



September 12, 2016

The Messenger has a new look!

In an effort to communicate more clearly, the Midland Messenger will now be coming home as a one page flyer **via the PeachJar in your email**. Please open it every Monday to read the information you will want to have for Midland dates and events!

1:50 Dismissal; September 14, 21, and 28

Plan now to attend Open House 9/22:
 6:00-6:20 -Gym to hear from Principal
 6:30-6:50 – Go to your child’s class
 7:00-7:20 –Go to your other child’s class
 7:00-7:30 Enjoy an ice cream bar!

This week's Specialist rotation:
 M-Yellow T-Blue W-Green TH-Red F -Yellow
 Your child has PE, Music, Library, and Health at Fitness weekly, and children should have the proper shoes. Ask your child which color days they have PE and Fitness. We will include the color days each week in the Messenger.

MIDLAND MANNERS

At Midland, we are teaching Character traits! Each week we have a word of the week, along with a thought/quote and discussion questions. They will be included in the Messenger, so you can continue the conversation at home!

Word: Respectful- When you are respectful, you are considerate, polite and courteous.

Thought: Respect is a two-way street; if you want to get it, you’ve got to give it. –R.G. Risch

Question: One of your classmates teases you and calls you names you don’t like. What should you do?

PTA Invites you...

9/16 8:15-8:45 Muffins with Moms

9/30 8:15-8:45 Donuts with Dads

We understand that students may have other significant adults in their lives. A child might want to invite an Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent, or another person who is their parent figure. We welcome the adult your child chooses to invite!

September 2016						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
11	12	13	14 1:50 Dismissal 4:30 PTA Meeting 6pm- Bond Mtg.- Ford	15	16 8:15 Muffins with Moms- PTA (gym) Constitution Day	17
18	19	20	21 1:00 Fundraiser Kick-off assembly 1:50 Dismissal	22 6:00-7:30 Midland Open House	23	24
25	26	27	28 1:00 MOJO Assembly 1:50 dismissal 6pm- Bond mtg.- Ford	29	30 8:15 Donuts with Dads	1

Achieving Success, Inspiring Hope

Midland Elementary School
Home of the "Mustangs"

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Office Manager: Kathy Wright

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

First Bell 8:45
Late Bell 8:50
Dismissal Bell 3:20

STUDENT ENTRY

8:25 a.m.

2016-2017
OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

8:25	Breakfast
8:45	First Bell, students report to class
8:50	Tardy Bell, school begins
10:50-11:40	Recess/Lunch - Kindergarten and 1st Grade
11:20-12:10	Recess/Lunch - 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade
11:40-12:30	Recess/Lunch - 4th Grade and 5th Grade
3:20	Dismissal Time



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL - The health room is staffed daily with a LPN to provide first aid to students who become ill or injured at school, and to give medications prescribed by state approved medical providers. Our goal is to keep healthy children

learning in the classroom, and to get ill children home.

State law allows for students to be administered oral medications at school (including inhalers), ear drops, eye drops, and/or to apply ointments with doctor's order only. All medications, even over-the-counter products such as pain relievers and cough drops, require an appropriate order from an approved medical provider. We must have a new medication order each school year. Please do not send medication with your child, as it is illegal for them to carry it on school grounds. Do not hesitate to contact our school nurse, Mrs. Stippich, at 298-4523 if you have questions or desire further information.

SAFETY FIRST - The streets around Midland will be extremely busy at arrival and dismissal times. We have endeavored to create areas that are safe and efficient for these purposes. Please help keep our students safe by following these procedures.

- Arrival Time:** Students should not be dropped off prior to 8:25
- When dropping students off, enter the main gate at the front of the school. Swing left and drop your children off in the designated crossed lines area. Exit through the second gate.
 - Please do not travel on 24th Avenue or drop children off in the bus crescent. We are keeping cars and buses separate.

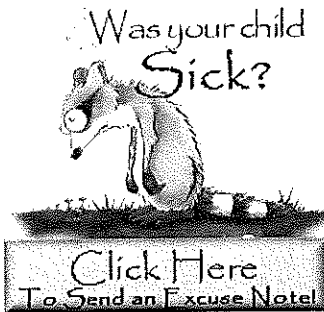
- Dismissal Time:** Children being picked up will be gathered at the east end of the pick-up area.
- Enter the parking lot and swing left into the designated lined area to pick up your child(ren). Do not block passage lanes in center of parking lot, or our crosswalk.
 - Please keep the pick-up area at the crossed lines moving.
 - Children who walk home will cross the street at the crosswalk.

Thank you for cooperating in our efforts to keep our students safe.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - IT'S THE LAW - It's important that students come to school on time each day unless they are ill. A school attendance law (called the "Becca Bill") was passed several years ago. The bill states that when a child has five or more unexcused absences in a month or ten unexcused absences in a school year the district shall file a petition with the court. When a student is absent, he/she will be considered unexcused unless we receive notice from the parent or guardian. An excused absence is granted for personal illness or injury, serious family illness, quarantine, death in the family, absences which are due to extraordinary or unusual circumstances, after which the parent provides notification of the dates and reasons for the missed days.

