor Society (Jeunes amis de français) members planned a ceremony, complete with French refreshments, to celebrate the induction of the first chapter of MMS French Honor Society. Fifteen middle school French students were honored.



**UNICEF:** MMS French Club members count donations for Trick or Treat for UNICEF. French students raised \$472.00, which exceeded their goal of \$250.00. Organizing fundraisers for emergencies throughout the world is also one of the goals of French Honor Society. Bravo aux élèves!

**Simply Crêpes:** Eighteen MMS French students, along with several of their family members, visited Simply Crêpes in Canandaigua. They enjoyed savory dinner crêpes during this visit. In June, they will return for the delicious dessert crêpes.



## Midlakes High Students partner with the Canandaigua VA

### Serving our Veterans While Enhancing their Education

For the past 15 years, Midlakes Teacher Nicole (Nikki) Young and other Midlakes Staff have brought students from their High School Work Experience Program to the Canandaigua VA Medical Center at Christmas time. 2017 was no exception. On December 11th, the Program of 9th and 10th graders came to the Voluntary Service Office at the VA to assemble and wrap presents for the 150+ Veterans who reside at the Medical Center.

Through the generosity of donations and many contributors, the Voluntary Service Office each year selects items for the Veteran Residents as gifts for Christmas. This year the gifts included a patriotic bag, filled with personal care items. The Students from the Work Experience Program were then tasked with the assembly and wrapping of each. With just a lunch break (and a treat), the group was able to accomplish the task in less than 4 hours, and then took a short walking tour around the Campus.



*Students working, learning, and having fun, while assembling and packing gifts for Veterans at the VA.*

The Work Experience Program at Midlakes began in 2003, and is comprised of three (3) components: Academic, Vocational, and Independent Living Skills. The philosophy of the program is that work experience assists young adults in making the transition from a student to a member of the working world. It provides the student with experiences that will enable them to gain confidence, self-respect, and the ability to cope and grow with the changing world. The grade 9-10 students that participated at the Canandaigua VA also assist on a regular basis at the Coffee Shop Café at Midlakes. Students that continue in the Program into grades 11 and 12 can also earn hours toward a special credential with their diploma, by being placed in the Community. A number of those students are currently working in area Hospitals, grocery stores, and other locations as part of the program, in addition to the standard classroom education they are receiving in English and the other traditional subjects.



*Teacher Nicole Young (left) and Kristin Wrobbell (right) explaining how to gift wrap*



*Students finish their work and display the results with Nancy VanOoyen, left and Nicole Young, right front).*

On December 11th while these eleven students were enhancing their education, they were also providing an important service to the community, and to our Veterans. The Canandaigua VA Medical Center places a high value on these types of partnerships, especially when the benefit is a mutual one.

## SAVE THE DATE UPK Parent Information Night for 2018-2019 School Year



happiness HOUSE

April 12, 2018 5:30-6:30pm  
Midlakes Primary School

All Phelps-Clifton Springs School District resident children who will be four-years old on or before December 1, 2018 and are not eligible for kindergarten are eligible for participation in the UPK program! UPK enrollment packets will be available at the Parent Information Night and afterwards (but not before) at the Midlakes Primary School.

Questions should be referred to Necebbia DeTaeye, Director of Children's Programs [ndetaeye@happinesshouse.org](mailto:ndetaeye@happinesshouse.org) (315) 548-6719



Budding  
Readers

*A love of reading - from the start!*

**FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR BABY!!!**

Midlakes parents of babies under 12 months of age can receive a "bundle" of free books and a parent guidebook by contacting the Budding Readers Program at:

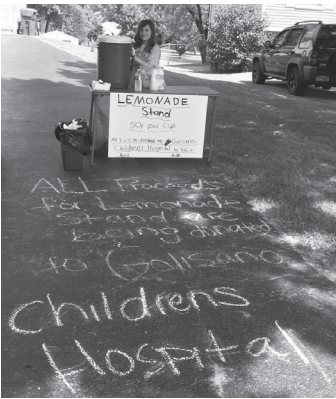
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PHONE: Janice at 315-462-3217  
WEB SITE: [www.buddingreaders.org](http://www.buddingreaders.org)

Budding Readers is a local non-profit organization founded in 2007. Our mission is to educate, encourage and equip parents of Ontario County to read with their infants and young children as a natural part of their daily routine.



