



# November Newsletter

Midland Elementary School

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## H1N1 Updates...

While it seems that several schools in the area are battling the flu bug already this school year, I am pleased to report that attendance at the elementary level has been very good. We have seen more students with flu-like symptoms, but overall, our attendance rate is similar to what it has been at this time in years past.

This does not mean, however, that our school will escape the flu! We appreciate all of your efforts to make sure that your child is healthy before sending him/her to school each day.

What can you do to make sure your child healthy enough to come to school and/or return to school if he/she has been ill?

The most important thing to remember that your child needs to be fever free (without the assistance of medication) for 24 hours. Often times a child returns to school without a fever, but has not been fever free for 24 hours. Once at school, the fever spikes again, and the child is sent home, after having contact with his/her classmates

during the day.

Here at school, we are following these measures to ensure the health of all students:

-Hand sanitizer available for all students in their classrooms, in PE, in the cafeteria, in the computer lab, in the library and in all other places where students may need it. (I sure wish that I had stock in GermX!!) We are teaching students to use this after they have sneezed or blown their noses.

-Our custodians are being diligent in cleaning high contact areas in all classrooms throughout the day. These areas include drinking fountains, sink handles, toilet handles, door handles, tops of desks and tables, locker handles, etc.

-We are teaching students "the right way" to cough and sneeze, which is into the elbow rather than using your hands to cover your cough.

We are in constant communication with the Marshall County Health Department regarding the H1N1 outbreak. Each day,

we are required to document through the Marshall County Health Department website, the number of student and teacher absences relating to the flu, and the types of symptoms the children and teachers have when they call in sick. This is why we ask you the kind of symptoms your child has, the temperature of the fever, etc. so that we can accurately report that information to the Health Department.

We appreciate your cooperation when we ask these things of you.

The next two clinics scheduled for Marshall Country include Tuesday, 11/24 in Varna at the Ambulance Building from 4-7 pm and Wednesday, 12/9 at Midland High School from 4-7 pm.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding the H1N1 virus, please contact us at school or visit our website at [www.midland-7.org](http://www.midland-7.org).



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## Have You Completed the Parent Technology Survey Yet?

Following each Parent-Teacher conference last week, we asked parents to take a few moments to complete an on-line survey in our computer lab. Many of you did this, and we thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and opinions. If you did not have an op-

portunity to take this "Parent Technology Survey," you can still do so! All you need to do is go to our Midland home page, which is [www.midland-7.org](http://www.midland-7.org), and click on the green link in the bottom left corner of the page. It just takes a few minutes to complete. Your re-

sponses will be used in helping to improve our schools and district as we work to strategically plan for the future.

Don't have internet access at home? Let us know and we can make arrangements for you to take the survey in our lab! Thanks for your input...it is very important in this process.

# Students Recognized for their Good Citizenship

During October, students learned more about being a good citizen, as citizenship was our character trait for the month.

**Patriotic:** Ava Lavish, Riley Murphy, Zachary Donahue, William Cordes, Brianna Richardson, Dalton Anthony, David Rosa, Kate Wiest, Sidnei, Madison Sagaser, Isabelle Colvin, Jonathan Foster, Triston Bennett, Jacob Burkhalter, Sean Hills, Sidnei Oser.

**Sharing:** Landon Crew, Peyton Fox, Sam Rasmussen, Madison Butcher, Kelsi Hacker, Maverick Lord, Morgan Perry, Nate Bickel, Kailie Richardson,

Michelle Dietrich, Dalton Roark, Isabel Quinones, Andrew Bennett, Hunter Diebel, Troy Sproul, Zach Deffenbaugh.

**Positive:** Ethan Fox, Colton Blunier, Corinne Cogar, Trevin Yarger, Keegan Stewart, Gena Rasmussen, Kirsten Kimble, Peyton Cordes, Joshua Robbins, Phillip Urazoff, Jarod Anderson, Madeline Romaker, Chaise Mangold, Summer Connors, Tiffnei Oser, Hunter Diebel.

**Studios:** Reghann Pyles, Olivia Pringle, Chloe Bade, Katelyn Keedy, Keil Endress, Ashleigh Murphy, Caleb Blew, Jake Beach, Lily Snider, Jon

Irby, Ian Mair, Destiny Anthony, Landrea Waller, Nicholas Beach, Chaise Mangold.



## Students Earn Perfect Attendance for 1st Quarter

Nearly 100 MES K-4th grade students achieved Perfect Attendance for the first quarter of the school year. To achieve Perfect Attendance, students must miss 0 days of school and be tardy no more than 3 days of the quarter. Students earning Perfect Attendance were treated to a donut, juice or milk, received a certificate and a pencil at a special breakfast on October 28th. Thanks to parents for your help to ensure students attend school and arrive on time.

