

- **Why do we hear so much about “Growing at Midland?”**
The phrase “**Growing** at Midland” provides a focus for all that we believe and all that we do. From the **rich foundation** of our beliefs, we stay focused on three important elements: integrity, positive relationships, and service to students. With these three components in place, we expect EVERY child to **bloom!**
- **How do I know what events are taking place at MES?**
For info and events about Midland, check out Midland’s website: me.horrycountyschools.net. You can follow us on Facebook or read our monthly newsletter “The Buzz.” You can also receive texts from Remind 101. Text @midlandf to 843-765-4783 for up to the minute info.
- **What are the office hours?**
The Front Office opens at 7:00 each morning and closes at 4:00 each afternoon.
- **What time does the tardy bell ring?**
The tardy bell rings at 7:35 each morning. Please ensure that your child is at school early enough to be in the classroom and ready to learn at the sound of the bell. If students are tardy, they must be signed in by an adult in the Front Office.
- **Does my child have time to eat breakfast?**
Our cafeteria opens at 7AM. The last students will be served at 7:20 giving students 15 minutes to eat and walk to class. In the rare event that a bus is late due to complication beyond control, we will ensure that students on that bus have the opportunity to be served.
- **How long does my child have to be at school in order to be counted present?** Students must be in class for 3 hours to be counted present.

- **Can I walk my child to class?** Safety is our first concern. Per policy, visitors are not permitted in the hallways in the mornings. Staff members will escort students to the appropriate classrooms.
- **This project is heavy. Can I take it to my child's class?** Safety is our first concern. Per policy, visitors are not permitted in the hallways in the mornings. Our staff and volunteers will make sure that your child's project is delivered to the classroom.
- **How do I get information to my child's teacher?** Should you try to reach your child's teacher by phone, he/she will be happy to return your call during planning time when possible or before/after school. Often the most convenient way to reach your child's teacher is via email. Notes are always welcome. Many of our teachers also use Remind 101 or Class Dojo.
- **We are planning a trip and my child will miss school. What do I need to know?** Parents may complete a Request for Principal Approval of Absence form before a trip for administration's approval. This form asks you to list the dates of the absence, the nature of the trip/activity, and tell how the activities are educational. This form can be obtained from our Attendance Clerk, Sandie Jones.
- **Where is my child's bus stop? What time will the bus come?** Bus stops can be viewed on the Horry County Schools website under the School Zones and Bus Routes tab. This site is interactive and will help you determine bus stops and arrival times. Specific questions about routes can be answered by calling the Bus Office (843) 488-7125.

- **Where do I drop off or pick up my car rider?**

The car rider line entrance is on Nichols Highway. The car rider line runs through the playground area and exits on Vaught Road. This line is used for drop off and pick up. There will be no parking in the line.

- **When is car rider dismissal? When can I pick up my car rider?**

Car riders will be dismissed at 2:25 in the car rider line. Please do not arrive before 2:00 to get in line for dismissal. We need to keep the traffic lanes open for emergency access and ensure that delivery trucks come and go, as needed. Since the car rider line goes through the playground, the line will not open in the afternoons until 2:00. The line will remain closed so that all students can enjoy recess on the playground at their scheduled time.

- **My child has a change in transportation. What should I do?**

All changes in transportation must be requested in writing. Please send in a written note with your child or deliver the note to the Front Office. Permanent bus changes can be made by submitting a form to the Secretary, Mrs. Bellamy, in the school office.

- **How do I pay my child's lunch bill?**

You are welcome to enclose check (made payable to Midland Elementary School) or cash in an envelope addressed to the cafeteria labeled with your child's first and last name along with the homeroom teacher's name. We will ensure your payment is applied to your child's account. You may also choose to pay online via the My School Bucks tab on the HCS website.

- **Can my child use the microwave during lunch?**

If you choose to bring a lunch, please keep in mind in order to prevent serious injury or burns students are not allowed to use the microwave.

- **How long is recess?**

Students in grades K-5 enjoy 20 minutes of recess daily. CD students have 30 minutes of recess daily.