Elementary School News & More

A Girl and Her Lemonade Stand



What does a girl and her lemonade stand mean? Well, for Chloe Collett, a 5th grader at MIS, it means kindness and giving. Earlier last year after seeing a commercial for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, Chloe started wondering how she could help sick children. She decided a lemonade stand was the way to go. She made a goal for herself of raising \$100. After hosting 5 lemonade stands this past summer, she met her goal. Her parents matched the money and she sent in a \$200 check to the Golisano Children’s Hospital in Rochester. They sent her a thank you letter and a medal. Next year her goal is \$150 and she is hoping her parents will match that amount also. Even though the holiday season is over let us all learn an important lesson from Chloe. Be kind and giving and ask yourself, “How can I help others?”

ASTRONAUT IN TRAINING DAY

On November 14, the first grade students participated in an exciting Astronomy Day to complete their study of astronomy and celebrate with their teachers. The students were able to participate in three different astronomy related activities. The students used playdough to make the moon phases. They also made a replica of the full moon using fun craft materials. They practiced walking on the moon, learned how to train like an astronaut and practiced writing without gravity! If you know a first grader, be sure to ask them about their Astronaut in Training Day!

Red Ribbon Contest Winners at Midlakes

National Red Ribbon Week was celebrated from October 23rd-31st. The first Red Ribbon Campaign was organized in 1988 by community neighborhoods in response to the way drug abuse was destroying families and neighborhoods. Since that time, the campaign has grown, reaching millions of youth and their families in the United States. Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique ‘Kiki’ Camarena, who worked undercover in Mexico investigating a drug cartel believed to include officers from the Mexican army, police, and government officials. His investigation led to the discovery of an eight-billion-dollar marijuana manufacturing operation in Mexico. The cartel sought revenge, and on February 7th, 1985, Special Agent Camarena and his pilot Captain Zavala-Avelar, were both tortured and murdered.



To honor these men, individuals wore red ribbons, the symbol for drug prevention and reduction of drug sales. The U.S. Congress proclaimed the first National Red Ribbon Week in October 1988. Since then, the Red Ribbon is worn each October to bring awareness to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention.

This year, the Council on Alcoholism and Addiction of the Finger Lakes held a contest to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Students were asked to complete a 10-question quiz and submit it to the Council. Any students who received a score of 100% on the quiz were entered into a drawing. There were over 300 students who received the score of 100% and were eligible to win one of the four prizes. Two Midlakes students won prizes; Madison Bowman (10th grade) won the first-place prize, a Dell laptop, and Alexis Lolis (7th grade) won the 3rd place prize, a \$100 gift card. The students were presented with their prizes by the director of the Council, Tim VanDame, on Friday, December 1st. Congratulations to both winners!

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Amazon, Netflix, and Google were created before our current Senior Class was even born. Facebook and YouTube were created around the time our current Seniors entered kindergarten. Before our current seniors left their elementary years behind their world had Instagram, the iPad and 4G. Fast forward to today and every student at Midlakes has a digital device that places a world of opportunities in their hands. Our students are digital natives with great digital potential. To help students achieve their greatest potential, Midlakes is educating our students to be good citizens online and in our community. Midlakes is using the resources provided by Common Sense Education to educate students about their digital footprint, cyber bullying, cyber safety, and various other digital citizenship topics. We encourage families to join the conversation by using the resources found at [www.CommonSenseMedia.org](http://www.CommonSenseMedia.org).