TACKLING TARDIES - At Midland we continue to encourage regular on time attendance as part of a total learning experience, preparation for more education, and a future of responsible behavior. We recognize that some students are at the mercy of their parents', siblings', or sitters' schedules. Our experience has been that our tardy students improve their arrival time when they are motivated to encourage the adult in charge. A letter will be sent to your home when your child reaches three tardies in a trimester. Your efforts and cooperation are appreciated.



REPORT STUDENT ABSENCES ONLINE - You now have the ability to report your child's absence online at our district's website. Go to www.fpschools.org, click on Schools, click on Midland, click on Report Students Absences and click on the icon. It will bring up an email window.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - Attached to this newsletter is a brochure detailing the rights and responsibilities of students in Franklin Pierce Schools. We recommend that you place it in your file of important school papers, and refer to it as needed.



BIKE RIDING - Students in grades 3 through 5 may ride their bikes to school if their parents permit it. Bike riding is a privilege that can be revoked if the following rules are not followed:

- Bike riders must wear a properly fitted helmet. (This rule meets the requirement of Pierce County law).
- Ride safely (ride on the right side of the road, ride single file only, only one child on a bike, etc...)
- Bikes must be walked on school property.
- Bikes must be locked in the designated area.

Once again, it is your decision to allow your child to ride his/her bike to school. Please discuss these rules at home.



Our PTA officers for 2016-2017

Presidents	Linda Williams and Joanne Bearer
Vice President	Claudia Yescas
Secretary	Brandie Kuni
Treasurer	Angie Fomai

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 14th at 4:30 pm

- ♦ PTA fundraiser starts Wednesday, September 21st and turn in day will be on Wednesday, October 5th.
- ♦ Please join the PTA, membership is \$12 for single person or \$20 for 2 people. Please consider sponsoring a teacher or staff member.



VOLUNTEER APPROVAL IS NECESSARY - In order to attend any school event as a chaperone, participant, or helper, all adults **must** have an approved volunteer application on file in our office. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. Volunteer applications (which are good for one year) are **NOW ON-LINE** at our district website www.fpschools.org or <http://franklinpiercevolutneers.hrmpus.net> and are not available in paper form. A law enforcement check is part of the process, so approval does not happen at Midland immediately. If you have not already, please take a few moments to complete this requirement as soon as possible. We are sure you will appreciate, these extra efforts to ensure that your children are safe and supervised appropriately.

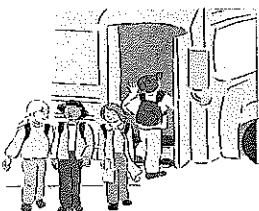
Below are examples of activities which do and do not require volunteer approval for parent participation. If you are planning on volunteering for any of the required events your application must be submitted on-line 10 working days prior to the event. Please call our volunteer coordinator, Dianne Waters at (253) 298-4567 if you have questions.

Required

- Field Trip
- Classroom Visits During School
- Field Day
- Lunch with Student in Lunchroom
- Assist with Classroom Projects


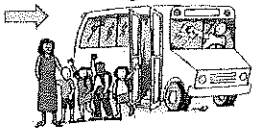


Not Required

- Back-to-School and Family Barbecues
- Promotions
- Concerts
- Conferences
- Mojo Assemblies



BUS PROCEDURES - If you wish your child to ride a bus other than the one he/she regularly rides, or to get off at a different bus stop, you must send a note to inform us of the change. This same procedure must be followed if you want your child to walk home rather than ride the bus. Without a note we will not allow students to deviate from their normal mode of transportation home. Detailed bus information is now on line at <http://www.fpschools.org/elinkrp/>, guest as username and guest as your password.

FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

If You Are...	Be RESPECTFUL	Be RESPONSIBLE	Be SAFE
<p>Waiting for the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be considerate of others and their property • Keep Hands, Feet, Objects, Mouth and Eyes to self • Be nice to our neighbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line up appropriately • Remain in line • Listen for directions from adult • Watch your belongings • Help younger students wait 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay behind the loading line/area • Stay out of the Danger Zones • Wait a safe distance from bus • Wait for driver to use hand signal for boarding • Listen to your parents' directions
<p>Entering the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greet the bus driver • Keep some space between you and the person in front of you • Use a quiet voice Level 1 • Listen for directions, obey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be seated quickly and slide over • Help a younger student • Use a quiet, voice level of 1 • Place your bag on the floor in front of you • Listen for directions if given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait & watch for driver directions • Hold the handrail • Board carefully and slowly • Be aware of your surroundings • Watch your backpack straps so they don't snag on something
<p>Riding the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.F.O.M.E. to yourself • Ask permission to open windows "two clicks" • Use appropriate language and topics and use kind and considerate words • Use a quiet voice Level 1 or 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep food and drink in your bag • Follow driver directions • Keep your bus clean • Remain seated • Remember your belongings • Be a "Bus Buddy" if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay seated, facing forward • Keep aisle and emergency exits clear • Keep all hands, arms and objects inside the window • Always stay alert and aware • Listen for important directions
<p>Exiting the Bus</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep some space between you and the person ahead • Help your neighbor if needed • Use a quiet voice Level 1 • Say "Thanks" and "Goodbye" to your driver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay seated until door opens • Listen for directions • Take your belongings with you • Place any trash in the waste bin near the driver's seat • Tell the driver or another adult about any problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take turns leaving, front to back • Hold the handrail • Move to a safe spot away from bus • Wait for driver's directions and hand signals to cross in front of the bus • Be aware of cars and trucks nearby • Know your way home

