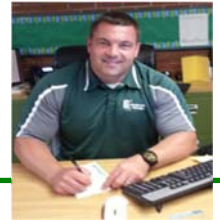


Northeast News



September 2017

Viking Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! As I write this, we have nearly two weeks in the books. At Northeast, we have had a great start to the school year. The students and teachers have been fantastic, coming back with genuine enthusiasm. The behavior has been outstanding, as staff and students establish routines, and the energy in the building has felt very positive. Football and cross country have already competed and girls' basketball games start on Monday. Our pom and cheer teams have large squads and performed at our first football game last week. Student clubs are starting to roll and many new ones have been started. These are exciting times at Northeast! In the upcoming letter, I will discuss M-STEP, volunteer opportunities, and our new counselor and drama coach.

Our M-STEP results were outstanding! Data regarding school performance has been coming in since early August. Individual score sheets will be mailed home next week. At Northeast, we focus on growth. We want all students to gain more academic skill as a Viking than students in other middle schools. The M-STEP scores track how much each student grows, compared to peers across the state, who scored in similar fashion when tested in the previous year. We recognized exceptional growth, in all three grades in both English and mathematics, compared to the rest of the state of Michigan middle schools. This is a direct reflection on how hard the teachers have been working to improve their practices. I am so proud of our students and teachers!

Ms. Martinez, our guidance counselor, is retiring on October 31st. The district allowed us to proactively hire a replacement over the summer. I am excited to announce Ms. Megan Thompson will be our new Student Support Specialist (new title for counselor). Megan has been a school psychologist for twenty years, the last eleven in Midland Public Schools. She is a true interventionist with a tremendous skill set in behavioral and academic remediation. We are lucky to have her on our staff and I am looking forward to seeing the impact she will make at Northeast!

Northeast had an opening for a drama coach, as well. Ms. Martinez was our drama coach, leading several outstanding performances over the past several years. I am pleased to announce we have recommended an experienced, energetic person for this role, as well. Because all of the human resources procedures are not completed yet, I am not at liberty to release a name. However, I wanted you to know we will have a play at Northeast and it will be a great experience for our students.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of Northeast. Parent involvement and support allows us to do so many special things for our students! There is a new process, in conjunction with the United Way, to volunteer. Mrs. Brown has information following the letter about how to get started. Also, yearly yearbook sales are going on right now. Mrs. McPeak and her student crew did an awesome job with the 16-17 edition. Demand exceeded supply last year, as every extra copy sold! Make sure to reserve a copy.

The remaining pages will include valuable information from the booster club, new volunteer process, immunization requirements, attendance, and picture day (September 20th). As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Yours in education,

Dirk R. DeBoer



Northeast Calendar 2017-2018

September

20—Picture Day

22—1/2 day of school. Dismissal at 11:15.

October

9—Professional Development Day-No School

19—Parent/Teacher Conferences for Middle School 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. (There is a full day of school)

26—Picture Retake Day

November

3-School Party

7—Professional Development Day-no school

23-24—Thanksgiving Holiday

Immunizations

All Students by seventh grade will need to have the following immunizations:

5 doses of Dtap

4 doses of Polio

2 doses of MMR

3doses of Hepatitis B

1 dose of MMR

2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox)

Please review your child's shot records and if they need updating, schedule an appointment prior to October 20th.

Picture Day is coming!

September 20th is Northeast Picture Day!

We will be sending home the paper order forms on Monday, September 18, 2017. You can

**order online at mylifetouch.com using the Picture Day ID: LM437100Y0
Retakes are October 23, 2017**



Yearbook News

We have a fantastic school year ahead of us. As we anticipate the memories, friendships, and special times ahead, we're also looking forward to one our favorite traditions--the yearbook. We will accept early bird yearbook orders in the office at the special price of \$26. On October 7th, the regular price of the yearbook will be \$32. Stop by the brochure holders outside of the office and pick up an order form or you can order online

at ybpay.lifetouch.com. Don't miss out on this special offer!

