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November 14-18, 2016

MIDLAND FOOD DRIVE

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 began 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: Thankful - When you are thankful, you are grateful for all you have. You count your blessings!

Thought: Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder.

~ E.B. White - writer

Question: Yes - count your blessings! Make a list of all things for which you are grateful. Share with your class.



Thanks to all of our Mustang families who supported the Franklin Pierce bond measure! We can look forward to exciting improvements at each school in the district!

Substitute Appreciation Week

We would like to thank guest teachers and paras for the challenging and important job they do. When our staff is sick, we have a wonderful group of substitutes that come in and continue the education for your student until they return. We really appreciate their efforts!

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

This week's specialist rotation:

M T W T H F

November/December 2016

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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
27	28 Picture Retake Day	29	30 1 st trimester ends	1	2	3

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From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Families,

Midland is GROWING! With almost 580 students, our staff is working hard each day to meet the needs of all of our kids. This year we have been fortunate to add some new staff at Midland, including a new part time Assistant Principal, Mr. Ron Semon. Mr. Semon will work alongside with me and our Midland staff two days each week, supporting students and staff with behavior, learning, and needs as they arise.

Mr. Semon has previously worked in our district at both Christensen Elementary and Keithley Middle School in a counselor role. He then gained his Administrative credentials and served in several schools as an Assistant Principal, both at the middle school and elementary school levels prior to his retirement. We are fortunate that he is able to join us this year on a part time basis. Mr. Semon can be reached by calling the Midland office at 298-4500 or by email at rsemon@fpschools.org.

As the principal, my role has not changed. You will still see me around the building, helping students and staff each day! I continue to welcome your calls and emails with your celebrations and concerns.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Mr. Semon to the Midland family!

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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