

Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from
the Midview Local Schools

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Midview Board of Education SPOTLIGHT

It's been a busy year for the Midview Board of Education. In 2007 they developed many initiatives to help further their focus on four main goals in their pursuit of academic excellence:

- Goal #1:** Establish and maintain trust through open and honest communication
- Goal #2:** Develop and communicate instructional and operational plans
- Goal #3:** Improve, expand, and communicate fiscal stewardship
- Goal #4:** Encourage the development of our students' compassion, integrity, respect, and honesty

A report of their progress is available online at MidviewK12.org. In closing out the year, the Board is preparing for a busy 2008:

Permanent Improvement Levy on the March 2008 Ballot

The Midview Board of Education is placing a 2.5 mil permanent improvement levy on the March 2008 ballot. This levy will pay for necessary improvements in the district including major repairs; bricks and mortar items such as new buses, roofing, and paving; and educational equipment such as textbooks and computers. More information on this levy will be available in January—please keep posted to Midview's website at MidviewK12.org and the Rural-Urban Record for the latest details.

State of the Schools Address to Be Held January 2008

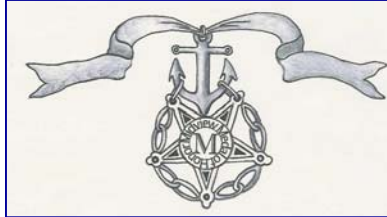
In January 2008, the Board will be hosting a State of the Schools address to continue an open and honest dialogue with the Midview community. The Board is working with a community-led group and the Superintendent to develop this presentation. The purpose of the presentation is to share key information about the District's progress in academics, finances, operations, and community relations.

Master Plan Progresses

A sub-committee of the Board of Education—including the Superintendent, Treasurer, and two community member—is reviewing 21 proposals from various architects to help The Midview Schools with the next phase of the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC) building master plan. The sub-committee's goal is to present a list of 5-7 architects to the entire Board at the December 18, 2007 business meeting. The goal is to begin interviewing these 5-7 architects in early 2008. Additional information about this process will be posted on the District website as it develops at www.MidviewK12.org.

Board Member Changes

The Midview Board of Education would like to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. William Goodspeed for his contributions to the Midview School Board, District, and the community for the past 16 years. On January 8, 2008, the Board will hold its organizational meeting welcoming new member Mr. Don Whitesel. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at West Elementary in the LRC.



It's Time to Make Your Nomination for the "Make a Difference" Hall of Honor Award

Know a Midview graduate or retired staff member who has set the bar for excellence for Midview students?

Now is the time to make your nomination for the Midview "Make a Difference" Hall of Honor Award. This program uses a student-led committee to select up to five (5) community members and one (1) retired staff member who have been excellent role models to our students.

It is the hope of the Alumni Committee that this program will positively influence the future goals of Midview's students by making them more aware of what they can achieve and what career opportunities are available to them.

CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

Midview Alumni: (maximum of 5 recipients per year)

- The candidate's class must have graduated at least 10 years prior to selection.
- The candidate may be a graduate of Midview High School OR the 3 high schools that merged to become Midview High School—Grafton High School, Belden High School, Eaton High School
- The candidate may be active in a variety of fields, including but not limited to: medical, science and health; art and literature; entertainment; business and finance; government and politics; education; humanities.
- The candidate has demonstrated leadership in his/her field in terms of career or philanthropic endeavors.
- The candidate has significantly impacted his/her area of expertise. The candidate is recognized by the community as a person of good moral character with high standards.

Midview Staff Member/Volunteer: (1 recipient per year)

- The candidate is retired from or currently not employed in the Midview School District.
- The candidate has demonstrated leadership in his/her field or area of service.
- The candidate is well-respected by the students, peers, and community.
- The candidate has had a significant positive impact on students, the school district, and the community.

To learn more about this new program, please review district website at MidviewK12.org Nomination forms are available in every Midview school building.

The deadline for nominations is January 15th, and should be submitted to Midview High School Principal Susan Bobola.

WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

Cold weather has become a day-to-day reality. Snow and ice will eventually become part of the landscape, for it's wintertime in Ohio. These signs point to the possibility of closing schools when it is unsafe to transport students. Education is important and we will always make an effort not to close schools unnecessarily. Each day lost deprives our students of the opportunity to learn and grow. However, there are times when buses cannot traverse rural roads and schools must be closed.

TWO-HOUR DELAY: Under special circumstances the Midview Schools will use a two-hour delay in opening. Examples might be when the weatherman tells us that the snow will stop by daybreak or when our maintenance people need a couple of additional hours to clear parking lots and remove snow from doorways. School will open exactly two hours later than normal. All buildings will run a compressed schedule and dismiss at the normal time. Please have plans ready for a Two-Hour Delay schedule.

CANCELLATION: The State Department of Education allows only five (5) days of closing for any reason. Any time after five days must be made up. We try to stay within this allotment so that we do not have to add days to our June calendar. **Note: a "delay" does not count against our five calamity days.**

When questionable weather arises in the morning, the roads in various parts of the 64 square mile district are actually checked and ongoing forecasts are reviewed. Keep in mind that weather conditions may vary greatly over the 64 miles that make up our district. Whenever possible, the final decision to delay or cancel is made by 6:00 a.m. so that word can get out as soon as possible.

Once the decision to cancel or delay is made, two local radio stations are notified: **WEOL—930 AM** and **WOBL-1320 AM**

Next, a newly developed computerized network will be triggered resulting in mass notification of the following:

TELEVISION STATIONS—Ch-3, Ch-5, Ch-8 and FOX

RADIO—WTAM-1100 AM; WMVX-106.5 AM; WGAR-99.5 FM; WAKS-96.5; WKOD-94.1 FM;

In addition you can check out our website at www.MidviewK12.org as well as the [Cleveland Plain Dealer School Closing](http://ClevelandPlainDealerSchoolClosing) website.

If you live in Ohio you know that winter weather can be an adventure. We will always weigh the loss of educational opportunity and the safety of our students when making that judgment. Please have a "Delay Plan" and a "School Closing Plan" ready and discuss it with your children.