Midland School



Parent Handbook

Welcome

Dear Midland Community,

Welcome to Midland School! Our dedicated staff includes teachers, administrators, support personnel, and parents. We are all committed to nurturing the academic growth and character development of our students.

The elementary school years play a crucial role in shaping a lifelong learning experience for our students. At Midland School, we prioritize constructive and authentic instruction that aligns with the NYS Learning Standards.

We are fortunate to receive tremendous support from our Parent Teacher Organization. Additionally, the surrounding community provides valuable resources that contribute to our students' academic, cultural, and social/emotional development.

We look forward to seeing you at Midland School, where you can join us in celebrating the joy and wonder of learning and discovery experienced by our students every day.

Regards,

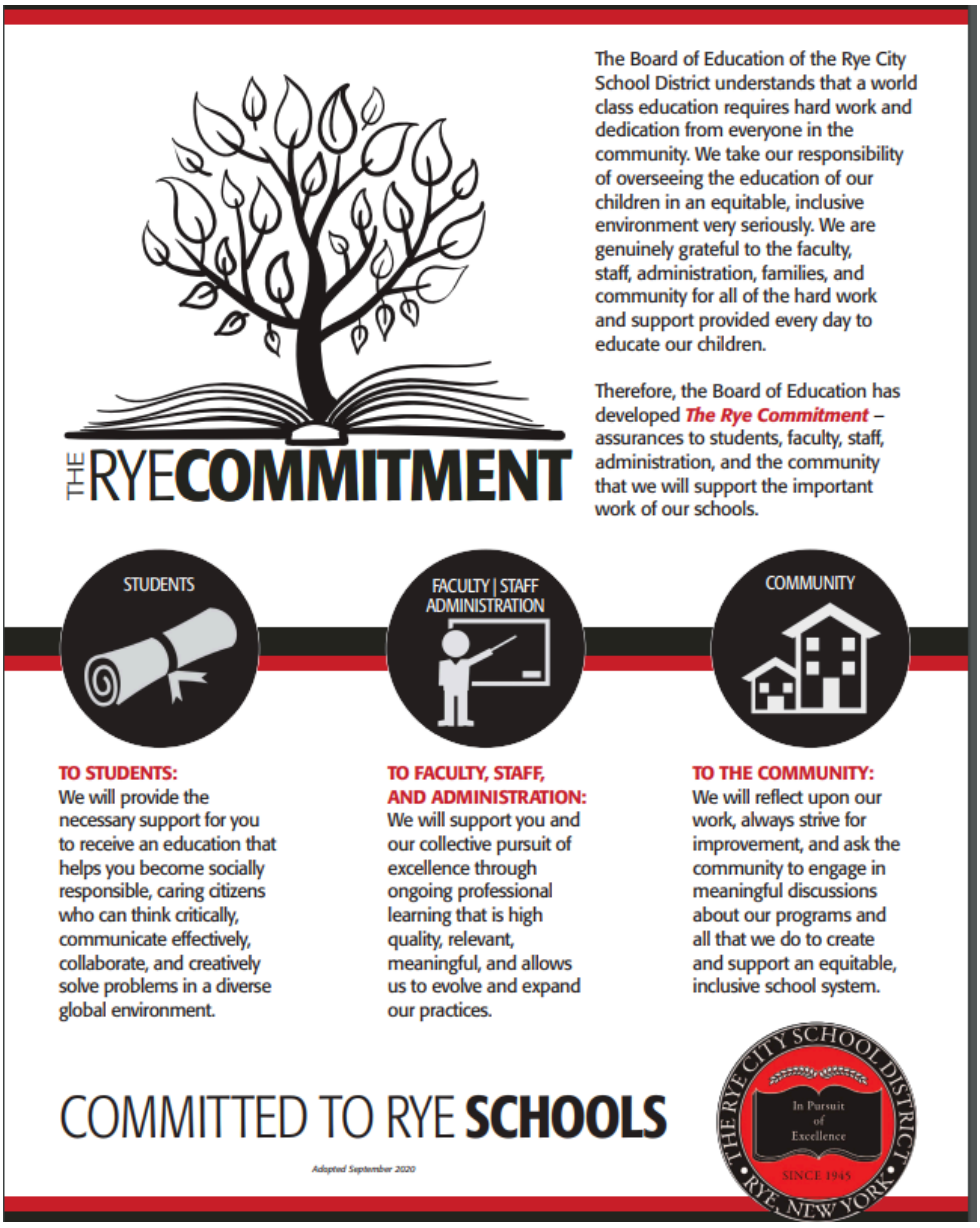
Jim Boylan, Principal

Bianca McHale, Assistant Principal

About Midland School

Midland School is an exceptional elementary school with a strong focus on leadership, student engagement, rigorous curriculum, high-quality teaching, parent involvement, and community support. Our child-centered philosophy and diverse teaching methods cater to each student's unique needs. Our caring and involved students participate in various activities, excelling both academically and personally. We prioritize family involvement, use electronic communication, and collaborate with parents to enhance learning through special programs. Together, we create an ideal academic and social environment for our students' success.

Rye City School District Commitment



Curriculum Overview

The Rye City School District uses Atlas, a curriculum mapping tool, to organize our units of study. These maps highlight what we want students to know and be able to do in each subject each school year. Our maps list the main topics, essential questions, content, skills, and resources for each subject at each grade level. Some curriculum maps are presently being revised to reflect changes in the program. All maps are subject to change based on programmatic needs. We hope that you will find the maps valuable as tools for understanding what our students are learning. Click here to access the elementary curriculum maps.

Arrival / Dismissal

Children can be dropped off beginning at 8:15 each day. The Midland driveway will be open to cars for morning arrival from 8:15 to 9:00 and again at 2:45 for dismissal. Vehicles are not allowed to park in the Midland driveway or block designated fire lanes.

Cars dropping off inside the Midland circle must travel north on Midland Avenue and make the right-hand turn into the circle. Please do not make a left-hand turn into the circle, as this creates a significant safety hazard and obstructs cars from traveling north on Midland Avenue.

Cars exiting the Midland circle must turn right and travel north on Midland Avenue. Please do not make a left-hand turn onto Midland Avenue, as this creates a

Please follow the instructions from the crossing guards on Midland Avenue and the traffic monitors in the Midland School circle.