- **My child needs help academically. How can Midland help?**

We are constantly reviewing students' test and observation data in order to ensure that students are receiving what they need academically. Our Response to Intervention (RtI) team, which consists of the school psychologist, an administrator, instructional coach, school counselor and classroom teachers, meets monthly to review assessment and intervention data to determine which students may need additional assistance in reading and math. Students who qualify for additional assistance may participate in intervention groups for targeted instruction in weak areas.

- **My child excels in reading. How will his/her instruction look?**

All students receive small group instruction in the area of reading in order to ensure their instructional needs are met. Students receive whole group Imagine It! instruction daily. They also participate in workstations and small group instruction, which is differentiated to meet their educational needs.

- **How will I know how my child is progressing?**

Interim reports and report cards go home every quarter. Information about student grades, progress, and teacher comments are included on these. You can expect that teachers will send home graded papers and assignment information

weekly. Should you ever have any questions about your child's progress, do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher. Parents also have access to PowerSchool, where you can view your child's grade and attendance information. (Contact our data quality clerk, Ms. Sandie Jones, for your PowerSchool login information.)

- **My child qualifies for G/T services. Who will provide instruction?**

Students who qualify for Gifted and Talented services in ELA or Math will be taught by a teacher with G/T endorsement. Depending on the grade level, this may or may not be the student's homeroom teacher.

- **What is MAP? Why is my child's score important?**

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a computerized adaptive test administered to students in grades 2-5 in the areas of reading, math, and language usage. The final score the student receives is based on an estimate of the child's achievement level. Students test in the fall, winter, and spring of each year. Scores are used to determine if students are adequately progressing in the areas of reading, math, and language.

- **What is DIBELS? Why is my child's score important?**

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are assessment measures that are used to determine how students are performing on important reading skills. Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are assessed with DIBELS three times each year. A student's scores on DIBELS gives us information about whether or not he/she is on track for grade-level reading success. We can quickly identify students who don't meet goals on each DIBELS measure and provide extra help to close the gap and help your child be a successful reader.

- **How does my child use technology during the school day?**
 Students use programs that are research based to improve their math and reading skills. Students use computers and/or iPads to access ALEKS Math, Achieve 3000, and numerous educational apps.
- **What resources should my child be using online to excel?**
 Many of the programs that we use at school can be accessed at home. Please see your child's teacher or our Computer Lab Instructor, Mrs. Heather Richards, for help with log in and password information.
- **I want to volunteer. What should I do?**
 Our volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Heather Richards, will be more than happy to arrange opportunities for you to be involved. All volunteers will be asked to submit a form and agree to a background check. Horry County Schools uses this as a way to ensure that our students are surrounded by safe adults.
- **When is field trip money due? Can I go on field trips?**
 When possible, we welcome parents to join in the fun and learning on field trips. We just ask that you follow behind the bus or meet us at the location of the event. Buses are for student and staff use only. We will communicate well in advance if a trip is planned that is only for students. We ask that field trip money be paid two weeks prior to the date of the trip. Each teacher will communicate a final due date for payment.
- **My child's doctor gave him a prescription. What should I do?**
 An adult should bring the medication to the nurse's office. The nurse will obtain written consent before administering the medicine. Medicines must be secured in the nurse's office. Please send medicines in their original containers. Medication cannot be

transported on the bus. If you have questions, please contact our nurse, Mrs. Rutina Nobles (843) 358-3036 ext. 153106.

- **My child has an allergy. How will it be handled?** Notify the nurse of the allergy and provide as many details as possible to the nurse concerning the allergy. The nurse will then implement the plan of care and house medicines (if necessary) in her office.
- **What kind of counseling services do you offer at MES?** Classroom and group instruction is provided in three domains: Learning to Learn, Learning to Work, and Learning to Live. Counseling services include areas of personal, social, and academic need for students. The counselor will provide services to students individually or as a group when needed to help ensure the most productive state of mind for learning. Should a student require more therapeutic than preventive services, the counselor will work with the parents to make outside referrals for treatment.
- **Do you have an After School Program?** Our After School Program is open daily from 2:30-6:00PM. The program is \$10 daily. For more information about our program, please contact Katie Edge (843) 358-3036 ext.152312.
- **How can my child be involved beyond the school day?** Students have the opportunity to join in the many activities we offer beyond the school day. Some of these include: Good News Club, Buzzy's Book Club, Student Counsel, Junior Librarian, and a variety of technology clubs.