Contact Us:

Attendance Line: (989)923-5778

Main Office: (989)923-5772

Website: nms.midlandps.org

Follow us on Twitter: @NEMSVikings

Y is for **Yearbook!**

**Sharing Tree and Community
Christmas Closet are
available in the Northeast Office.**

The Community Christmas Closet forms are due by October 23, 2017. The Sharing Tree forms are due by September 27, 2017.



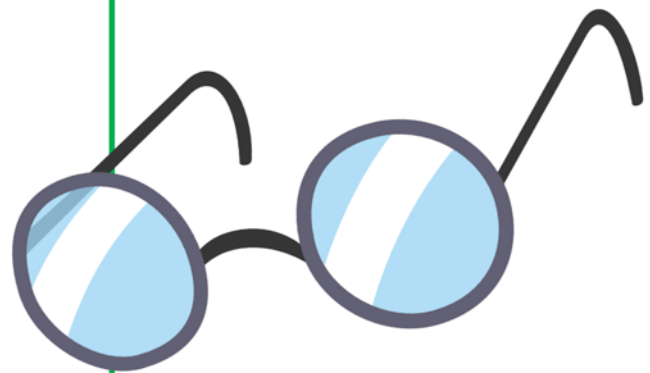
The Main Office has Moved!

We are enjoying our new space and are ironing out all the details. If you are coming in to drop off a student, something for a student or volunteering in the building, please enter the Main doors. The door on your right is the Main Office where we will be there to greet you.

Vision Screening

Vision screening for 7th grade students will be October 11, 12 and 16th.

Please help your student's to remember their glasses.



Viking Football Tailgate

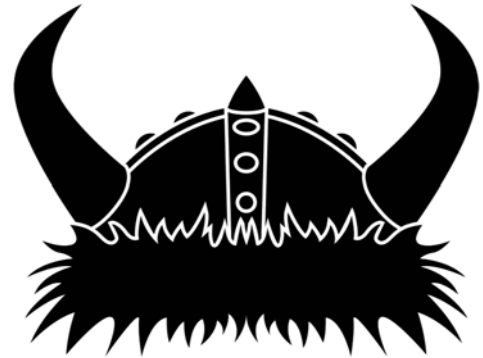
Viking Leadership will be hosting a **tailgate party** on September 27 from 3-4 prior to the NE football game. All proceeds will go to help those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Tickets are \$2 and will be sold at lunch on September 26 and 27.

Donations are needed for this event. If you can provide any of the following, please do so by dropping off items in the office prior to September 27.

Green &/or white hair spray
Face Paint
Green and white bead necklaces

We would like to borrow:

Can Jam
Corn Hole/Bags game
Ladder Ball



Questions can be directed to Kim Formsma or Sarah Valley.

Travel 2018

We're excited to announce that our next student trip will be to Chicago! We will tour Chicago June 19-21, 2018. An informational meeting will be held on October 4 @ 6:30 in the media center for all students &/or parents who are interested in joining this tour. Our tour will include Water Tower Place, 360 Observatory, Lincoln Park Zoo, Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium, and more. Please contact Mrs. Formsma at shel-drakeke@midlandps.org if you are interested in more information or cannot attend this meeting.



Northeast Booster Club News

September 2017

Welcome from the Booster Club

We are looking forward to another great year at Northeast! Your Booster team supports all NE students through a wide variety of initiatives throughout the year. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Tammy Brown at 923-5775.

Also, like us on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/NortheastBoosterClub/>.

Mark Your Calendar for Monthly Pizza Days

Help earn cash for Northeast by ordering from Cottage Inn on our designated fundraiser day!

Here's how:

Mention you are with Northeast when you place your order, pick up your order or at delivery. NE will receive a check for 10% of the day's sales. It's that simple! And...no cooking!



NORTHEAST NIGHT

September 27th
October 17th
November 8th
December 6th
January 17th
February 21st
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th

10% of the entire day's sale
will go back to Northeast Booster Club

Get Your Fall Mum Plants Now

If you missed out on purchasing mum plant vouchers during our NE Curriculum Night, stop by the NE Office and pick up vouchers for only \$10/voucher. NE earns \$4.50/voucher. We have a few left and Kutchey's has plenty of mum plants ready to bloom!

