

Dear Midland Families,

### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found is getting crowded, especially with water bottles. Please come check it out in front of GATE A every Friday. To help the lost items find your kiddos easier, please label lunch boxes, jackets, and water bottles that you send to school.

### **Symptom Screening**

It is our expectation to keep our schools open and students participating in on-campus instruction. This will take a collaborative effort between home and school to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 on our campuses so that we can keep our schools open and students safe. In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school community, it is critical to screen your child(ren) before school each day.

**PLEASE, do not send your child(ren) to school if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:**

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- (Persistent) cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches, fatigue
- Chills
- Vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- Runny nose, congestion

### **PTA Reflections**

Due Oct 22

National PTA has a long-standing commitment to arts education. The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

Our theme this year is "I can change the world by...", and categories include dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

Top entries will be sent up to the next levels, and will also be featured in our yearbook!  
Online submission info coming soon!

### **PTA Membership**

Your Midland PTA is back in action and looking for your help to build our membership base with as many members as possible!

ANYONE who would like to help our children & our school can join - parents, teachers, students, grandparents, friends, businesses etc - our Rattlers Rock! Each \$10 membership will be entered to win a gift certificate too :)

Thank you for your support!

<https://jointotem.com/ca/poway/midland-elementary-pta>

### **Restaurant Night**

Mark your calendars for October's Restaurant Night! Visit Bongiorno's New York Pizzeria on Tuesday evening, October 5 and a portion of your purchase will be donated to MEF to support Midland STEAM Initiatives. Follow us @TeamMidland on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on all of our restaurant partnerships!

### **Conference Week**

Teachers will send out more communication as we get closer, but mark your calendars now. November 15th will be no school for students while teachers hold conferences all day. Tuesday-Friday will be 12:00pm dismissal to allow for afternoon conferences.

### **Red Ribbon Week**

October 25th - 29th

Theme "Drug Free Looks Like Me!"

- Monday: "Sock it to Drugs!" - Wear your crazy socks.
- Tuesday: "POWER to be Drug Free" - Dress like a Superhero
- Wednesday: "Too Bright for Drugs" - Wear neon colors
- Thursday: "We're Wild About Being Drug Free" - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday: Story Character Parade

### **More than just a Free Lunch**

Each year, families have the opportunity to apply for Free or Reduced Lunch to support their students' nutritional needs at school. However, qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch is not just about accessing school lunches. Students who qualify for Free or Reduced lunch may receive other supports throughout their K-12 educational experience such as:

- Reduced fees/waivers for ACT, PSAT, and SAT tests
- Reduced fees/waivers for Advanced Placement exams
- Waivers for college applications

Some people have heard that it is only necessary to fill out this form if you want your child to qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch. The truth is that it is important for families to fill out this form because doing so helps bring much needed additional money and services to your child's school and to Poway Unified School District (PUSD).

PUSD receives funding from the state and federal governments to support the needs of low-income students. For each student who qualifies for free or reduced price meals, our district receives thousands of additional dollars in funding. Studies show that many eligible students, in particular middle school and high school students, do not complete this form each year, leaving hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for PUSD on the table. Even a small increase in eligible forms collected results in significantly more money to support our schools and students.

If you would like to apply, the confidential application can be found at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Even if your qualified student chooses to bring their own lunch to school, they may still access these additional benefits.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

October 5th - Make Up Picture Day

October 5th - Bongiorno's Restaurant Night

October 25th-29th -Red Ribbon Week

October 29th - Trunk or Treat 5pm-7pm

November 1st - Midland Site ProGrow Day- 12:40pm dismissal

November 11th - No School Veterans' Day

November 15th - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 16th-19th - Dismissal at 12:00pm

November 22-26th - Thanksgiving Break

December 20-31st - Winter Break

January 17th- No School MLK Jr Day

January 31st- PUSD ProGrow Day- Non-student day

February 21-25th- No School

March 10th- Midland Site ProGrow Day- 12:40pm dismissal

April 11-15th- No School Spring Break

May 30th - No School Memorial Day

June 9th - Last Day of School