



Midland Messenger

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October 16-20, 2017



This is Transportation Appreciation week!

Our bus drivers safely and faithfully transport hundreds of students to and from school each day. Imagine supervising over 50 students while driving a school bus! Please take a moment to let your child's bus driver know how much you appreciate them for transporting our kids safely!

Rt 11 Spencer Moore	Rt 18 Donna Benson	Rt 20 Cathy Foster
Rt 26 Ed Yurchick	Rt 28 Chris Dillard	Rt 30 Deedra Friedie
Rt 32 Brian Kuni	Rt 76 James Dillard	Rt 77 Cheryl Pense
Rt 79 Lisha Huckins	Rt 91 Frankie Burton	

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Word: Hopeful – When you are hopeful, you set goals for your future, and work hard to reach those goals every day. You see yourself succeeding.

Thought: Great hopes make great men. ~ Thomas Fuller

Discussion: What are your goals and dreams in each of the Four Destinations? (Home/Family, Education/Career, Hobbies/Recreation, Community Service) Make a plan.

We also would like to thank the wonderful staff in FP's Transportation Department who make sure students get to and from school in a safe and timely manner, and deal with any emergency with grace! **Thank you!**

Oct 18 ~ 1:50 dismissal

Oct 25 ~ 1:50 dismissal

Nov 1 ~ 1:50 dismissal

October / November 2017						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
15	16	17	18 1:50 PM dismissal	19 Great America Shakeout	20	21
Transportation Appreciation Week →			25 MOJO Assembly 1:50 PM dismissal	26	27	28
22	23 Federal Impact Aid Forms due	24	1 1:50 PM dismissal	2	3	4
29	30	31 PTA Trunk or Treat 6 - 8 PM				

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From the Principal:

Dear Midland Mustang Families,

We are fully into the swing of the school year. This is a good time to let you know about our homework policy at Midland. We recognize that homework can be a challenge for students, especially if they did not understand the concept in class. Research shows that the most beneficial homework that students can do is to practice what they have learned. At Midland, our homework policy is practice only. **Your child's homework is to read 20 minutes each night and to practice math facts.** If your child is not yet reading independently, they could have someone read to them! Remember to ask questions such as, "Who is this story about?", "Where does the story take place?", or "what is the problem in the story?". When practicing math facts, you could play a game to see who is faster with basic facts- your child or you entering it into a calculator? Your child should know their addition and subtraction facts (1-20) in the primary grades, and beginning in third grade, your child should be practicing multiplication and division facts each night. Sometimes your child's teacher may send home additional practice on a skill that your child should be able to do independently. We want our students to have mastery over these basic skills, so that they can spend their learning time on the more rigorous skills that are taught in class. Thanks for supporting your student at home!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dawson

PTA Corner

Friday Popcorn & treat sales have begun.
Trunk or Treat: October 31 6-8PM
Reflections: Art Submissions are due November 8. Information is in Peachjar and Midland's office.
Join the PTA: Membership forms are available by the "tree" in the foyer
For PTA Information or to contact the PTA Board, please visit PT-Avenue.com. Use code word Mustang.

IMPORTANT!

" If you were unable to fill out the **Federal Impact Aid Survey** during conference week, they are due back on **Monday October 23rd**. Individual forms will be " needed for each child unless students have " **the same last name and attend the same** " **school.** Please complete all sections, signing " and dating the form in ink. Thank you for " taking the time to fill out this form and " return it to your child's teacher. "

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is a National PTA and Washington State PTA art competition available to all students. There are four categories: Visual Arts (2D and 3D), Photography, Music Composition, and Literature. Category rules and entry forms are available through your student's teacher or by contacting the program chair (midlandreflectionspta@gmail.com) or leave a message at (253) 298-4500. Projects and entry forms are due November

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