# THE MIDLAND MONTHLY \*\*\*\*

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



President

Vice President

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<u>Meet the Student Council Representatives</u> (from bottom left to right then top left to right).

Sadhika—Vice President Teddy—Treasurer Diana—Secretary Sophia—Room 506 Andrew—Room 504 Ryan—Room 509 Mrs. Giorello—Advisor Saqueo—Room 510 Shawn—Room 512 Aidan-President Owen—Room 506 Mrs. Casucci—Advisor

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**DECEMBER 1, 2023** 

School Spirit Day!





The November Social Skills theme was:

**Gratitude & Helping Others** 

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

212 - Zachary 217— Aleeah 218— Leah

219 - Marco 220 — Ian

The December Social Skills will be: Identifying & Understanding Feelings/Emotions

#### **School News**



We are so excited to welcome Leonardo, Natalia, Luca and their families to Midland.

Leonardo will be joining Mrs. Hickey's class in Room 506.

Natalia will be joining Mrs. Renz's class in Room 220.

Luca will be joining Mrs. Moreno's class in Room 212.

Are you following us across all social media channels? We will share news, feature some exciting school activities and communicate events. Subscribe today!



Facebook: @TheMidlandSchool YouTube: Midland NJ Twitter:@MidlandMessages Instagram: Midland\_School\_NJ



#### **School News**



🖈 HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★ ★



Every Veterans Day, we honor the generations of women and men who have served and sacrificed. Today, we recognize Darlene Reijers, Midland's School Nurse, who served for ten years in the United States Army Reserve as a Nurse for 322nd General Hospital.

Thank you for your years of service. We are so fortunate to have you as part of the Midland family. Thank you for the care you provide to the students and individuals daily, and thank you to the students in Room 509 for making cards all week that were given to you and sent to other Veterans.



The 2023 Vendor and Craft Fair was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came out to shop and all the wonderful vendors who helped make this event happen! The holidays are off to a great start!





The 43rd Annual Jumpathon took place in the gym on November 22nd. Two teams of jumpers participated to raise money for the American Heart Association. Every class attended to support the cause and had the opportunity to jump, turn rope, twirl hula hoops during the event. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. It was a big success raising over \$250.

#### **Celebrations!**

Birthday TO ALL BORN IN DECEMBER!

# **STUDENTS**

HAPPY

Owen Bryce Shawn Jason Shaylese Connor Jillian Amy STAFF Miss Benegas Mrs. Hendrickson Ms. Rojas Garcia Mrs. Palma Mrs. Palma Mrs. Swiatak Miss Chemey Mrs. Massimo Mr. Andia Ms. Frank

Make your birthday a day that is as special as you are, and may all your birthday wishes come true!



**School News** 

# SOCCER INTRAMURALS



As part of the seven-week intramural program, everyone got a kick from watching their classmates play in a soccer game against each other. Students, staff, and parents came out to spectate and cheer on all the players. It was a great game!

## <u>Blue Team</u>

Andrew	Jillian	
Sophia	CJ	
Laura	Caleb	
Nicholas	Ryan	
Isaiah	Brian	
Sagueo	Alina	

### <u>Gold Team</u>

Andrew	Shawn	
Angel	Mikayla	
Tommy	Shaylese	
Diana	Darius	
Elena	Aidan	
Astrid	Tason	

#### **For the Parents**

Family

Contact:

**Trisha Bailey** 

Resource Network

# TRANSITION MADE EASY

A PRESENTATION ON THE TRANSITION PROCESS INTO THE DIVISION DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DDD)

DECEMBER 12, 7-8 PM

#### WHAT WE WILL COVER:

The Step-By- Step Transition Process

Medicaid Eligibility

Support coordination and choosing the right agency

To register, please copy and paste this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ tZUtdu6opz8sHtQyHqdq2qWdkUECbVuTBc WQ#/registration

# SAVE THE DATE!







#### CAN PROCESSED FOODS BE HEALTHY?

There are a lot of conflicting messages at processed food is

are fortified to add nutrients

What do you need to know

 Minimally processed foods have been manipula (cut, cooked, packaged) in some way.
 Some foods are processed with ingradients tunit

 Some foods are processed with ingredients typical used in cooking, such as salt or sugar.
 Highly processed foods are manufactured with



# December



#### Almond Snack Mix

SERVES 4 / SERVING SIZE 1/2 CUP

Ingredients •1/3 cup whole, unsalted almonds	•1/4 cup dried apricot halves, cut into pieces <b>OR</b> 1/4 cup golden raisins •1/4 cup sweetened, dried
•2/3 cup whole-grain cereal squares	
<ul> <li>1/2 cup low-fat granola (without raisins)</li> </ul>	cranberries

#### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread the almonds in a single layer on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 10 minutes, or until lightly toasted, stirring once or twice to ensure even baking. Transfer to a plate to cool completely.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, stir together the remaining ingredients. Stir in the cooled almonds.

Tip: If all the snack mix isn't likely to be eaten on the day you make it, we recommend using the golden raisins. The moisture of the dried apricots may cause the cereal to lose its crispness over time. Be sure the almonds are completely cooled when you add them to the mix; otherwise, they will make it soggy.

Nutritional Facts				
Calories	174	Cholesterol	0 mg	
Total Fat	6.5 g	Sodium	72 mg	
Saturated Fat	0.59	Total Carbohydrate	29 g	
Trans Fat	0.09	Dietary Fiber	5g	
Polyunsaturated Fat	0.09	Sugars	14 g	
Monounsaturated Fat	0.0 g	Protein	49	
Dietory Exchanges: 1 fruit, 1 st	tarch. 1 fat			

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SAVE THE DATE!

MOVE FOR MIDLAND

SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2024 THE MIDLAND SCHOOL 94 READINGTON ROAD NORTH BRANCH, NJ 08876

3:00 - 5:30 PM



## Parents/Guardians



A friendly reminder. The peak of the cold and flu season is here.

To prevent widespread flu at Midland School, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms.



To decide whether or not to send your child to school, please consider the following guidelines:

# Keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees. Your child may return to school only after his/ her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications)
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness, or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough

# Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day of rest and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- Very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough
- Mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep)
- Headache
- Stomach ache

# To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits:

- Wash hands frequently
- Do not touch eyes, nose, or mouth
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Your child's health is our priority. Please help us be a part of their healthcare team by informing us of changes that could impact their care at school. Email us if you have any questions. Nurse Tara at petersongurak@midlandnj.org and Nurse Darlene at reijers@midlandnj.org.

\*health status

\*medications

\*surgeries or procedures immunizations

#### **December Calendar**



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# One Of Our Many Reasons To Be Thankful This Holiday Season!

