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November 28 – December 2, 2016

MIDLAND FOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU!

We want to thank all our Midland Mustangs for the great job they did in bringing non-perishable food items for our food drive. We had a total of 1,569 items donated! The winning classes were Mr. DeBruler's kindergarten class with 412 items, and Mrs. DeRosa's 5th grade class with 356 items. The food items collected will be distributed by Central Pierce Fire and Rescue to families in need. Students from the winning classes had their picture taken in front of one of the Central Pierce fire engines with the firefighters.

Midland Manners

Word: Benevolent ~ When you are benevolent, you are loving, caring and giving.

Thought: Sprinkle joy! ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Question: Would you rather get a gift or give a gift? Why?



Nov 30th ~ 11:50 dismissal

Dec 7th ~ 1:50 dismissal

Dec 14th ~ 1:50 dismissal

PTA Corner:

Dec 9th - Holiday Night

Dec 15th - Box Top collection

Most Fridays

- popcorn & snacks for \$.25

This week's specialist rotation:

M T W T H F

November/December 2016

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
27	28 <i>Picture Retake Day</i>	29	30 End of 1 st trimester 11:50 dismissal	1	2	3 Festival of Trees ~ Marimba
4 Custodian's Week!	5	6	7 MOJO Assembly 1:50 dismissal	8	9 Report cards home PTA Holiday Night 6-7:30 pm	10
11	12	13 5 th GRADE J&BIZTOWN	14 1:50 dismissal 5 th grade Concert 6:00 pm	15 Box Top collection	16	17

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From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first trimester! This coming Wednesday, November 30th, we will dismiss students at 11:50 so that teachers can work on student report cards. Report cards will go home on Friday, Dec. 9th with students.

During the school year we monitor students' progress with classwork, quizzes, end of unit tests, and a variety of other tools such as progress monitoring. Our teachers are working hard to give your child every opportunity to grow academically. As a school we have built in an intervention time to make sure students receive individualized lessons at their instructional level, as well as their grade level standards. For some students, this means intensive lessons in basic skills, while others receive enrichment and extended opportunities.

Please remember that our homework policy is 20-30 minutes of nightly reading and math fact practice. These extra practices will help your student to successfully meet their goals.

Paula Dawson, Principal

Next week is Custodian & Maintenance Appreciation Week

Please join us as we recognize our custodians for all the hard work they do for Midland, and for their great attitudes in all they are required to do. We are thankful they are a part of Midland's family.



URGENT:

We are in need of more volunteers for our 5th grade trip to JA Biztown on December 13th. If you would like to volunteer for this important field trip, please contact Chelou Hills at chills@fpschools.org or 253 298-4581. In order to chaperone for JA Day, you need to be a cleared volunteer. If you need to fill out a volunteer application, it is available on line at www.fpschools.org under "Parents". Please have your application completed no later than December 6th. Thank you for volunteering!!

Kids at Hope Pledge:

*I am a Kid at Hope.
I am talented, smart, and capable of success. I have dreams for the future, and I will climb to reach those goals and dreams every day.
All kids are capable of success.
No exceptions.*



Come hear the Midland Marimbas at the Festival of Trees at the Tacoma Convention Center on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 - 10:30a.m. There are a lot of beautiful trees and great performances by area schools and groups. Tickets are \$6 and kids under 12 are free. We hope to see some familiar faces as we help to spread a little holiday cheer.