TREES FOR TROOPS

Mrs. Maslyn’s second graders sent a little bit of Christmas cheer to our troops not able to be home with their families for the holidays. The class wrote letters to their families and other Midlakes classrooms asking for monetary donations to raise money for their Trees for Troops project. The students also had



Trees for Troops jars at home. The kids worked hard doing chores at home to raise additional funds for their cause. With the donations they received, they were able to box up thirty-four live trees to send to soldiers serving overseas. The students in Mrs. Maslyn’s class, along with the students in Mrs. Catchman’s kindergarten class, Miss Smith’s 2nd grade student council and residents at Ashton Place made ornaments for the trees. The kids also wrote notes to our military heroes. Ornaments

and notes were sent with the trees in hopes of spreading a little holiday cheer from home. This year, the Trees for Troops ran into a snag due to new regulations, apparently issued on Nov. 27, that tightened restrictions for certain military posts, notably scaling back the maximum size of packages that would be allowed. But tree



farmers who have coordinated these programs for the past decade were not aware. Neither were the postal workers, who accepted the trees and payment. Mrs. Maslyn was notified that some

of the trees did not make it their destinations. However, the class was happy to hear that many of their trees did.

The class received letters of thanks and pictures from some of the recipients of the trees. The letters expressed messages such as “Words do not even begin to express how touched and thankful I am”, “What a wonderful surprise it was to get a little piece of the U.S.A. to spread the Christmas cheer for our soldiers here. The notes from the students brought smiles to each and every one of us, and we sincerely appreciate everything!”, and “Thank



you for the tree, ornaments and notes! It means so much to all of us to know we are in the hearts of fellow Americans back home.”

6th GRADE ESSAY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following 6th grade students for winning the Veteran’s Day Essay Writing Contest for “What the Flag Means to Me”.

1st Place - Mari Spooner, 2nd Place - Alyssa Crance  
3rd Place - Breanna Plante

Their awards were presented to them at a Veteran’s Day celebration in Phelps at the War Memorial. Congratulations, girls!

MHS ROTARY INTERACT

The Midlakes High School Rotary Interact Club is sponsored by the Clifton Springs Rotary Club for students Grades 7-12. The Interact Club’s purpose is “Service above Self”, providing student led community projects with Rotarian & school support. Meetings are monthly in Mrs. Erin Everson’s room at Midlakes High School. Check it out!

If you would like more information about the Midlakes Interact Club, email advisors:  
Tina Bounds at [Tina.Bounds@communitybankna.com](mailto:Tina.Bounds@communitybankna.com)  
Theresa Dorgan at [Theresa.Dorgan@communitybankna.com](mailto:Theresa.Dorgan@communitybankna.com)  
Linda Lindner at [blindner@fltg.net](mailto:blindner@fltg.net)



Elementary School News & More

NEHS 3rd Annual "Elfing" Event

On Saturday, December 2nd, members of the Midlakes National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) demonstrated leadership in community service projects. Many members participated in the 3rd annual "Elfing" event, decked out in festive outfits and hats and spreading cheer by showing appreciation to our local merchants in the villages of Clifton Springs and Phelps for all that they do for our communities. It is exciting to see the photos of our group from the last three years still displayed at Fat Boys Pizza in Phelps and Explore the Bookstore in Clifton Springs. Other members helped Ms. DePorter and Mrs. Altman at the annual "Hometown Christmas" festivities in the Village of Phelps. We appreciated the opportunity to be involved in festive activities in our wonderful communities.



5th Graders "Choose Kind"

Mrs. Altman and Mrs. Craver's 5th grade ELA (English Language Arts) classes were inspired by the best-selling book "Wonder" by R. J. Palacio to choose kindness. From Thanksgiving until December 14th, over one hundred acts of kindness were performed by students throughout our school and community. Besides reading the book, students donated toys and clothes to local charities, created bookmarks with "choose kind" slogans to hide inside books in the library, baked and delivered treats to a local nursing home, wrote opinion pieces about why kindness is important, wrote letters to a past or present teacher explaining why they are wonderful, and other "choose kind" activities. These activities culminated in the entire 5th grade watching the movie together on Thursday, December 14th (thank you Mrs. Craver for making the arrangements). The students who performed the "choose kind" activities were entered into a drawing to win a copy of the book, and seven lucky students had their names drawn on the Intermediate School's live announcements.

New Transportation Supervisor

Melodie Yannotti has taken over as Midlakes Transportation Supervisor, effective October 31. Melodie joins Midlakes after two years as Head Bus Driver for Bloomfield CSD and seventeen years as a bus driver for Geneva CSD. Melodie succeeds Lisa Kornbau who retired from Midlakes effective October 30, after 27 years of service; six years as a bus driver and twenty-one years as Transportation Supervisor. We would like to thank Lisa for her outstanding leadership and service and wish her the best of luck for a well-deserved retirement. We would also like to welcome Melodie to the Midlakes team and wish her great success in her new position.

