MIDLAND

THE MIDLAND Monthly

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Lifetime of Caring

November 2026























School Spirit Day
Wear PINK

Dance

What's Happening

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Students of the Month

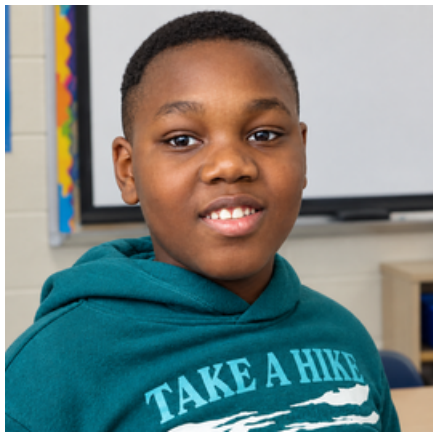
The October Social Skills theme was
Identifying & Understanding Feelings and the
Wellness Word was ***Patience***.

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

Room 212 **Aleeza** Room 214 **Lily** Room 215 **Bianca**
Room 216 **Lucius** Room 217 **Mario** Room 218 **Josie**
Room 219 **Ayaan** Room 220 **Gavin** Room 222 **Keily**

The November Social Skills will be:
Helping Others and the Wellness Word of the month
will be *Gratitude*

Welcome OUR NEW STUDENTS!



Nathan
Room 215



Angelina
Room 212

We're excited to welcome these two new students and their families to The Midland School! We are so happy you are here!

🛝💙 Celebrating the Dedication of the Margaret A. Darrin Playground!

On October 14, the Midland community gathered for the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Margaret A. Darrin Playground! Joined by our Student Council, donors, Board members, and school leadership, we celebrated this extraordinary addition to our campus.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Margaret A. Darrin Charitable Trust and all the generous supporters who helped bring this vision to life. This adaptive, inclusive playground is so much more than a place to play—it is a space where students of all abilities can build strength, develop skills, foster friendships, and experience the joy of belonging. We look forward to the countless smiles, connections, and memories it will inspire for years to come!

Speakers included Student Council Sophia, President and CEO Shawn McInerney, Principal Jeanette Owens, Vice Chair of Midland Board of Trustees and Parent, Sandy LoPiccolo and Trustee of the Margaret A. Darrin Charitable Trust Mike Hanifin.



Spring 2027 & Beyond

Phase 2 and Future Plans will include:

- An outdoor educational center
- A small amphitheater
- A sensory garden
- A wellness station





The Race Is On!

Meet our five Student Council President candidates! Their campaign posters are now displayed throughout the school as they share their excitement and prepare for the big day.

Stay tuned for the results on November 3rd — Election Day! That's when our students will cast their votes to elect Midland's next Student Council President.

Good luck to Diana, Maddie, Sophia, Laura and Owen! We can't wait to see who will be our next student leader!

Intramural Spectate Game!

Students took to the field to compete, while parents, classmates, and staff cheered 👏 on each team. It was a wonderful way to celebrate teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit!



AN EXTRAORDINARY VISIT FROM FIVE STAR EXOTIC CARS!





On October 19, Midland students and staff enjoyed an unforgettable surprise when Five Star Exotic Cars and the Branchburg Police Department brought an incredible collection of exotic vehicles to our school!





Students and staff had the opportunity to admire these amazing cars up close and even sit inside some of their favorites. From Ferraris to Lamborghinis, the excitement was contagious!





A heartfelt thank-you to the car owners and Branchburg Police Department for sharing their passion and creating such a memorable experience for our Midland family. What a day to remember! 💙🏁







MEET OUR FEATURED STAFF MEMBER!



ANNEMARIE BLACKWELL

CLASSROOM AIDE

SIX YEARS AT MIDLAND

Annemarie began as an Adapted Physical Education (APE) aide, giving her the chance to meet students and staff throughout the school.