Midland School utilizes the following arrival/dismissal schedule:

- 8:15 AM - Adult supervision available on the north and south playgrounds
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students utilize the south playground for arrival
- 2nd through 5th grade students utilize the north playground for arrival
- 8:40 AM - Arrival bell rings and students enter through the playground doors
- Students arriving after 8:40 AM will need to enter through the main lobby doors
- 3:00 PM - Dismissal bell rings, Kindergarten and 1st graders will be escorted to the south playground for dismissal, 2nd - 5th graders will be escorted to the north playground for dismissal.

Attendance

Daily Attendance in all classes is essential to academic success and represents each student's most basic responsibility as a member of the Rye City School District. The District will identify patterns of absence, tardiness, and early departures from school

and intervene, when necessary, to encourage student attendance and discourage unexcused absences.

At the Elementary school, after a student has 10 absences from class, the principal, or his or her designee, will request in writing a meeting (in person, phone/video conference) with the student's parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians shall notify the school, when possible, that the student will be tardy. The student shall sign in at the security desk upon arrival. The teacher shall admit the student and record lateness in his or her records. A student who is chronically tardy shall be referred to the counselor, principal, or assistant principal, as appropriate to the school. If your child arrives at school after 11:50 AM, he/she will be marked absent for the day. If your child leaves school before 11:50 AM and does not return, he/she will be marked absent for that day.

To report your child absent, please use one of the following methods:

- **Midland Absence Email**
- **Midland Absence Form**

Student Illness and Return To School Guidelines

Returning to School After a Fever:

Students should remain at home if they have a temperature of 100.0°F or higher.

- Temperatures should be taken before administering any fever-reducing medication.
- If using an oral thermometer, please wait at least 10 minutes after the student eats or drinks.
- Students may return to school when they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Some students may still need additional time at home even once the fever resolves.

Returning to School After Vomiting or Diarrhea:

- Students may return to school when 24 hours have passed without vomiting or diarrhea and once they can tolerate liquids and solid foods.

Returning to School After Strep Throat:

- Students diagnosed with strep throat may return to school when they have:
- Completed at least 24 hours of antibiotic treatment, and
- Been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Additional Health Situations:

Depending on the nature of the illness, families may be asked to keep their child home for a longer period than the times listed above. In certain circumstances, the school may require medical clearance from a licensed healthcare provider before the student returns to school.