FALL FESTIVAL AT MPS

Fall was in the air at MPS on October 27! Students enjoyed a variety of fall-themed activities to celebrate the fall season, including hayrides by Mueller's Willow Bend Farm, storybook pumpkin decorating sponsored by the Midlakes PTO and a healthy trail mix snack donated by MPS families. Kindergarten students wrapped up their Stories unit with a Storybook Celebration. Students dressed as their favorite storybook characters... and Ms. Cruella de Vil and a few dalmatians joined in the fun! During the Fall Festival, apples and pumpkins were everywhere! Some classes made applesauce and others carved and decorated pumpkins. Many thanks to everyone who helped make all of the fun fall festivities possible!



Kindergarten Celebrates Holidays Around the World

On December 15, MPS Kindergarten students packed their bags, grabbed their passports and set out to learn about Holidays Around the World. Students spent the day traveling to classrooms to explore holiday traditions and celebrations in other cultures and countries. Students learned about Lucia Day in Sweden, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah and Christmas in Australia, Portugal, Mexico and Germany. They listened to stories, enjoyed treats, played games and discovered traditions and festivities that are shared and others that are unique in celebrations around the world.



MIDLAKES POOL - 315-548-6451



OPEN/LAP SWIM

\$1.00 students/\$3.00 adults/\$5.00 family  
Senior citizens \$2.00 fee for lap swim  
Lap swim passes \$50.00 for 20 times

BIRTHDAY PARTIES -

\$45.00 pool fee/hr; \$25.00 room fee/hr

WATER AEROBICS

Drop in prices \$5.00 Passes: for 20 classes  
Adult \$70.00 ~ Senior \$60.00

POOL SCHEDULE

Open swim Wed. Fri. 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Lap swim Mon. Wed. Fri. 6:00-7:30 a.m.  
Mon. - 7:00-8:00 p.m., Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Water aerobics Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Tues. and Thurs. 7:00-8:00 p.m.

New York State Income Tax

As you begin to gather figures to complete your New York State income tax return, remember to include the school district code number on page one. The code number for the Phelps-Clifton Springs School District is 493.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parent registration for kindergarten students who turn five years old by December 1, 2018 will be held during the month of April. Screenings will be scheduled during the first week of June. Children who turn six years old on or before December 1, 2018 must receive full-time instruction beginning the first day school is in session in September, 2018. Children who turn six years old after December 1, 2018, must receive full-time instruction the first day of school in September, 2019.

In order to ensure that the families of all incoming children receive information regarding registration and screening, please fill out the following form and return it to:

Midlakes Primary School  
1500 Route 488, Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Language: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will:  
☐ Attend Midlakes Primary School  
☐ Attend a private/parochial school  
☐ Have home schooling  
☐ Not start this year

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY FEBRUARY 28, 2018





## Middle/High School News

### 2017 Midlakes Fall Athletics in Review

The boys varsity volleyball team went 16-5, with a 10-0 record in the league, cruising to another league title. This team enjoyed playing together and was an entertaining group to watch. The team had 10 players receive all-league honors. The athletes selected for first-team honors were Devin Kelly, Caleb Delgado, Cory Braden, Maverick Coryell, and Josh Delgado. Second-team honors went to Harrison Day, Ben Jansen, Isaiah Delgado, Brandon MacDonell, and Matt Crouch. The boys team average was well above 90, making them a scholar athlete team.

The girls varsity volleyball team was a young group this year, with only 2 seniors on the team. They finished out the season 8-14. This team was full of grit and determination, and the players worked hard to get better during each practice. The team had an exciting victory over Franklin in the first round of sectionals to move on before dropping a heartbreaker to a familiar Finger Lakes League rival, Waterloo. Lydia Day received first team all-league honors. Paige Siganowich, an exceptional senior nominee, also received an honorable mention all-league selection. Holly Shoemaker was also recognized as an exceptional senior. This group of girls had the second highest team GPA among the teams at Midlakes, and will be recognized as a scholar athlete team.

