

# Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from  
the Midview Local Schools

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## A Message From the Superintendent



Howard Dulmage

The band is on the practice field, the football, soccer and volleyball teams are running drills, the maintenance and custodial staff are 90% completed with their cleaning and repair projects and teachers are visiting their buildings to prepare their rooms. Quietly, the symphony that is "school" is coming to life.

I look forward with pride as I begin my third year as the Superintendent of The Midview Schools. We have successfully come through a fine 2006-2007 school year and I look forward with anticipation to an even better year in 2007-2008.

Midview students, faculty, staff and administration have always had great pride in our schools.

I see this constantly at our sporting events, music and art shows and in the classroom. "Middie Pride" is alive and well and it is our promise that we will keep it that way.

If you are new to The Midview Schools, welcome! I clearly understand that you are sending us your most valuable possession, you child. I promise you that we will do our very best to keep your child safe during the school day, to give your child every opportunity for success and most of all, help your youngster develop the honesty and character that we need to carry on the American Dream.

The Midview Schools are rising to the challenge of a modern world. We cannot be satisfied to simply maintain the status quo. The world around us has no mercy for those who do not move forward.

As we progress through the new school year, it is my wish that your every day is filled with happiness, opportunity and a strong feeling of accomplishment. Together, the Midview Schools will continue to "Expect More and Achieve More."

**ATTENTION: School Starts August 28th.  
Please watch for children and drive safely!**

## LunchBox Automated Payment System Now Available in Elementary Cafeterias



Misplaced milk money and slow lunch lines are a thing of the past at Midview's elementary schools this year, with the introduction of LunchBox, a new automated payment system. Instead of fumbling for lunch money, students in grades K-2 simply present their lunch card to be scanned, and students in grades 3-6 punch in their ID number on a keypad at the lunch terminal. This ID number is given to each student in grades 3-6 on the first day of school.

Both methods associate the student with his or her meal account. The money is deducted and the data is recorded. LunchBox also provides confidentiality for those students applicable for Free and Reduced Lunches at their school. The LunchBox automated payment system was piloted at the middle school and high school last year. How it works:

- Account pre-payments may be made in the student's building cafeteria, by cash or check only. Checks should be made out to your student's school.
- On the first day of school, students will receive their ID number or card from their home room teacher at the beginning of the day.
- This account number will then be punched into the terminal's keypad to access the student's account. Funds are then deducted automatically from the student's account.

Please Note: Even if your student is paying by cash each day, the ID number must be punched in to the keypad at the lunch terminal. This process helps our cafeteria to automatically track inventory for budgeting and reordering.

## Midview Students Continue to Impress on State Report Card!

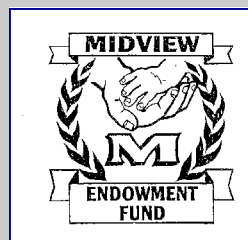
For the second year in a row, Midview students continued to make impressive improvements on the statewide assessment standards, ranking in the top tier of schools in Lorain County and in similar school districts across the State.

Areas of improvement we are proud to share include:

- 4 out of 5 Midview Schools were rated **EXCELLENT**
- Midview students passed ALL Math indicators and all but one Science indicator this year—two particularly important and challenging areas
- Midview students passed all 25 indicators from the 2005-2006 school year...great job!
- Only three indicators were not met—and all three indicators were for new tests which schools struggled with across the county
- The Midview Schools are proud to rank in the top tier of Lorain County and similar school districts
- Midview passed an impressive 90% of the standards

Midview's rating for the 2006-2007 school year is **EFFECTIVE**, having earned 27 out of 30 indicators. As noted above, the three indicators which were not met were NEW tests for the academic school year. Now that Midview knows what to expect from these new tests, we will be better able to prepare for them come testing time in the 2007-2008 school year.

Congratulations to all Midview students, staff members and families who worked hard all year long as a team to ensure this success. Together, we're truly **expecting more, achieving more!**



## Midview Educational Endowment Fund Announces Grants and Scholarships

The Midview Educational Endowment Fund has formally announced grants and scholarships totaling \$11,579 for the following recipients:

### FINE ARTS

Carol Simonson: A Dicken's Christmas  
Theresa Beyler: Cleveland Orchestra  
Mary Ann Kershaw: Cleveland Orch.  
Alan Toth: Cleveland Orchestra  
Diane Haglund: A Dicken's Christmas  
Gloria Thomas: Words, Music, Opera

### ACADEMIC

Vicki Beaver: Sky Stories  
Mary Firis: Difference in Reading

### ATHLETICS

Kim Kauffman: Adventure Challenge  
Victoria Marzi: Wellness in Our School

### GENERAL

Lisa Miller: Red Ribbon Week  
Lisa Miller: The Shining Star Program  
Susan Bobola: Academic "M" Awards  
Kim Kauffman: Pi Day Celebration  
Steve Hayhurst: Health Class  
Brenda Fitzgerald: Undersea Ecosyst.  
Sharon Urig: Calculate Success  
Michael Filipiak: Academic Quiz Team  
Vicki Beaver: Sky Stories

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Savannah Butler: Johnson C. Smith Univ.  
Stephen Gross: University of Akron

The above grants will be presented to Midview staff on August 24th during the district's opening ceremony for employees. The Midview Educational Endowment Fund thanks all those who have donated so generously to the Fund. Without your help, the above programming and scholarships would not be possible for Midview students!

If you are interested in becoming a donor, or if you would like to increase your donation to the Fund, please contact the Midview Educational Endowment Fund at 440-934-4540, or call the Midview Administration Office at 440-926-3737.

## Want More Information, More Often?

Midview is working hard to ensure that the Midview community is kept informed about what's happening in their schools. The **Midview Messenger**, [www.MidviewK12.org](http://www.MidviewK12.org) district website, and **local newspapers** are wonderful resources to keep you "in the know." This year, also keep an eye open for the following information sources: (1) "What Happened at Last Night's Board Meeting" published monthly and distributed at various locations throughout the community including the Midview-Grafton Library, Grafton Village Hall, Sparkle Market, GLW Broadband, The Unicorn Restaurant, Royal Fitness Center, Shield's Market, Larry's Deli in LaPort, The Child Garden, and the Colonial Oaks main office; (2) **Midview School Talk**, a cable program broadcast on GLW Broadband's Channel 12; (3) **E-News**, a monthly E-newsletter which you may sign up for on the district website, and (4) **Community Coffees** with the Board of Education—dates are advertised in the local papers, on the local cable stations, and on the district website. If you have additional suggestions, please contact us at 440-926-7605.