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December 5 – 9, 2016



### Custodian & Maintenance Appreciation Week

At Midland we have an awesome custodial crew that not only keeps our buildings and grounds looking great, but also contributes so much to the positive Midland culture as they carry out their various duties. Please make sure to thank Mike Trammell our chief custodian, Teresa Byrd our evening custodian, Tristan Spencer our custodian for the portables, and Jordan Lennox our faithful volunteer. We are so grateful for their support!

#### Midland Manners

**Word:** Nurturing ~ When you are nurturing, you encourage others and help them to do their best.

**Thought:** Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. ~ Mother Teresa

**Question:** Who nurtures you? How does this make you feel?

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:50 dismissal  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:50 dismissal

This week's specialist rotation:

M T W T H F

#### Midland PTA Holiday Night Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Please join our Midland Families as we warm up with a cup of cocoa, make memorable crafts, play crazy games and taste sweet treats as we welcome this festive holiday with cheer.

**\$1 raffle ticket per craft and snack.**

#### Volunteers for December 13<sup>th</sup>

If you are a cleared volunteer, and available on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please consider helping out our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they attend the JA BizTown event. Contact Chelou Hills at [chills@fpschools.org](mailto:chills@fpschools.org) or 253 298-4581 if you are interested in going!

November/December 2016						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE JA BIZTOWN	14 1:50 dismissal 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Concert 6:00 pm	15 Box Top collection	16	17
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		Winter vacation				

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### From the Principal:

Dear Midland Families,

It's December! This is the time of year when sometimes the weather catches us by surprise! As I am writing this, there is the potential that we might have our first lowland snow of the year. While it seems that we hear about it more than it happens, I want to communicate our snow procedures in the event that it happens this weekend.

In the event of snow, power outages or severe weather, Franklin Pierce Schools will notify families if school is late or cancelled in four ways. You can find school delay and cancellation on the district website [www.fpschools.org](http://www.fpschools.org), TV news (Channels 4,5, 7 and 13), local radio stations, and the auto-dialer phone call. Sometimes neighboring districts which are larger cancel while we still have school, so please listen specifically for Franklin Pierce Schools information.

On the topic of weather, remember that we try to go to recess each day, even when it's cold. Please be sure your child has their coat and appropriate shoes for the weather. I have noticed that our lost and found is overflowing, so if your child's coat is missing, please have them check the racks by the bus zone.

Happy December,  
Mrs. Dawson

### The Gift of Attendance

This holiday/winter season the best gift you can give your child is a good education. And the best place to get that education is in school. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after winter break. This year 70 students were absent the day before thanksgiving- that's a whopping 13% of our students missing from school in one day. It's time to break this cycle. We know it's tempting to extend your vacation by a few days on either side of the holiday. However, just a few missed days here and there, even if they are excused absences, can add up to much lost learning time and put your child in school. So make sure your child is in school every day, right up until vacation starts. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning every single day. So give your child the gift of attendance and help build a healthy habit of being at school every day, on-time, and all day.

### PTA Corner:

*Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Night*

*Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - Box Top collection*

*Most Fridays*

*- popcorn & snacks for \$.25*



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Concert December 14<sup>th</sup>

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade music program is next week, so don't forget to mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. We hope we can count on you to be there!

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