



Midland Messenger

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October 9 - 13, 2017

This week is Kitchen Staff Appreciation week.

Thank you to Mrs. Pat Harris, Mrs. Shelly Reed and Miss Brooke Reed for all they do for us at Midland! Not only do they feed over 500 students breakfast and lunch every day, but they prepare and distribute our fruit and vegetable snacks. We appreciate all the work they do for us to quickly and efficiently serve so many Midland Mustangs.

Thank you!

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Word: Contributing Citizen – When you are a contributing citizen, you follow rules and look for ways to help your community.

Thought: Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth. Roberto Clemente – baseball player

Question: How can your class make a difference in our community?

Oct 11 ~ 1:50 dismissal

Oct 18 ~ 1:50 dismissal

Oct 25 ~ 1:50 dismissal

Are you willing to share your talents and time?

Are you able to give a few hours – once a week, once a month, or once during the year – to help kids be successful at school? We would welcome your help – on the playground, in the classroom (reading or helping with math), making copies, or going on a field trip. There are many ways that your presence will benefit our students and staff. We know that each person has special abilities and gifts, and we would love to help you find a way to share those at Midland. Our district's volunteer application form is available on-line at fpschools.org

October 2017

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
8	9	10	11 1:50 PM dismissal	12 7:00 PTA General Membership meeting	13 8:00 am PTA Pastries with Parents Popcorn sales begin	14
15	16	17	18 1:50 PM dismissal	19 Great America Shakeout	20	21
22	23	24	25 MOJO Assembly 1:50 PM dismissal	26	27	28

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From the Principal:

Dear Mustang Families,

October is Bullying Prevention Month and Midland is working hard to be sure that all kids feel safe at school each day. This month our counselor, Mrs. Hagos, will be going into each classroom to discuss the definition of bullying, bystanders, and to educate our students on how to report bullying. Some characteristics of bullying are that it is targeted, repeated over time and possible in different locations, intentional, utilizing a position of power, and is not stopped on request. Sometimes bullying is confused with single incidents of students being mean or rude, or when students are involved with others in arguments or other conflicts. Students are our best reporters, and we encourage them to get help from adults who are close to the situation. If we do not know about a bullying situation, we can't help. Students and parents can report bullying to Mrs. Hagos, Mrs. Bulman, our Assistant Principal, or to any staff person. We have reporting forms and our district policy sets forth specific steps in handling any reports of bullying, harassment, and intimidation. I encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of getting help if they see bullying or feel that they are being bullied. We take this very seriously. As always, you are welcome to contact me if you or your child needs assistance with anything. I can be reached at 253-298-4501 or by email at paula.dawson@fpschools.org.

Sincerely,

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 13th.

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. Use code word Mustang.



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