Northeast Booster Club

MUM SALE

on sale now in the
Northeast Office

\$10 per voucher

Purchase your voucher,
and then hand pick your mum
at Kutchey's Greenhouse on
Eastman Rd. in Midland.

A variety of colors to choose
from: purple, white, orange,
red, and yellow

Vouchers redeemable during September 2017

Proceeds go to supporting student
focused equipment and supplies

NE Staff Serves Dinner on Culver's Nights



This year's Culver's Fundraising Nights will be held on October 25th and February 7th from 4pm-9pm. Dine in or drive thru and have your NE Principals and staff serve you! NE earns 10% of all sales.

Coming Soon...

- **Lunch Popcorn Sales** – \$.50/bag every other Friday throughout the school year. Dates announced in weekly notes.
- **Pizza Dude Fundraiser** – 2 full days of yummy goodness where we earn 20% of sales!
- **Chrysler's Cars 4 Classrooms Fundraising Event** – Test drive a car to earn our school big money!

State of Michigan

MIDLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT
FORTY-SECOND CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION

Probate Judge
Dorene S. Allen

(989) 832-6880 Probate Court
(989) 832-6890 Family Division
(989) 832-6607 Fax



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Midland, Michigan 48640-5183

Juvenile Care Center
3712 E. Ashman St.
Midland, MI 48642

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDLAND COUNTY PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

Re: School Absences & Truancy

Dear Parent:

It has been the goal of the Midland County Probate and Family Court since I took the bench in 2000, to ensure that all children attend school on a consistent basis. Education is the great equalizer and provides opportunities for all of our young people. With that in mind, this will serve as a reminder of the attendance policy per the Court's Truancy Protocol that all schools must follow.

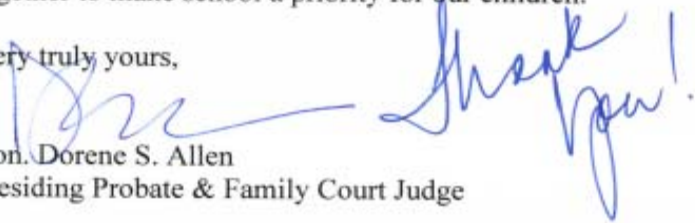
The law states that "every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having control and charge of a child from the age of six to the child's eighteenth birthday, shall send that child to the public schools during the entire school year." To that end, the Midland County Truancy Protocol is a development of a collaborative effort between the Midland County Circuit Court – Family Division, the 75th District Court, the Midland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Community Mental Health for Central Michigan, and Midland County public schools.

At 5-7 invalid absences, the school will hold a parent conference and the student/parent will sign an attendance agreement. Interventions and resources are offered. At 7-9 invalid absences, the school contacts the Court and schedules a truancy conference. Interventions and resources are offered as well as an explanation of the Court process. At 9-12 invalid absences, a petition is filed by the school with the Court.

An invalid absence is any absence other than a medical note from a physician, therapist or dentist. This would include vacations and family excused absences.

The goal is to keep kids in school as much as possible to achieve educational success. As a parent, guardian or caretaker for your child, we know that this is your goal, too. We look forward to working together to make school a priority for our children.

Very truly yours,


Hon. Dorene S. Allen
Presiding Probate & Family Court Judge

Dokiwatches and Gizmo GPS Watches

Parents please be notified that Dokiwatches and Gizmo GPS Watches are not to be worn during the school day. Students may have these devices at school but must keep the device in their locker until the school day has concluded.



Midland Public Schools has a new Volunteer Application and Screening Process.

You can access this procedure by going to the MPS Website: www.midlandps.org, then to Parents section and then to United For Success: MPS Volunteers or copy and paste this address into the browser: <https://portal.unitedwaymidland.org/servlet/eAndar.article/234/MPS-Volunteer-Application-Landing-Page/>. Below is what you will see. If you have any questions, please call the main office.

