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November 7 - 11, 2016

MIDLAND FOOD DRIVE BEGINS MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

It is National homeless and hunger awareness month, and we are again participating in the Central Pierce Fire and Rescue's Holiday Food Drive. We will be collecting donations of canned and nonperishable food items to help families in need in our area. Collection will begin Monday, November 7th and the drive will run until November 18th. The fire department will send a fire engine to Midland to photograph the class that collects the greatest number of food items! *Please help us help those around us in need.*

Midland Manners

Word: Gracious - When you are gracious, you are kind, polite, and generous to others.

Thought: You will rise by lifting others.

~ Robert Ingersoll

Question: How can you be gracious in our school cafeteria?



Tuesday is election day.

If you have not already returned your ballot, we urge you to do so, and make a difference with your vote!

Nov 9 - Full day, Nov 11 - No School
Nov 16 - 1:50 dismissal, Nov 23 - 12:20,
Nov 24 & 25 - No School

Hope you remembered to turn your clocks back one hour Sunday morning (11/6) for the end of



Daylight Savings Time.

This week's specialist rotation:

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November 2016

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
6 Set clocks back!	7 Food Drive begins	8 PLEASE VOTE!	9 3:20 dismissal JA BizTown training 6-8 pm	10 2:30 Veterans' Day Assembly	11 NO SCHOOL Veterans' Day	12
13	14 Reflections Art Projects Due	15	16 1:50 dismissal	17 Box Tops collection 7:00 PTA Meeting	18 Food Drive ends PTA Movie Night "Finding Dory" 6-8	19
20	21	22	23 12:20 dismissal	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	26

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From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Families,

November is a very important month! For months, our country has been engaged in a national dialogue about the election. There have been conversations about leadership, both at the local and federal levels, which have caused us all to reflect about what is most important. You have seen and heard that our district has a proposition on the ballot. I would be happy to answer your questions regarding this proposition, which would fund improvements all around the district without increasing taxes. And now, it is finally time to cast our votes. At Midland, we have worked hard to talk with our older students about the process of the election without talking too much about the candidates. We encourage you to discuss this important election with your child and to share with them how you determine how vote. Show them your ballot. Teach them the importance of having our voices heard in our democracy.

On a related note, November is also when we pause to appreciate all of the sacrifices that have been made by our veterans. It is their dedication to our democracy which has preserved our ability to vote. We know that many of our students have family members who have served, or are currently serving, in one of our armed forces. Thank you to those of you in our Midland family who have served our country! We appreciate your sacrifices!

Paula Dawson, Principal

PTA Corner:

November 14th-submissions due

Reflections Art Contest:

"What is Your Story?"

Nov 17th Box Top collection

-7:00 PM PTA Meeting

Nov 18th - Family Movie Night

"Finding Dory"

Dec 9th - Holiday Night

Each Friday - popcorn for \$.25

Attendance:

When you know that your child will be absent or late, please contact the office as soon as possible. You may call and leave a message on our 24 hour line (253) 298-4500, or go to midland.fpschools.org - "For Parents" - "Report an Absence". Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BEING IN MIDLAND'S BUILDING:

If you are interested, for any reason, in being at Midland in our classrooms, hallways, playground and cafeteria (except during assemblies), Franklin Pierce School's policy states that every adult needs to have completed a volunteer clearance. This is also necessary if you are wanting to go on a field trip. If you are interested in these privileges, please fill out the on-line application on our district website. This is a requirement at the beginning of each school year.

Instructions:

Go to fpschools.org.

Under "parents" choose "Volunteer"

- "FPS Volunteer Application System"

- "Register"

- Follow the instructions given

- Upload you ID

You will receive an email notifying you when you have been cleared.

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