This year's girls varsity swim team came into the season pumped up and ready to go. The girls made every meet an edge-of-your-seat thrill ride, finishing with a record of 5 and 4. Their hard work and dedication paid off, as ten swimmers qualified for sectionals. Abby Schoenfelder, Hazel Kettelkamp, Bailey Mahoney, Erynne Garver, Cecelia Harris-Maxwell, Emma Curran, Sarah Socha, Emily Meissner, Kennady Perri, and Maggie Mahoney qualified for the sectionals held in Victor, and they put it all on the line. Abby Schoenfelder set a new school record in the 200-meter freestyle. She also received 1st team all-league honors in the 100 meter freestyle and the Ross Nelson Outstanding Swimmer award for the Finger Lakes. The swim team had the highest overall GPA among Midlakes fall sports teams and will be recognized as a scholar athlete team. Outside the pool, the girls gave back to the community in many ways. They acted as mentors and helped young swimmers improve. They took the time to give back to the community by painting the interior of the YMCA to give it a fresh new look. The girls' modified team showed some true grit in rolling with some scheduling difficulties.

This year's varsity football team started out with high participation levels. The players worked hard in the off season, taking advantage of open weight room hours in the morning and the afternoon. The linemen worked hard, going to a lineman camp that Utica put on early in the summer. The team also participated in a few offseason day camps at Red Jacket. The varsity football team held an event in which youth football



could take home with them at the end of the day. The varsity team was also very visible at the modified team's games, cheering the younger players on. The team had seven scholar-athletes (players with average grade percentages above 90). Trevor Milliman received first-team all-league honors as a tight end and second-team all-league honors as a defender. Alex Hayes and Jeb Bassett (as linemen),



Linwood Carswell (as a running back), Collin LeGault and Matt Mattoon (as defensive backs) also received second-team all-league honors. Jacob Maslyn, Bryce Burri, Jordan Maher, Connor Young, and Jacob Borrelli received all-league honorable mention. This group of kids includes a nice young core of players who will be back and ready to go next year.

players had the opportunity to practice with the varsity players and see what it was like to go through practice with older partners. The younger players were also presented with jerseys that they

On the girls varsity soccer team, 9 players were scholar-athletes this year. This team was very active, playing in multiple tournaments and travel games over the summer to get ready for the season. The team also participated in a pre-season clinic that helped prepare players from multiple levels improve as soccer players. This season, they finished 3rd in the Finger Lakes East and ranked 9th in Class B with an overall record of 8-8. Macy Kisner and Hannah Galloway received second-team all-league honors. Jordan Naeye, Cara Walker, and Claire DeBoover, were selected for third-team all-league honors. Trinity Maestre received honorable-mention in the Finger Lakes East.

The boys varsity soccer team was able to grab three wins and one hard fought tie this season. The team had a great mix of players who were willing to do whatever it took to help the team improve. The team had eight scholar-athletes who will be recognized by the state for having an average grade percentage above 90. Marshall Wasman and Dan VanNostrand were selected as first-team all-league players in the Finger Lakes. Josh Tubbs was selected for second-team all-league honors, and Jaden Presher received honorable mention. Marshall Wasman, Dan VanNostrand, and Lucas Smith were also selected to play in the Exceptional Senior soccer game held at Mynderse. The boys modified soccer team picked up steam at the end of the season, capitalizing on some major improvements to pick up a few key wins. This year, both the boys and girls cross-country teams were recognized as scholar-athlete teams. Combined these teams had 14 athletes whose average grade percentages were above 90, including one athlete with a 99.14 average. The boys team had 10 wins on the season and after



finishing 13th at the league championships on their home course, they improved and finished 11th a week later at sectionals. The girls' team finished the season with 9 wins. On its home course for the league championships, they came in 12th, but improved to 9th place a week later at sectionals. The boys modified team placed 8th at leagues with an average time of 13 minutes and 54 seconds. The girls modified team placed 3rd at leagues with an average time of 14 minutes, 43 seconds. The girls tennis team held its own this year, with a 5-6 overall record. The girls played competitively throughout the season and lost some close matches. Makenzie Kommer was seeded 4th going into sectionals and managed a third-place finish, thus earning the right to enter the State Qualifying Tournament. After playing a four-hour match in the first round of that tournament, she defeated her opponent in three sets. Nine of the girls on the tennis team had overall grade percentages above a 90, making them scholar-athletes. The team's many seniors will be missed next year.

