



A Message from the Superintendent



Superintendent
Howard Dulmage

With the 2005-2006 new school year well underway, the Midview Local School District has many exciting things in store for our students and community. We're proud to welcome 16 new staff members to the Midview Schools, we are educating our youngest students in three new state-of-the-art elementary schools, we are making daily progress in the area of curriculum, and our students are still finding time to raise thousands of dollars to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. That's a huge testament to the quality of our students, and to their commitment to improve the world in which we live. In addition to this quarterly newsletter and the weekly updates in your local media

sources, we hope you'll log on to our website at www.midviewk12.org, which is updated daily to provide you with the latest information about your schools. We look forward to sharing with you the many of points of pride within your Midview Local School District.



L-R: Kevin Matheson, Anne Schonauer, Margaret Hirsh, Sarah Maxwell, Alice Feldman, Mary Shepherd, Esther Stanard, Lora Wright, Donald Murrey, Cassie Lundgard, Rory Scarvelli, Mercedes Szuch, Monica Schuka, Bryan Wanosky

Midview Welcomes New Staff Members

Midview is pleased to welcome 16 new staff members to the district this year. Entry-year teachers participated in an orientation to the Midview Schools before the year began, and are currently involved in a mentoring program to provide experience, assistance and support as needed throughout the year. Please join us in welcoming our newest additions to the Midview community.

Aligning the Curriculum to Improve Academic Performance

Dr. Cathy Pugh joined the Midview Local School District this year as director of curriculum to help improve our students' academic performance. There are new standards this year in English language arts (reading and writing), mathematics, science and social studies. The new standards let teachers know what they are expected to teach and students know what they are expected to learn. Part of this system will include achievement tests to determine how well a child is making progress toward these new standards. These tests will replace the current Ohio Proficiency Tests.

One of Dr. Pugh's first tasks has been to meet with Midview's teachers so that they can work together on aligning the curriculum to the new academic content standards. "Midview's teachers are just wonderful," says Dr. Pugh. "They've met this challenge with enthusiasm and a true willingness to dig in and get the job done."

Parents are also encouraged to work with their children on the academic content standards at home. Publications such as "A Standards Guide for Families" provides samples of some of the things children need to know and be able to do in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies at the appropriate grade level. The guides also have helpful practice problems, tips and activities for families to do with their child to help him or her achieve the new standards. Standards Guides are available at each child's school, and are also available online at www.OhioAcademicStandards.com.

Midview Website Has News You Can Use

Looking for information? Check out the Midview Local Schools website for all the latest news. There, you'll find the Weekly Sports Update from the high school athletic department, important dates on the District Calendar, bus schedules, photos of the elementary school construction project, educational games and achievement test information in the District Curriculum section, important contact information, and all the latest happenings in and out of the classroom. Some areas of the website are still under construction, so check back often for the newest developments. Midview's website is <http://www.midviewk12.org>.

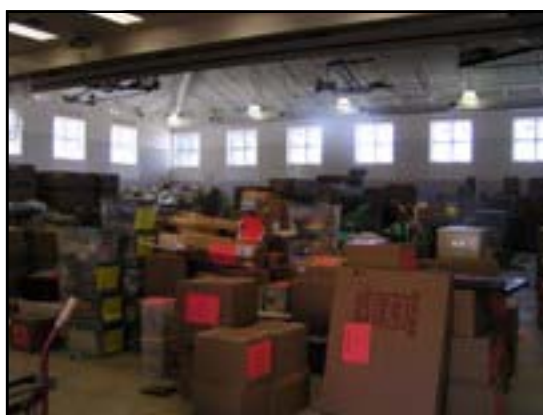


L-R: (back) Katrina Beckloff, Mark Hoover, Tom Gaston of the American Red Cross, John Ramirez, Jessica Ritsko, Anthony Gott, Chelsea Moore, (front) Ashley Schaefer, Bailey Delfosse

Midview Raises \$6,525 for Victims of Hurricane Katrina

The students and staff of Midview Local Schools held fundraisers in September raising a total of \$6,525 to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donations at the high school were collected daily in the cafeteria during lunch time. At the middle school, 7th and 8th grade students participated in a Penny War. And at the elementary schools, each class collected pocket change daily that was then compiled at the end of the week. A large donation check was presented to the American Red Cross on September 22nd to aid in their relief efforts. Our thanks to everyone who participated in this effort—together, Midview has truly made a difference.

A Big "Thank You" to Midview's Hardworking Construction Crew



This summer Midview's construction crew took on the task of moving out of Grafton Elementary, East Carlisle Elementary, and Brush Elementary and then moving into the three new elementary buildings located off Durkee Road. The job entailed many hours of packing, cleaning, sifting through old materials, tagging items to be reused within the district, and moving countless boxes, supplies, and materials so that the buildings could open on time. And they did. All in just under three months.



The Midview Local Schools would like to express its heartfelt appreciation to Midview's construction crew for their hard work and determination to ensure that our youngest learners were in their new buildings on the first day of school. For more than two years we have watched this vision come to fruition—from the

initial planning phase, to the clearing of the construction site, and finally, to what is now a bustling center where our elementary students can achieve. We are so proud of our new buildings, and of your efforts to make that vision a reality. From all of us, to all of you: **THANK YOU!!!**