

Dear Midland Families,

Drill Week

Next week, Midland will be practicing different drills to prepare our students and staff for emergency situations. You students will engage in the following schoolwide safety drills:

Tuesday: Fire

Wednesday: Shelter in Place

Thursday: Earthquake/Disaster

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
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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

Submissions due 10/22

Does your child enjoy art, music, and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then encourage them to join us and have fun unleashing their inner artist with PTA Reflections - an art recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, and develop artistic literacy! This year's theme "I Will Change the World By..." calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts.

Submissions can be entered here:

<https://forms.gle/dcBHtmneuVg5CEs5>

Top entries will be included in our yearbook too!

PTA Trunk or Treat

Friday 10/29 5-7pm

PTA's TERRORiffic Trunk or Treat is around the corner and we are looking for ghoulish hands to help make a hauntingly fun evening for all!

There are screamingly fun jobs for everyone from decorating trunks, donating candy, helping with games & set up - peek below to see where you can share your scary expertise!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a4daaa828abfb6-midlands>

(Remember to label any candy donations with your teacher's name too)

Thank you so much for helping make this fun family event a freakishly fabulous one!

PTA Spiritwear

Items should arrive next week!

PTA Kids Are First Fundraiser

Items should arrive next month!

3rd Annual Holiday Photography Fundraiser

MEF is thrilled to announce our third annual

Holiday Photography Fundraiser November 12-21 at Old Poway Park. We've once again partnered with Marina Shkolnik Photography for this popular event! Your 20 minute session will include posed and candid photos and 5 finished digital images for just \$85! A portion of these proceeds goes to MEF. We expect this event to sell out, so sign up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4aa4ab2fa4fb6-holiday2>

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.

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 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