**Kindergarten:** Ryan Biggar, Zachary Donahue, Grant Morrison, Alaha O'Hare, Sam Rasmussen, Eryn Sevcik, Chloe Bade, Caden Blew, Caleb Briggs, Kristen Fairall, Billy Poignant, Brody Putnum, Alex Sivertsen, Frederick Traver, Chiron Tupper, Colton Blunier, Brey-

don Cliff, Dominick Herring, Amy Moorehead, Ryan Riddell.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** William Cordes, Kelsi Hacker, Katelyn Keedy, Gavin Pyles, Sarah Schuyler, Alahna Alvarado, Keil Endress, Kyleigh Forsythe, Peyton Reyes, Brianna Richardson, Emma Roark, Sam Schupp, Tyler Shafer, Keegan Stewart, Jolene Bobinski, Clayton Klehm, Cassandra Noble Schalk, Spencer Putnum, Leah Pyles.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Nate Bickel, Lucas Goard, Austin Gobert, Maddie Grandsart, Riley Grandsart, Joshua Robbins, Erik Sivertsen, Kelly Todd, Mackenzie Bennett, Noah Fairall, Shane Nyboer, Bryson Schackow, Liberty Steffen, Bradley Weber, Kate Wiest, Maddy Bergman, Ellie Blackburn, Caleb Blew, Haley Hart, Kailie Richardson, Damian Watkins.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** Glenn Mair, Cole Phoenix, Kayla Schwanke, Doni Anderle, Austin Bickel, Briley Cadena, Jonathan Foster, Abram Pyles, Pat-

rick Shafer.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Andy Chirchirillo, Sierra Colvin, Jaden Cremeens, Eli Gilkerson, Allie Hattan, James Junker, Lauren Kimble, Ian Mair, Maddie Merdian, Kallie Meyer, Emily Schwanke, Logan Wunder, Triston Bennett, Kylee Davis, Hana Hart, Tyler Haworth, Whitney Mohr, Sean Spradling, Cherelle Steffen, Zack Weber, Tricia Zeller, Conor Coyle, Zach Deffenbaugh, Sarah Poignant, Matthew Webber.

Congratulations to these staff members, too: Ms. Baker, Mrs. Balensiefen, Ms. Breen, Mrs. Crook, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Downs, Mrs. Essert, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lindstrom, Mrs. McGlasson, Mr. McMahan, Mrs. Oltman, Mr. Pyles, Mr. Ricci, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watkins, Miss Wilkinson and Mrs. Wunder.

Thank you again for your support for Market Day during the month of October. We made a profit of approximately \$260 in October! We also want to give special thanks to our October parent volunteers: Stacy Watkins, Carrie Schupp, Cody Schupp, Angie Riddell, Danelle Gobert, Wylee Bickerman, Kayelynn Guthman and Wendy Guthman. Along with our parent volunteers, we also had the help of

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the Webelos I troop which included Hunter Smith, Gage Schoepke, Trent Weiland, Kieran Sloan, Conor Coyle, Cathy Coyle, Danny Coyle and Amy Sloan. A big thank you for all of your help!

For the 11/ 9 Market Day sale, we are pleased to offer Dessert Bonus Days with 14 high quality pies, cheesecakes and individual des-

serts. When you purchase these items, you can help the PTO earn extra profits! You will also receive a 12 oz. bag of coffee with the purchase of 3 desserts. Visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) to order; all internet orders due by 11/4. All other orders due by 10/30! Thank you to the first grade parents who have already volunteered to help with the delivery! Remember pick up is from 5:30-6:30 pm on the 9th!

# Kids Eat Free! Look at All of These Great Deals for Eating Out With Your Family and Keeping an Eye on Your Budget at the Same Time!

All of us are on a budget these days, but did you know that there are several areas restaurants that can help your wallet out while you take your family out for a tasty dinner? After a little research by Midland parent Jennifer Lindstrtom, she has created a list of area restaurants who have special offers for children who are dining with adults!

Thanks to Jennifer for sharing this list with us and for doing all of the work to find these deals for our families!

Old Chicago (Peoria)-On Mondays from 5-10 pm, 2 free kids menu meals with the purchase of one adult meal.

Bennigans (Peoria)-On Tuesdays from 4-10 pm, 3 free kids menu meals with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

IHOP (Peoria, Bloomington)-On Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-10 pm, 1 free kids menu meal with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Steak n Shake-On Saturdays and Sundays, 1 free kids meal with the purchase of 1 \$8

adult meal.

Buffalo Wild Wings (Peoria, E. Peoria and Bloomington)-On Wednesdays from 5-8 pm, kids eat for 99 cents.

Chevy's Fresh Mex (Peoria)-On Tuesdays, kids eat free with 1 adult meal purchase.

Denny's-On Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 4 -10 pm, 2 free kids menu meals with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Famous Dave's (Bloomington)-Kids eat for \$2.00 with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Alexander's Steakhouse (Peoria)-On Sundays from 11:30-9 pm, 2 free kids menu meals with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Flat Top Grill (Peoria)-On Mondays, 1 free kids menu meal with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Carlos O'Kelly's (Peoria)-Kids eat for \$1.99 with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Fazoli's (Normal)-Kids meals are 99 cents with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Lonestar Steakhouse (Bloomington)-On Tuesdays, 2 free kids meals with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Wings, Etc. (Bloomington)-On Tuesdays, 2 free kids meals with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

Q'doba (East Peoria)-On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays form 5-10 pm, kids eat for 99 cents with the purchase of 1 adult meal.