Four varsity cheerleaders were recognized as scholar-athletes this fall. The girls took second at the Pal-Mac Cheerleading Competition. The team also improved its scores with each competition, leading to a great deal of progress over the season. They took 6th place at sectionals. Savannah Darling competed for a spot in the Eddie Meath All-Star game at Gates-Chili High School, eventually earning a spot due to her determination and hard work.

The boys varsity golf team had seven wins this year and one tie. Four of the team's players will be honored as scholar-athletes. Nick Smith and Lucas Garver qualified to compete in the Finger Lakes League Championships. Nick Smith also finished in the top 10 to qualify to compete in sectionals this spring. The golf team had some exciting matches that came down to a few putts.

### FEBRUARY BREAK VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Midlakes Boys and Girls Varsity volleyball teams and coaching staff are running a three day volleyball camp for boys and girls in the 1st - 10th grades on February 19, 20, and 21 at Midlakes High School.

No experience is necessary and new players are welcome and encouraged. The camp is open to players at the JV and Modified levels as well as younger players in the 1st - 6th grades. Other districts are welcome to participate. Arrival time for camp is between 8:30 - 9:00am. The camp will run from 9:00 - 11:00am each day. The camp focus: individual skill development, game rules and concepts, court positions, live play, and most of all FUN! You can find a camp brochure and register online at [www.midlakes.org](http://www.midlakes.org), click on "Athletics", then click on "Volleyball". The brochure can be found at the bottom of the page and a link to register online can be found on this page as well. We will be taking registrations every day of camp. Feel free to come join us for a single day, two days, or all three days. Please try to contact us ahead of time so we can plan for the number of campers that will be participating each day. The money and registration can be turned in upon your arrival at the camp. If you have questions contact Coach Salisbury at [ksalisbury@midlakes.org](mailto:ksalisbury@midlakes.org).





## Middle/High School News

### MIDLAKES THEATRE NEWS

#### MIDLAKES SPRING MUSICAL IS NON-STOP HILARITY!

What do you get when two musical theatre masters, Frank Loesser (Guys and Dolls) and George Abbott (known as Mr. Broadway), adapt one of the most successful farces of all time? The answer is *"Where's Charley?"*, a tuneful comedy classic that earned lead actor Ray Bolger (of Wizard of Oz fame) a Tony Award and launched Loesser's career! George Abbot's book preserves all of the laughs from the record-breaking play, *Charlie's Aunt*, upon which the show is based. This tuneful and hysterically funny musical comedy that's non-stop entertainment will be presented by the Theatre Experience Of Midlakes High School as the annual spring musical on March 9-10 and 16-17 at 7:30 pm, as well as March 11 at 2:00 pm.