UNITED FOR SUCCESS: MPS VOLUNTEERS

Midland Public Schools Volunteer Applications and Screening

Welcome to **United for Success**, the new volunteer program for Midland Public Schools. Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer.

Below you can learn more about each volunteerism level we offer at MPS. All applicants must complete and submit the application as well as pass a background check. Level 3 volunteers will need to be fingerprinted and pass reference checks. If you are interested in a particular position or school building, please identify your preference on the application. If you do not specify a particular building or volunteer position, you will be contacted in order to match your interests and skills with the volunteer opportunities available. To view further descriptions of each VOLUNTEER LEVEL, [please click here](#). Click here for the [United for Success Handbook](#).

Level 1 Volunteers

A Level 1 volunteer position involves student interaction. Examples include: after school assistance, club leader, day field trip chaperone, Halfway Hero, PYP Exhibition Mentor, Reading Buddy, Picture Parent, and volunteers within the library, classroom, lunchroom, playground, or at special events. Level 1 is the most common.

Level 2 Volunteers

Level 2 volunteers have all the clearance of a Level 1 volunteer, but are qualified to drive students to activities off school grounds such as performances, athletic events or competitions. This level is usually used when a driver is needed for students because a school bus is unavailable.

Level 3 Volunteers (and MPS EMPLOYEES)

Level 3 volunteer positions involve unsupervised, direct contact with students in various settings such as overnight school trips or volunteer athletic coaches. Most volunteers for MPS WILL NOT be a Level 3.

Please read the following before applying to volunteer

- Family email address or other shared email addresses are not supported. Every volunteer must have their own unique email address
- There has been a large volume of applications at the start of the year which should be processed in the coming weeks, please avoid submitting a second application as this will slow the verification process down.
- Please include all names (even if you have been married for 50 years) as this is required to complete a background check
- The more information you provide in all fields, the faster your application can be processed

Volunteer Application

Volunteer Portal

2017 Northeast Fall Schedule

Start of fall season: 8/21/17

"14 days of practice is required before 1st game; with the first three being conditioning days

Football - Division I (8th Grade)				Girls' Basketball - 8th Grade (Division I)					
Wed.	9-13	W. Thompson	A 4:30	Bus 3:20	Mon.	9-18	Western	H 4:30	White/Green
Wed.	9-20	Jefferson **	A 4:30	Bus 3:30	Thurs.	9-21	White Pine	H 4:30	Green/White
Wed.	9-27	Western	H 4:30		Mon.	9-25	CMMS	H 4:30	White/Green
Wed.	10-4	TBD	H 4:30		Thurs.	9-28	Jefferson	A 4:30	No Bus Green/White
Wed.	10-11	CMMS	A 4:30	Bus 3:20	Mon.	10-2	Mt. Pleasant	H 4:30	White/Green
Wed.	10-18	Challenge Game	4:30		Thurs.	10-5	Nouvel	A 4:30	Bus 3:20 Green/White
					Wed.	10-11	Handy	A 4:30	Bus 3:20 White/Green
Football - Division II (7th Grade)				Girls' Basketball - 7th Grade (Division II)					
Tues.	9-12	Handy	H 4:30		Thurs.	10-12	White Pine	A 4:30	Bus 3:20 White/Green
Tues.	9-19	Jefferson	H 4:30		Mon.	10-16	CMMS	A 4:30	Bus 3:20 Green/White
Tues.	9-26	Western	A 4:30	Bus 3:20	Wed.	10-18	Jefferson	H 4:30	White/Green
Tues.	10-3	Handy	A 4:30	Bus 3:20	Mon.	10-23	Mt. Pleasant	A 4:30	Bus 3:10 Green/White
Tues.	10-10	Jefferson **	A 4:30	Bus 3:30	Thurs.	10-26	Nouvel	H 4:30	Green/White
Tues.	10-17	Western	H 4:30						
** Indicates bus is one way only									
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