The Health Office is open daily from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. If the school nurse can help you in any way, please call 967-6100 ext. 4050.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

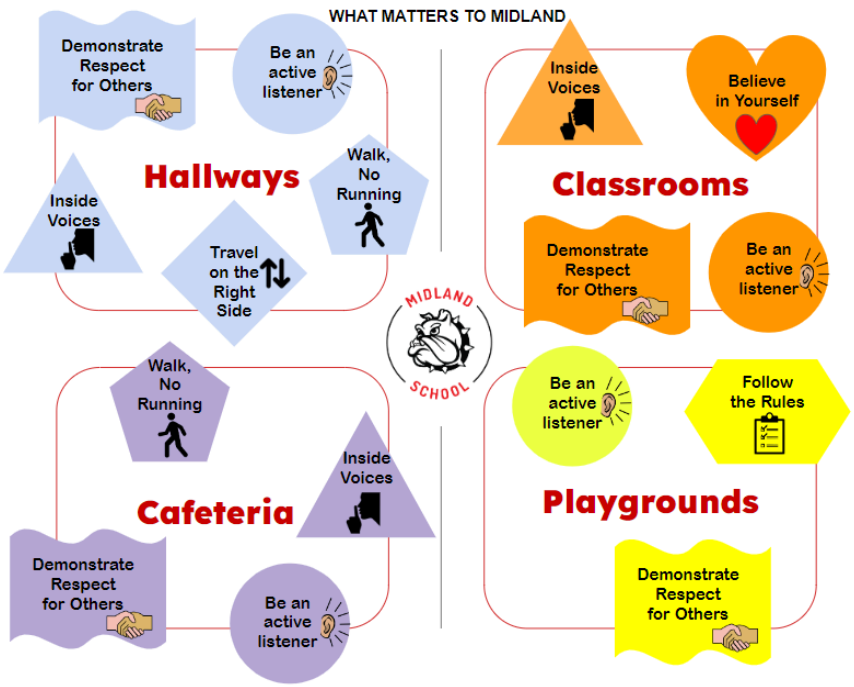
The Rye City School District schedules parent teachers conferences for the Fall and Spring of each school year. The Fall conferences are held in November, and the Spring conferences are held in April. Parent teacher conferences are an opportunity to discuss how your child has grown behaviorally, socially, and academically.

Report Card Window

The Rye City School District reports students' academic progress twice a year, once in January and again in June to the RCSD parent portal. Directions on how to access the parent portal can be found here.

Behavioral Expectations

Midland School prides itself on being a learning community that cares deeply for the safety and security of its students. Please click here to access the Midland School Student Behavior Guidelines. Feel free to share this information with your child so they are familiar with our philosophy and approach to progressive discipline. Click here to access the RCSD BOE Student Code of Conduct Policy #5300.



Student Cell Phone / Smartwatch Policy

Cell phones and smartwatches are NOT permitted during the school day. If these devices are brought to school, they must be turned off and stored in their backpack in their locker. Any device that is brought to school and used during the school day will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.

RCSD Food Services

The Food Service team is committed to excellence. The goal of our program is to provide high-quality, nutritious, healthy, and well-balanced meals to all students. Click here to access lunch accounts and monthly menus.

Midland School PTO

Midland School is fortunate to have the strong support of the parent community. Parents volunteer their time, expertise, and numerous resources to enrich the learning experiences at Midland School each day. Through grants, funding for assemblies, field trips, and larger project based initiatives, the Midland School PTO is a true partner with every member of the Midland School staff.

Before and After School Clubs

In partnership with the Midland PTO, Rye After School Clubs, Kids' S.P.A.C.E, and the Rye YMCA there are multiple resources for your child to access before and after school clubs. Use the following resources to determine which organization may provide the best opportunities for your family:

- Midland PTO: https://midlandpto.membershiptoolkit.com/home
- Kids' S.P.A.C.E: http://www.kidsspaceofrye.org/
- Rye YMCA: https://ryeymca.org/

Contact Information for Midland School

- Main Office: (914) 967-6000
- Jim Boylan, Principal: (914) 967-6000 ext. 4000 boylan.james@ryeschools.org
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