In the story, Oxford University students Charley and Jack invite their love interests, Amy and Kitty, to a luncheon that is to be chaperoned by Charley's wealthy aunt who is travelling from Brazil to meet her nephew for the first time. But when the aunt doesn't show, a desperate Charley disguises himself as his aunt so that the boys may spend time with the girls of their dreams. Then the girls' guardian makes a surprise appearance and immediately falls for Charley's aunt like charms! When the real aunt shows up, with no one knowing who she really is, it's all downhill from there: quick changes, fast-talking excuses, unexpected marriage proposals, compromising situations and rowdy hilarity ensues. The musical's score includes such standards as "Once In Love With Amy," "The New Ashmolean Marching Society and Students' Conservatory Band," and "My, Darling, My Darling." The thirty member cast is led by junior Spencer Bonawitz as Charley Wykeham and senior Samuel Liberati as Jack Chesney. Juniors Sarah Byron and Katlyn Upchurch are Amy Spettigue and Kitty Verdun. Trevor Barcomb, a senior, and Hannah de Almeida Lage, a freshman, appear as Sir Francis Chesney and the real aunt, Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez. Sophomores Coby Reals is Mr. Spettigue and Andrew Crowther is Brasset, the butler. The ensemble consists of Josiane Amidon, Natalie Amidon, Skyler Bennett, Sule Nur Berberler, Aidan Conover, Skyler Davis, Erick Dillon, Holden Dorr, Jeanne Durham, Emily Frasca, Dominick Frere, Francesca Grimm, Robert Halladay, Jasmine Hey, Lucas Jensen, Mary John, Bill Lally, Payson Nield, Kayla Parmele, Hannah Peisher, Jade Remacle-Grimm, Cassie VanDamme and Merrick Van Meter. The show is being directed by high school English teacher, Mr. Keith E. Childs; Ms. Jennifer Cornwell returns as music director for her tenth Midlakes production. Childs and Ms. Erin Altman, a fifth grade teacher from the Intermediate School, choreograph the show. Mr. Charlie King is technical director, assisted by Mr. Jason Dunham. Ms. Nancy Denisi, Ms. Susie Bonawitz, Ms. Carol Byron and Mrs. Kathy Keller are designing the many period costumes. Mr. Ross Gifford serves as lighting designer while Mrs. Mary Quinn designs the publicity graphics for the show.

Presale tickets for *"Where's Charley?"* will be available in mid-February at the Midlakes High School Office, Phelps Hometown Pharmacy, Peirce's Gift Shop in Clifton Springs, and Renaissance – The Goodie II Shoppe in Canandaigua at the cost of \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets purchased at the door cost an additional \$2.00. Laughter and melodies abound in this long running Broadway show. The Theatre Experience promises that *"Where's Charley?"* will have audience members laughing until it hurts, so don't miss the show!

#### MMS STUDENT COUNCIL SEMI-FORMAL

Middle School Student Council has been very busy over the past few months. First, thank you for your support with our recent Coupon Book Fundraiser. It was a big success and helped to raise over \$1,200 for Student Council. This money will go a long way in planning student activities and providing support to the Midlakes Community. One of the events that this fundraiser made possible was the Winter Wonderland Semi-Formal on December 15th. Student Council members baked cookies and decorated the Middle School Cafeteria to give an awesome experience to the students and a time for them to relax during the winter season.



#### Area All State Band Participant Selected

Devon VanNostrand auditioned on trombone and was accepted in this year's Area All State Band. The concert was held in Batavia on Nov. 18th. Students needed a very high score on their solo, scales and sightreading to be accepted. Congratulations to Devon.

### NEWS FROM MIDLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PSO

#### SENIORS

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & FINANCIAL AID:** By this point in the year your college applications and your financial aid forms should be completed. If you are still planning on applying to colleges, visit school-specific websites for details about the admission process. If you have not yet completed your financial aid, please go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to apply for federal student aid. There is a link that will take you to the TAP application for NYS aid, as well. If you missed that link, you may go to [www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov) for NYS TAP information. Some colleges may also require the CSS Profile. If they do, more information can be found at [css.collegeboard.org](http://css.collegeboard.org). Please note that unlike other financial aid forms, there is a fee to file the CSS Profile.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Be sure to apply for any scholarship opportunity that you may qualify for! Listen to announcements, check the postings in PSO, and/or visit our website ([www.midlakes.org/webpages/hspso](http://www.midlakes.org/webpages/hspso)) to review local scholarships. Other sources to look for scholarships include websites, like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), employers or parent's employers, churches and any groups you or your parents belong to. Final deposits for colleges are typically due by May 1st. Get your financial aid applications done early so you can compare the cost of each college and consider making a final visit before making your final decision. Keep your grades up! Colleges request a final transcript!

#### JUNIORS

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:** If you are considering a 4-year college or university after graduation, you should plan to take the SAT and/or ACT this spring! For the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to register. For the ACT, go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register. More information about review classes will be announced in the next few weeks. In the meantime, check out the plethora of study materials online, directly through the CollegeBoard and ACT websites. These tests are important and it is critical that students pay attention to registration deadlines, as well as prepare for the tests as best they can. For more information regarding admissions requirements, please check with individual institutions for more thorough details.

