

Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from
the Midview Local Schools

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*From all of us to all of you... a wish for health,
happiness and peace this holiday season.*

~ Howard Dulmage, Superintendent

Midview Board of Education Update

At the start of 2006, the Midview Board of Education undertook a Strategic Goal-Setting Process with district administration and building principals. Together, this Long Range Planning Committee reviewed information gathered through coffees held throughout the year with the community and set three goals to be accomplished this year. Since that time, the Midview Board of Education has made much progress in the pursuit of academic excellence. Highlights from the year include:

Goal #1: Establish and maintain trust through open and honest communication.

- Maintained and increased community engagement through more than a dozen coffees with approximately 350 community and staff members
- Expanded dissemination of information through the website, print media, and broadcasting of board meetings on Grafton Cable (coming soon!)
- Increased Board involvement through attendance at school and community functions

Goal #2: Develop and communicate strategic plans

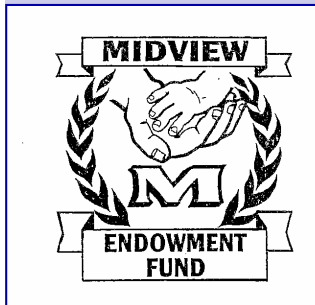
- Re-assessed the OSFC Master Plan and identified options for moving forward
- Set the Permanent Improvement Budget
- Advanced Midview's Education Plan by improving test scores, developing a Technology Plan, and sharing curriculum and technology updates with the staff, administration and Board
- Continued to meet with the Long Range Planning Committee to assess progress and plan for the future
- Celebrated district-wide for reaching the "Effective" rating

Goal #3: Improve, expand and communicate fiscal stewardship

- Developed a community-wide Finance Committee
- Explained expenditures and revenues with Board and community at regularly scheduled Board meetings
- Produced and publicized five-year forecast

In addition to the above work, the Midview Board of Education members are involved in a self-evaluation to assess their current effectiveness and leadership as a whole, so that they may continue to further their boardsmanship. **Next up:** The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 at West Elementary. The Board will continue the goal setting and advancement process in January.

The Midview Educational Endowment Fund



With the season of giving upon us, we thought it appropriate to spotlight an organization that does so much to provide our students with so many wonderful opportunities throughout the year: the Midview Educational Endowment Fund. This community-based trust receives contributions from many members of the Midview community, including your neighbors and friends, Midview families and employees, small groups, organizations, and local businesses.

Each year, these resources are then allocated to worthwhile education programs in the Midview Schools, offering enrichment activities beyond the basic programs offered in the classroom.

Your contributions to the Midview Endowment Fund made these and other fine programs possible:

- The UnderSea Ecosystem Habitat teaching 5th grade students about habitats, communities, and predator-prey relationships.
- The Midview High School Academic "M" Awards Banquet for students who have maintained a 3.5 GPA for the first six semesters of their high school career.
- Video Editing Equipment for the Midview Middle School Morning News
- SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS for 2005-2006
- The Baseball Coach's Clinic, providing education for new coaches for better results for upcoming baseball seasons
- A Dicken's Christmas sending 120 5th grade students to see A Christmas Carol performed by The Great Lakes Theatre in Cleveland.
- A Christmas Carol allowing approximately 99 students/adults to attend the play in Cleveland.
- Two professional actors from the Great Lakes Theater to meet with six classes per day at the high school, actively involving students in recreating scenes from Shakespeare's plays.
- Academic Quiz Team practice questions, T shirts, an end of season banquet, and awards for eight members of the Quiz Bowl Team.

Year-end is the perfect time to make your contribution to the Midview Endowment Fund. Your tax-deductible gift allows the Fund to offer education experiences that are not available through any other means. And since your actual contribution is never expended, your gift continues to give year after year after year. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

For more information, please contact the Fund at 440-934-4540 or visit their website at www.MidviewK12.org/Endowment_Fund.

School Closing and Snow Days

It is always a difficult decision to close school as it affects over 3,000 students and their families in the Midview community. As always, the decision is based on current weather road conditions, input from neighboring schools, weather stations and state police. When the decision is made, it is with the understanding that our children's safety is the top priority.

Midview School's closing announcements will be listed on the district website at www.MidviewK12.org as well as broadcasted on the following local television and radio stations: Channel 3 WKYC, Channel 5 WEWS, Channel 8 WJW, Channel 19 WOIO, and radio station 930 AM WEOL.

Visit Midview's Website for News You Can Use

Midview's website is www.midviewk12.org. This website will provide you with the opportunity to see the successes happening daily in our classrooms, as well as District Information, Staff Contacts, Board of Education meeting agendas and minutes, District Calendar, Lunch Menus, and more. **Right now, you can also sign up to receive E-News**, which delivers important information via e-mail to your home or work account. This is just one more way we're working to keep you connected to what's happening in the Midview School District!