## School Picture Re-Take Day Scheduled for Monday, November 9th

If your child was absent on school picture day in September or you are not satisfied with your students' school picture (which will soon be delivered!), our school photographer, Life Touch studios, will be back here on Monday, November 9th for Picture Re-Take Day. For students who were absent or new to our school since Picture Day, they will receive a picture package order form. This form should be filled out completely and payment will need to be included in

order for pictures to be ordered.

If you are unhappy with your child's portraits and wish to have them re-taken, you must return the entire picture package to the photographer. Extra picture package forms are available in the office. We will not receive our class pictures until after all student pictures have been taken and processed. We usually receive class pictures sometime in January.



## Junior Jazzercise Six Week Winter Session

Back by popular demand...registration is now underway for the next Junior Jazzercise session!

What is Junior Jazzercise? Junior Jazzercise is a fun way to get kids excited about fitness. At the Lacon Junior Jazzercise classes, kids dance to popular "kid appropriate" music that they might have heard on the radio. They also play games, learn about fitness and nutrition, enjoy a healthy snack and even learn a performance routine. The fall session is underway right now, and the

kids are doing a fantastic job!!

How can your child be a part of this? You can register your child by calling Kristal Toman (who is also a Midland Elementary parent!) at 274-9813. The winter session runs from November 17th through December 22nd. Classes are every Tuesday from 4-4:45 pm at the Immaculate Conception Hall in Lacon, just few blocks from Midland Elementary School.

Cost for Junior Jazzercise is \$30 before

November 10th, or \$36 after.

Way to go Midland students for participating in a fun activity after school, learning more about fitness and healthy foods! Thanks to Kristal for offering this program for our students. And thanks to parents for helping to keep your students active, even as the weather starts to turn a little cooler outside!

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### SCRIP Orders Due on Friday, Nov. 13th!!

If you are planning to place an order for SCRIP, it must be turned into the office with payment by Friday, November 13th. Checks should be made out to Midland PTO. All SCRIP gift cards can be picked up on Tuesday, December 8th from 5:30-6:30 pm (before the K-2nd Christmas concert) or any day afterwards in the office.

Not too sure what SCRIP is? Check out information that will be sent home next week, pick up an order form in the school office or contact coordinator Nicole Sivertsen at 246-5098 for more information!

Two more Lacon businesses are a part of SCRIP-The Pizza Peel and Julie's Corner Store! Along with Jim's IGA, Subway and Shell, purchasing gift cards for these businesses through SCRIP helps our community AND supports our school! Get started on your holiday shopping with

## Please Note Early Dismissal Days and Times at School

Parents and caregivers: We need your help! Please keep a close watch on our monthly school calendar for early dismissal dates and times. We always have several students in the office who are waiting to be picked up after school is dismissed on these "early out" days.

Please keep an eye on the calendar so that you are aware of these early dismissal dates and times. Your attention to these dates is greatly appreciated!

In November, there is a 1:00 pm dismissal scheduled for Thursday, 11/12. School will be dismissed at 2:25 pm for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend on Wednesday, 11/25. We appreciate your help in marking these dates on your calendar to make sure your child is picked up at the appropriate time!

If you misplace your monthly calendar, you can always check at [www.midland-7.org](http://www.midland-7.org), click on Elementary School, then school calendar.

## Important Fall Dates

- \* Tues., 11/3: Principal's Advisory Committee meeting in library 6:30 pm
- \* Fri., 11/6: SCRIP letters home by today
- \* Mon., 11/9: Picture Re-Takes in gym 8:30 am
- \* Mon., 11/9: Market Day Pick Up in cafeteria 5:30-6:30 pm
- \* Wed., 11/11: Fourth Graders to Veteran's Day assembly at Midland High School 9 am
- \* Thurs., 11/12: 1:00 pm Early Dismissal for School Improvement Planning
- \* Fri., 11/13: SCRIP Orders due in office; checks payable to Midland PTO
- \* Mon., 11/17: Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Week begins
- \* Mon., 11/16: School Board meeting at Midland High School 7 pm
- \* Thurs., 11/19: RIF Book Distribution for all students
- \* Thurs., 11/19: Pre-K Family Night Activity in cafeteria 6 pm
- \* Fri., 11/20: Progress Reports distributed to all students
- \* Mon., 11/23: PTO Meeting in cafeteria at 6:30 pm
- \* Wed., 11/25: **2:25 Dismissal** for Thanksgiving holiday
- \* Thurs., 11/26 and Fri., 11/27: No School for Thanksgiving holiday
- \* Tues., 12/8: SCRIP card pick up in front of office 5:30-6:30 pm
- \* Tues., 12/8: K-2nd grade Christmas Program in gym at 6:30 pm; Bake Sale Prior to program
- \* Thurs., 12/11: 3rd-4th grade Christmas Program in gym at 6:30 pm; Bake Sale prior to program

