



# Midland Messenger

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October 2 - 5, 2017

## Student Led Conferences October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Please make sure to schedule with your child's teacher.

Sack lunches will be served.

11:50 Dismissal each day.

You will be receiving important information about Attendance, and we will need you to fill out the yearly Federal Impact Aid Survey.

### MIDLAND MANNERS

**Word: Caring** - when you are caring, you think about how you can help others. You seek first to understand and then to be understood.

**Thought:** Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Desmond Tutu - activist

**Discussion:** You see a classmate being left out. Some of your friends make fun of this person. What will you do?



Scholastic Book Fair will be held in our library the week of Conferences, before school each day, and after school Monday through Wednesday. Please stop by and purchase a book for your child and help our library.

Open:

Monday, 10/3 8:25-8:45, 12:00-4:00

Tuesday, 10/4 8:25-8:45, 12:00-7:00

Wednesday, 10/5 8:25-8:45, 12:00-4:00

Thursday, 10/6 8:25-8:45

Oct 2 ~ Oct 5 **11:50 dismissal**

Oct 11 ~ 1:50 dismissal

Oct 18 ~ 1:50 dismissal

### October 2017

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 11:50 dismissal Conferences Book Fair	3 11:50 dismissal Conferences Book Fair	4 11:50 dismissal Conferences Book Fair	5 11:50 dismissal Conferences Book Fair	6 <b>No School</b>	7
8	9	10	11 1:50 PM dismissal	12 7:00 PTA General Membership meeting	13 8:00 am PTA Pastries with Parents	14
15	16	17	18 1:50 PM dismissal	19 <b>Great America Shakeout</b>	20	21

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## From the Principal:

### Dear Mustang Families,

The Franklin Pierce School District is launching a survey to assess climate and culture. Starting Monday, October 2, all parents, students in grades 5 through 12, and all district employees will have an opportunity to participate in a new survey that will help school officials assess climate and culture within schools and the district. Parents will have an opportunity to take the survey during conference week (October 2-5) in conjunction with conferences. Students in grades 5 through 12 and all district employees will have an opportunity to take the survey at school between October 2 and October 13. The survey will take the place of the Student Led Conference (SLC) surveys that parents have historically taken during conference week.

“The survey data will help us identify the aspects of climate and culture that are strong, as well as those that require more focused attention and improvement,” said Dr. Frank Hewins, Superintendent of Franklin Pierce Schools. The district is working with Hanover Research, a research firm that has worked with schools across the country, on this survey.

- The survey link will be made available on all school websites on October 2nd.
- Time anticipated to complete the survey is 10-12 minutes per person.
- The survey is available in English, Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese.

Midland will have computers set up and ready for you to do the survey during conference week. We will give away a \$25 Target Gift Card each day of conferences, and each person who takes the survey will have their name in the drawing. I look forward to seeing you in the building next week!

Paula Dawson, Principal

### *PTA Corner*

Please join the PTA. Membership forms are available by the “tree” in the foyer outside the office.

**Fundraiser:** Please support our Fall fundraiser. This is how PTA raises the funds to support Midland students and teachers.

**Pastries with Parents:** Oct 13, 8:00 AM Friday Popcorn and treat sales will begin October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Reflections Art Submissions** are due November 8. Information is in Peachjar.

For **PTA Information** or to contact the PTA Board, please visit [PT-Avenue.com](http://PT-Avenue.com). Use code word Mustang.



Next week, **October 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, is Kitchen Staff Appreciation week.** We are so fortunate to have Mrs. Pat Harris, Mrs. Shelly Reed and Miss Brooke Reed who not only feed up to 500 students breakfast and lunch every day, but prepare our fruit and vegetable snacks. We appreciate all the work they do for us, and encourage you to do the same.

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