FINDING HER CLASSROOM HOME

After filling in on Wednesdays in Room 506 with the infamous Linda Hickey, she knew she loved the classroom and joined Room 506 permanently after her first year.

WHAT SHE LOVES ABOUT MIDLAND

Amazing students, wonderful staff, special friendships, and teamwork make Midland feel like her second home.

A TRUE MIDLAND FAMILY

Both of Annemarie's grown children work at Midland, and her husband contributes to school events. She hopes to make a positive difference for every student she supports.

FUN OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND

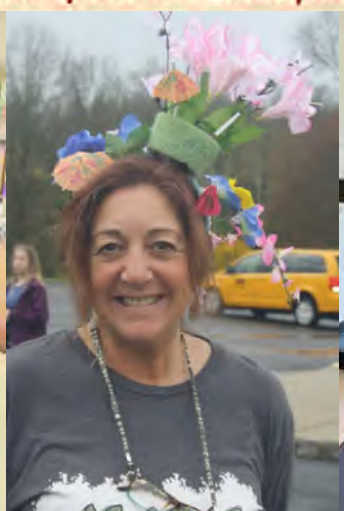
Playing with her dogs, spending time with friends, singing karaoke, traveling, and riding the biggest, fastest and best roller coasters she can find!

Thank you, Annemarie, for your dedication, teamwork and care. We're happy you're part of our Midland family!













SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY





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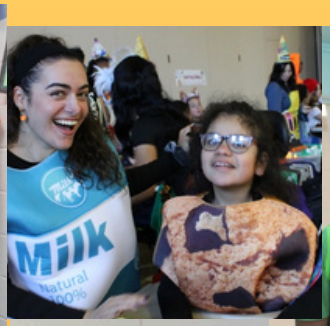




TRUNK OR TREAT


























HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students

Destiny
Andrew
Princy
Drew
Carlo
Antonio
Leo
Keyla
Luca

Staff

Ms. Olivo
Ms. Vega
Mrs. Munro
Dr. Singer
Mrs. Fleming
Mr. Connors
Ms. Beaufort
Mrs. Nurnberger
Mrs. Almonte Castro





🍂🎂 **Don’t be scared… you’re just another year more fabulous!** 🎂🍂

Our two little scarecrows are here to remind you that birthdays are something to celebrate! 🍁🥳 May your special day be filled with warmth, love, laughter, and all the happiness you deserve. May the year ahead bring wonderful memories, joyful moments, and birthday wishes that come true!

The Midland School

2026-2027 Learning Institutes

December 10: All About Guardianship

January 21: Life After Midland and The Transition to Adult Life - Navigating the DDD Service System

February 18: Special Needs Trust and Able Accounts

March 18: Special Child Health Services & The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

April: Housing

May: Managed Long Term Services and Supports

If Interested Please Contact:

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MIDLAND

GET INVOLVED

Make a difference in our shared Midland community!

Midland relies on the generosity and support of our friends, families, and the greater community to continue to provide life-changing programs and services to our students and adults.

The Midland Foundation is responsible for reducing the gap between the funds available and the funds needed to meet Midland's mission and vision.

Midland hosts annual events to support fundraising efforts

The Midland Golf Classic – Oct. 5, 2026
Midland Goes to the Movies with PNC – Nov. 22, 2026
Midland Basket Bash (Tricky Tray) – Feb. 20, 2027
Move for Midland – May 1, 2027

Want to learn more, attend, join a committee, or volunteer?
Contact Brianne:

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NOVEMBER

CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 3rd	Election Day Assembly School Spirit Day - Wear Red, White and Blue and bracelet
Thursday, November 5th	Re-Take School pictures
Friday, November 6th	Diwali Day - Wear bright colors
Thursday, November 12th	Student Council Meeting
Friday, November 20th	Students Dismiss - 1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 25th	School Dismisses - 1:00 PM Jump for Heart - Jump-A-Thon
Thursday, November 26th - Friday, November 27th	School closed Thanksgiving break