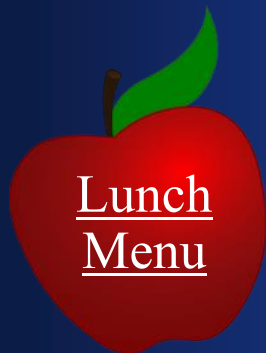


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A Message from the Principal...

Dear Midland Families,

Welcome to the month of November. It's about that time to start thinking about colder weather and snow!

What's New:

Thank you for those of you who attended Parent/Teacher conferences this quarter. A strong family school connection always benefits our students. We all appreciate you doing what you can to support your child and attending conferences and staying in close contact with your child's teacher is very important!

Next month's Approach to Learning is Communication Skills. We will be teaching, modeling and reinforcing communication skills. Please talk about communication skills at home! This includes speaking, listening, reading, writing, presenting and non-verbal communication as well. As IB students, these ATL's are important in everything we do. We appreciate you reinforcing these skills at home!

This will be our last monthly newsletter that will be sent home in a traditional sense. From December on, we will be sending home weekly communication with upcoming dates through Blackboard. I will also be including regular announcements on a more consistent basis. Daily happenings will be communicated through Facebook and Twitter, so if you are not following us on those social media outlets, please do!

Twitter handle: @midlimustangs

Facebook Group: Midland International Elementary

Thank you for all you do!

Jenny Breeding

Principal, Midland International Elementary School

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IB Corner

IB Approaches to Learning

Each of the first five months of this school year, we are focusing on a different skill that the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme calls Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills. These skills are transferable in and among different content ages and throughout one's entire lifetime: thinking skills, social skills, communication skills, self-management skills, and research skills.

This month we have focused on self-management skills: a broad category that includes operating safely and applying appropriate rules in a variety of situations; choosing a balanced, healthy lifestyle; using gross and fine motor skills; being aware of where things are in relation to ourselves; organization and time management. Keep the conversation going at home; think about trying some of the following:

Help your child create a routine or a daily schedule.

Find a place for keeping backpacks, winter gear, and school supplies and help your child keep it organized.

Ask your about the choices they're making in their food and activities.

Help your child reflect on their actions.

Ask your child to "read the room" and explain what is going on and what some of the expectations might be in the space.

Play outside with your child! Find time and space for them to run, walk, swim, wiggle, jump, and climb.

Paint with your child.

This month, we will be focusing on communication skills; be sure to ask your child what he or she is learning to help them communicate effectively in a variety of ways.

Beth Hudgens

IB Coordinator (PYP)

Teaching & Learning Coach

Midland International Elementary School



Reading And Technology Corner

Technology is a great way to get your kids reading at home. We have several different programs that your child can use at home to read at night and extend their learning past the school day. Most of these resources can be found on our school website <https://www.d11.org/Midland> under the Student Resources tab. Your child should know their username and password to most of these programs or you may contact your child's teacher to get that information.

Reading Resources:

Starfall.com(no login required)

Smartyants(student knows or ask teacher)

Raz-kids(student knows or ask teacher)

LyricstoLearn(student knows or ask teacher)

Tumblebooks(username: d11midland/ password: dist11)

Destiny-Ebooks(network username/password)

Research Resources:

PebbleGo(no login required)

DiscoveryED Videos(network username/password)

Encyclopedia Britannica(username: district11/ password: district11)



PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!

Apply for a Teachers and Technology Grant for the 2018 - 19 school year for your school

Midland International Elementary School

Grants range from \$500 to \$5000 and are available to full-time classroom teachers in public or private school. The CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grants are designed to help fund projects that advance student success through the innovative use of technology in the classroom.

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Family Workshops

The Family Learning Institute is a series of workshops focused on providing information to parents and guardians regarding social/emotional topics, academics and community resources. As our superintendent Dr. Thomas often expresses, parents and guardians are the first and foremost educators of our students. District 11 embraces them as partners in education and looks forward to providing them with information they can use in communicating and parenting their students. The goal is to provide quarterly Family Learning Institutes at each of the traditional high schools or one of their aligned feeder schools to encourage attendance for parents in their own neighborhood. However, parents from schools throughout the district, and all are welcome.

Please feel free to share this link or the content provided on this link with your families:

www.d11.org/fli

Patty Donovan

Midland International Elementary School 719-328-4524

Spanish News

Día de los Muertos!

