

## HALLOWEEN



The gym transformed into a festive Table Trick-or-Treat Parade as students made their way around the U-shaped room, visiting SPOOKTACULAR tables decorated by students and staff. Enjoy looking at the creative table setups, perfectly paired costumes, and themed group shots that brought the Halloween spirit to life

—an unforgettable way for everyone to share in the fun!



# Election Day at Midland

Students had the opportunity to practice their civic right to vote as they selected this year's Student Council President. The school was filled with red, white, and blue for our patriotic Spirit Day as everyone gathered for an Election Day assembly. Students listened to the candidates' speeches, signed in at the polling station, chose their candidate on a picture ballot, cast their vote, and proudly received an "I Voted" sticker. It was a meaningful and memorable day of learning, school spirit, and student engagement!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL!

President,  
Sadhika



Vice President,  
Sophia



Treasurer,  
Owen



Recording Secretary,  
Diana



Social Secretary,  
Maddie

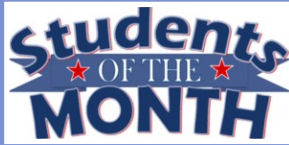


## MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADVISORS



From bottom row left to right: Sophia, Shaylese, Andrew, Sadhika, Owen, Shawn, Isaiah (not pictured), Ms. Vega, Ms. Borz, Diana, Mrs. Rivera, Maddie and Mrs. Giorello

## School News



**The November Social Skills theme was:  
Helping Others and Gratitude**

**Congratulations to our Students of the Month!**

Room 209— <b>KEILY</b>	Room 212— <b>BRADAN</b>	Room 214— <b>MATTHEW</b>
Room 215— <b>CLAIRE</b>	Room 217— <b>ANTHONY</b>	Room 218— <b>GABBY</b>
Room 219— <b>BIANCA</b>	Room 220— <b>GAVIN</b>	Room 222— <b>GIANNA</b>

**The December Social Skills will be:  
Effective Communication**

## School News



Please join us in welcoming two new students and their families to Midland. We are so happy to have you here, Victoria and Kenny!

**Victoria joined Mrs. De La Torre's class in Room 504.**

**Kenny joined Ms. Miller's class in Room 222.**

## School News



The Midland School proudly celebrated its 45th annual **Jump Rope for Heart**, a tradition that brings our entire school community together in support of the American Heart Association. Students across all levels joined in—some showcasing their impressive jump-rope skills, while others helped by turning ropes, spinning mini hula hoops, and cheering on their peers. Every participant played a part as we worked toward our goal of raising funds for heart health and supporting life-saving research.



While the event is full of fun and movement, it's also an important learning experience. Students explored heart-healthy habits, the importance of staying active, and what it means to give back. Jump Rope for Heart has a long and meaningful history. Today, the tradition continues through the **Kids Heart Challenge**—a service-learning program that inspires students to “feel good by doing good,” encouraging physical activity, community service, and heart-healthy living. We are proud to keep this tradition alive at Midland and grateful for everyone's enthusiasm in supporting such a worthwhile cause! If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the American Heart Association, contributions can be sent to **Kathy Andia**. We have raised **over \$165 so far**—thank you for your generosity!

# Fall Festival Dance

On Friday, November 21, the entire school gathered for a joyful Fall Festival Dance. It was truly heartwarming to see students from both the Lower and Upper Schools come together and enjoy one another's company. The dance floor was filled with energy, smiles, and shared moments that made the afternoon especially memorable for all.



## Upcoming Events

Get out of the cold and join us for our annual Basket Bash (Tricky Tray)! Tickets will go on sale after the holiday season, and you won't want to miss out. Enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, and friendship—all for a great cause.

With over 150 prize packages, exciting door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and our popular gift card apron raffle, there's something for everyone.

Thank you for your support of one of Midland's largest fundraising events!

# Mark your calendars!

Sunday, February 22, 2026

## Basket Bash

Doors open at 12:00 PM and ticket sales will be available for sale after the holiday season.

We hope to see you there!

*This event sells out quickly.*



## Celebrations

# Happy Birthday

### Students

Naushair Owen  
Connor Amy  
Shawn Noah  
Bryce Riley  
Shaylese Jillian  
Tetsuhiko



### Staff

Ms. Badore Ms. Benegas  
Mrs. Palma Ms. Honeywell  
Ms. Canales Ms. Chandrasekar  
Mrs. Lynn Mrs. Hendrickson  
Ms. Frank Mrs. Schlittler  
Mr. Andia Miss Chemey  
Mrs. Swiatek



## LEARNING INSTITUTE

### ***Navigating the DDD Service System: Understanding the 4 Steps to Determine Eligible and Enroll in the DDD Service System***

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

**When:** Wednesday, December 10th, 2025, from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

**Where:** Virtual via Teams

A link will be provided to you via email prior to the session

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 post-graduation.

If you plan to attend this very informative event, please send an email to Holly Honeywell at [Honeywell@midlandnj.org](mailto:Honeywell@midlandnj.org) by Monday, December 8th.

In the email, please say whether you plan to attend the session in-person or virtually. If virtual, a link will be provided to you after your registration is received. We hope to see you all on December 10th!

Somerset County Park Commission - Therapeutic Recreation

# SENSITIVE SANTA



**SENSORY-FRIENDLY PHOTOS!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Session One: 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Session Two: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**TR ACTIVITY CENTER**  
355 MILLTOWN ROAD, BRIDGEWATER

**Free Train Ride Included!**

**\$10.00 per family residing in Somerset County**  
**\$15.00 per family out-of-county**

Santa is ready to meet children, teens, and young adults with disabilities (and their siblings) for a sensory-friendly photo experience. This event offers a quiet setting for those needing extra time and no lines for less stress. While waiting, families can enjoy hands-on sensory activities and crafts and a trackless train ride outside in the park. Each family will receive a framed photo as a special keepsake.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY: Wednesday, December 3, 2025**  
**To Register Call (908) 526-5650**

Individuals with a hearing/speech impairment, please call the Relay Service @ 711.

## December Calendar

**Thursday, December 4th**

**Student Council meeting**

**Friday, December 12th**

**Holiday Express**

**Week of December 15th**

**Visit from Police Officers, Fire Department and KwanzaA**

**Thursday, December 18th**

**Hanukkah Celebration, wear BLUE**

**Friday, December 19th**

**Holiday Concert/Ugly Sweater Day**

**Monday, December 22nd**

**Santa Hat Day**

**Tuesday, December 23rd**

**Polar Express/Pajama Day**

**Wednesday, December 24th—31st**

**Winter Break**

**Thursday/Friday, January 1st-2nd**

**School Closed—Happy New Year!**



**Happy Hanukkah**



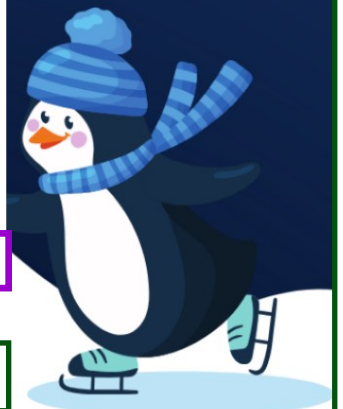
**Merry Christmas**



**Happy Kwanzaa**



**Happy New Year**



**Happy Holidays to our Midland Family!**