



Celebrating with Holiday Express!

Holiday Express did it again! With their hearts of gold, the volunteers know how to spread joy and happiness and bring smiles to students and staff. Thank you for the wonderful lunch, gifts, and entertainment. Everyone enjoyed dancing and celebrating with so many special guests. But the day's highlight was the anticipation of SANTA's arrival, bringing the excitement of the holiday season!





The December Social Skills theme was:

Identifying & Understanding Feelings

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

212-Gianna

215-Ryan

217-Bianca

218 -Kaylee

219-Holden

220-Leah

222-Christian

The January Social Skills will be:

Expressing Yourself Appropriately & Self-Regulation

Celebrations

It's a new year, and you're another year older, but may this one be the best yet, filled with laughter and overflowing happiness—warmest wishes to everyone born in January.



School Performances

Congratulations to our Midland Chorus and soloists who performed a heartfelt performance that left everyone in the Holiday Spirit!

***HOLIDAY
CONCERT!***



OUR SOLOISTS AND A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA!



Holiday Spirit Week

You could feel the spirit in school during Holiday Spirit Week (December 16th—20th). So many activities were going on to celebrate the season's upcoming events.



Students and staff dressed in the traditional blue and white holiday colors and learned about the traditions of the Hanukkah holiday. From storytelling to singing songs, the assembly was informative and entertaining. Thank you, Cantor Shana Onigman, for teaching us about Hanukkah traditions.

Kwanzaa Day!



The students were in for a treat when the Administration Team came into their class to read a book and share information about Kwanzaa!



Mrs. Migliore read to Room 506, 217 and 512.

Mr. McInerney read to the Student Council.



Mr. Petrik read to Room 212, 510, and 215.



Mrs. Owens read to Room 509, 220, 511 and 222.



Mrs. Ouimette read to Room 504, 219 and 218.

Wearing an Ugly Sweater is not just a festive thing to do, it's a fun and joyous tradition. And today, the students and staff at Midland truly embraced the spirit of the season, wearing their Ugly Sweaters with pride and adding a touch of entertainment to Holiday Spirit Week!

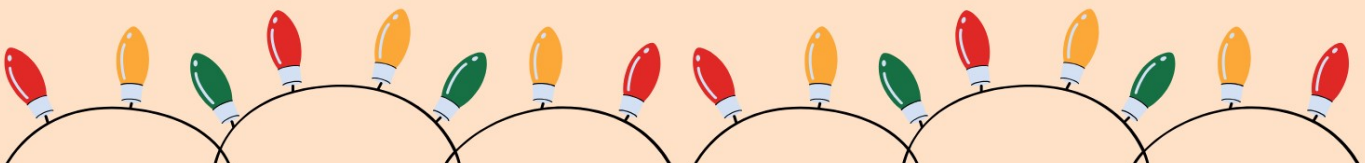
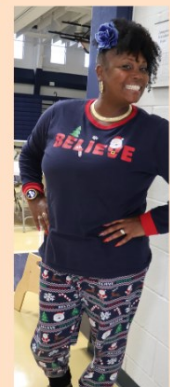


UGLY SWEATER DAY!



The final day of Holiday Spirit Week was Pajama and Polar Express Day, a day filled with fun and relaxation! Everyone arrived at school dressed in their pajamas and gathered to watch The Polar Express movie with their Midland family. Before entering the gym to watch the film, Mrs. Owens collected a Golden Ticket from each student.

Pajama/Polar Express Day!



For the Parents



**LEARNING
INSTITUTE**

The Midland School is presenting a Learning Institute, and you are invited:

Life After Midland & Transition to Adult Services

**Presented by: Marie Durand-Turner, The Division of
Developmental Disabilities (DDD)**

Bill Liberatore, Director of Employment Services

Eric Ware, Assistant Director of Employment Services

Irene Francis, Developer of Business Partnerships

When: Thursday, January 16th, 2025, from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Where: The Great Room at The Midland School

94 Readington Road

Branchburg, NJ 08876

The transition to graduation – and beyond – can seem daunting. Midland wants to make sure you have the knowledge and support to undertake this transition smoothly, effectively, and within the necessary timeline. This presentation will review, in detail, the steps to take to assure appropriate services and program options are available post-graduation. Representatives from The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Midland’s own Adult Services will be with us.

If you plan to attend this very informative event, please email Holly Honeywell at honeywell@midlandnj.org by Wednesday, January 15th.

Easy Latkes (Potato Pancakes)



Try this recipe at home. It was simple and delicious and a big hit with the students in Ms. Chaplin's class!

you will need:



4 cups fresh shredded hash browns



1 tablespoon onion powder



2 tablespoons dried parsley



2 tablespoons milk or milk substitute



2 eggs beaten



1/4 cup flour



1 teaspoon salt



vegetable oil for frying



optional: apple sauce or sour cream

tools:



frying pan



large bowl



measuring spoons



measuring cups



metal spatula



paper towels



cookie sheet or cooling rack



mixing spoon

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Add all ingredients but oil to bowl



Mix ingredients well



Line cookie sheet or cooling rack with paper towels

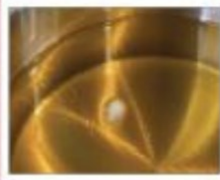
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Pour oil into frying pan



Heat oil on medium high-high heat



Drop a small amount of batter into oil



If the batter sizzles, it's ready!



If the batter doesn't sizzle, try again after a few minutes

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Drop a 1/4 cup of batter into hot oil and flatten



Flip when golden, after 2-3 minutes



Cook for 1-2 minutes until golden brown



Place latkas on paper towels to drain oil



Serve with apple sauce or sour cream

Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Basket Bash

AT THE MIDLAND SCHOOL

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 23**

**DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON
INCREDIBLE PRIZES, 50/50, GIFT
CARD APRON AND MORE!**

**TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN THE NEW YEAR.
STAY TUNED!**

94 Readington Road
North Branch, NJ

Please check your e-mail on Thursday January 2nd for an opportunity to buy a discounted table for eight (8) for *Midland's Basket Bash*. Last year, the tables sold out in three weeks! This year, we are offering the Midland community first dibs on the chance to buy a table.

The event is on Sunday, February 23rd in the Multi-purpose room of the Midland School. Doors open at noon and will feature over 150 wonderful baskets, a 50/50 and the chance to win a pair of Jet Blue round trip tickets anywhere the airline flies!

Please join us for an important and fun fundraiser for Midland!

Mark your calendar for ***Saturday May 31, 2025*** for Move for Midland!

The event starts at 3:00 p.m. in the Midland Multi-purpose room and features DJ Jean Marie, free prizes and games and much more!

We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!
MOVE FOR MIDLAND

Celebrating
10
YEARS

**May 31, 2025 -
3:00 - 5:30 PM**



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thursday, January 2nd

School Resumes

Friday, January 3rd

New Year's Pizza Party

Tuesday, January 14th

Student Council meeting

Thursday, January 16th

Learning Institute - 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Life After Midland & Transition to
Adult Services

Friday, January 17th

500 Wing Dance

Monday, January 20th

School Closed, MLK, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 28th

Student Council meeting