On November 1 and 2; México, and other Latin American countries, celebrate Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. This is a holiday when families remember their loved ones that have passed away by decorating their graves, as well as an ofrenda (offering place) in their homes with flowers, candles, calaveras (sugar skulls), fruit, and pan de muerto (bread of the dead). Grownups talk about family members who have passed away, and children learn about their families and their family history.

This holiday has a number of similarities with Memorial Day when families of soldiers who have fallen go to the cemeteries to decorate graves, remember their loved ones, and sometimes share their stories with others.

In Spanish class, we will have an ofrenda to accompany our studies of this holiday. We will share a book reading, a power point, and a video presentation to learn about The Day of the Dead. From there, we will compare and contrast the Day of the Dead and Halloween by means of a comparison diagram and through both discussion and writing.

If you would NOT like your student to participate please contact me directly at 719-328-4545

Sinceramente,

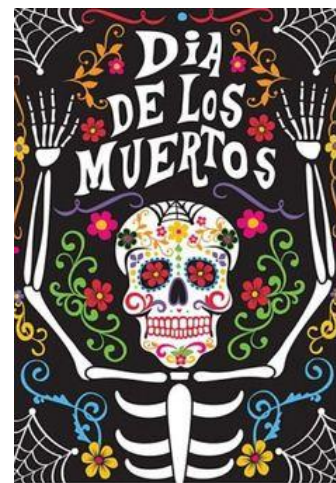
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IB Spanish Teacher

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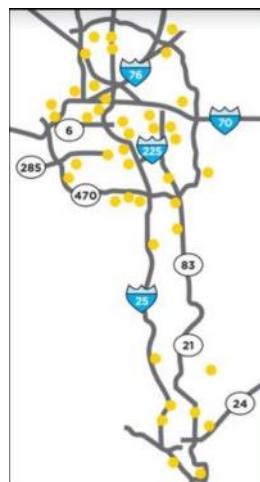
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Office Updates

- Mrs. Donovan in the library needs your plastic bags to stuff another bean bag! Please bring them to the Inquiry Center for Mrs. Donovan.
- There will be a Midland Winter Music Concert on Tuesday, December 4th for Orchestra and Band students!
- We have TONS of coats, hats, water bottles, etc. In the lost and found – Please come and check to see if your student has left anything behind.
- School Portraits should be within the next week, if you ordered online the portraits may be mailed directly to your home.
- Fundraiser items should also be delivered in the next few weeks! PTA will send out more details for exact dates and pick up instructions.
- Midland's PTA is collecting box tops. Please turn them into your child's teacher or front office to support Midland's PTA.
- Our October Awards Assembly will be this Friday, Nov. 2 at 1:45PM.
- We are hiring for a few positions around Midland contact the office if you are interested in working as a part time SpEd Certified Teacher or a full time Staff Office Assistant!



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What's Going On Around Midland



November 2018

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Fall/Thanksgiving Break						
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10/29-11/3 - First week of After-School-Activities – 2:45-3:45

11/2 - Self Management Awards Assembly – 1:45

11/7 - PTA Meeting 4:30PM

11/12 - Veteran’s Day Assembly

11/13 - Individual School Picture Retakes

11/19-11/23 - Fall/Thanksgiving Break

11/28 - Reunion Comunidad Hispana de la Escuela Midland (Invitation Only) - 6-7:30PM

REUNION COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE LA ESCUELA MIDLAND

La Sra. Breeding, Directora de Midland invita a los padres y los estudiantes de la comunidad hispana, a la primera reunión de la comunidad hispana de la escuela; con la finalidad de hablar sobre los diversos métodos que Midland utiliza para mantener una comunicación constante con los padres.

En ésta reunión se les enseñará a utilizar la página web de la escuela y del distrito para obtener información en español de eventos y actividades.

Día: miércoles 28 de noviembre del 2018

Hora: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Lugar: La biblioteca de la escuela

Proveeremos servicio de cuidado de niños para quienes lo necesiten, y cena de sandwiches, ensalada, postre y bebida para todos los asistentes.

Su asistencia es muy importante para unimos como comunidad hispana y para apoyar la experiencia educativa de sus estudiantes. Les esperamos!

Para que la escuela pueda coordinar y ordenar la cantidad de comida necesaria, por favor déjenos saber cuántos familiares piensan asistir al evento regresando ésta porción de la hoja a la dirección de la escuela a mas tardar el lunes 26 de noviembre antes de las 4:00 pm.

Nombre del estudiante: _____ Grado: _____

Número de personas que asistirán: _____