**COLLEGE FAIRS:** Attend the Rochester National College Fair at the Riverside Convention Center Sunday, March 18th from 1:00 – 3:30 PM with your family, or sign up in the PSO to go on Monday, March 19th with the school. In addition to the college fair, we are planning to visit the St. John Fisher College campus for a tour later that afternoon. This portion of the trip is tentative as details are still in the works. Space is limited, so students should sign-up ASAP.

**SEARCH FOR A COLLEGE NIGHT @ MHS:** While you should be well into your college search exploring colleges, majors and comparing programs, we will have our "Search for a College" night for juniors and parents to offer additional information and resources to help navigate the process. This informational session will take place on March 22nd at 6:30 in the high school chorus room. You should also be visiting campuses and attending open houses. Both are a great way to get to campuses this spring. For more information on how and when to visit college campuses, please check college websites and/or contact admissions.

**NEW VISION APPLICATIONS:** For students interested in pursuing a career in health care or health sciences, New Vision programs offer students the opportunity to engage in a unique educational experience, gain exposure to a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and experience a variety of internship opportunities. Applications will be available on Monday, January 8, 2018 and can be picked up in the PSO. The deadline for receipt of the application is Thursday, March 15, 2018. To be considered, students must submit the application, an essay, transcript, and a recommendation from one teacher and their school counselor. PLEASE NOTE: the application process for these programs is extremely competitive. For more information, please contact your school counselor.

#### SOPHOMORES

**FLTCC VISITATION:** Students interested in vocational programs at Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center will have an opportunity to visit the technical center on Friday, February 9, 2018. Students will be able to visit TWO programs of their choice that they will pre-select prior to the trip. Stop into the PSO to sign up and get course selection/permission slips to be signed by parents/guardians.

#### STUDENTS GRADES 8-11

**COURSE SCHEDULING:** Scheduling for the 2018-2019 school year will begin shortly. You may check out the Midlakes High School Course Catalog (available online at [http://www.midlakes.org/webpages/hspso/course\\_scheduling.cfm](http://www.midlakes.org/webpages/hspso/course_scheduling.cfm)) to get a better idea of required courses, curriculum, and electives that will be offered.

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February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Feb 2 & 3 Elem All-Cty Chorus & Band Festival	3 Festival/ Percussion Ensemble Show
4	5 Half Day Supt. Conf. Day	6	7	8 MHS Band Trip to Florida	9 MHS Band Trip to Florida	10 MHS Band Trip to Florida
11 MHS Band Trip to Florida	12 BOE Mtg 6:30pm MPS	13	14	15	16	17 Percussion Ensemble Show
18	19 Winter Recess	20 Winter Recess	21 Winter Recess	22 Winter Recess	23 Winter Recess	24 Percussion Ensemble Show
25	26	27	28			

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Percussion Ensemble Show
4	5	6	7	8	9 Midlakes Theatre Exper. Show, MHS Auditorium	10 Midlakes Theatre Exper. Percussion Ensem. Show
11 Midlakes Theatre Exper. Show, MHS Auditorium	12 BOE Mtg 6:30pm MPS	13	14	15	16 Supt. Conf. Day/ Mid. Theatre Exper. Show	17 Midlakes Theatre Exper. Percussion Ensem. Show
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Percussion Ensem. Show
25	26	27 MMS/MHS Bands, MHS Chorus 7pm MHS Aud.	28	29	30 Spring Recess	31 Percussion Ensemble Show

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Spring Recess	3 Spring Recess	4 Spring Recess	5 Spring Recess	6 Spring Recess	7
8	9	10	11 NYS ELA Exams (Grades 3-8)	12 NYS ELA Exams (Grades 3-8)	13 NYS ELA Exams (Grades 3-8)	14
15	16 BOE Mtg. 6:30pm MPS	17 MMS/MHS In-House Solo Festival	18 MMS/MHS In-House Solo Festival	19	20 Half Day ParentTeacher Conferences	21 MIS In-House Solo festival
22	23	24	25 Half Day ParentTeacher Conferences	26	27	28
29	30 Half Day ParentTeacher Conferences	31				