Special notes for my school:

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOLERS

For children living in the Franklin Pierce District, free screening for children ages 3 to 5 is provided through the Child Find program. The next Child Find screening will be **September 23rd**. The purpose of the screening is to determine if your child is in need of special education services. Their skills in communication, fine and gross motor, school readiness, social and behavior, and hearing are screened to see if further testing is needed. Please call Tricia at 253-298-4675 to schedule an appointment.

Birth to Three Screenings

Families of children below age 3 who have concerns about their child's development can call our district Family Resource Coordinator, Lori Holbrook, at 253-298-4670. She will come to your home and discuss your concerns and the child's need for developmental screening and/or evaluation.

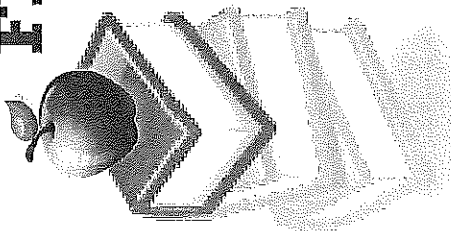
Pruebas de Desarrollo Gratuito para Preescolares

Pruebas gratuitas para niños y niñas de 3 a 5 años que que viven en el Distrito Escolar de Franklin Pierce proveídas por medio del programa de Child Find. La próxima prueba de Child Find esta programada para **25 de Septiembre**. El propósito de las pruebas es para determinar si su niño(a) esta en la necesidad de usar servicios especiales de educación. Las habilidades en las siguientes areas son probadas, comunicación, destrezas en area motriz fina y muscular, si hay preparación en las areas escolares, sociales, de comportamiento y tambien se prueba el area auditiva. De ahí se determina tambien si más pruebas son necesarias. Por favor llame a Tricia 253-298-4675 para que pueda concertar una cita.

Pruebas de Natal a Tres

Las Familias de los niño(a)s de 3 años para abajo que tengan concernimientos acerca del desarrollo de sus niños pueden llamar a nuestra Coordinadora de Recursos del Distrito, Lori Holbrook, al 253-298-4670. Ella la visitará en su hogar y discutirá los concernimientos que usted tenga y la necesidad de una evaluación en pruebas de desarrollo.

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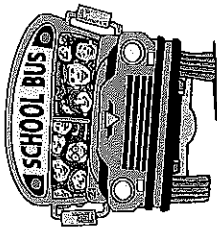
MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Community Eligibility Provision Schools

- Brookdale
- Central Ave
- Christensen
- Elmhurst
- Harvard
- James Sales
- Midland
- Ford MS
- Keithley MS
- Gates HS

2016-2017

Only the above listed schools receive meals at no cost.

2016-2017 Meal Prices

COLLINS
 Breakfast: \$1.60
 Lunch: \$2.50

FPHS & WHS

Breakfast: \$1.75
 Lunch: \$3.00

30 Cereal Option**+ Welcome Back! Quesadilla w/ Salsa Carrot Sticks ♦Fruit & Vegetable Bar	31 Banana Bread BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Chips Green Beans ♦Fruit & Vegetable Bar	1 Apple Cinnamon Toast Macaroni & Cheese w/Little Smokies* Watermelon ♦Fruit & Vegetable Bar	2 No School
5 No School Labor Day	6 Cereal Option**+ Corn Dog French Fries Cookie ♦Fruit & Vegetable Bar	7 Blueberry Mini Loaf Chicken Alfredo Cauliflower Peaches ♦Fruit & Vegetable Bar	8 Breakfast Quesadilla BBQ Chicken Cornbread Baked Beans ♦Fruit & Vegetable Bar
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A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered daily.

MILK...

A choice of 1% white or Non-Fat chocolate milk is offered and included daily with both breakfast and lunch.

ALL Schools: When only milk is chosen, no meal, it is considered ala carte at a cost of \$0.55 each.

Assorted fruit / juice choice for breakfast, +Alternate breakfast menu may be offered, * May contain pork, ** May contain nuts
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.