



Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger Nov 26, 2017

Middlebrook Quick calendar

Wednesday - Tuesday	December	6-12	Book Fair
Wednesday	December	6	Grade 6 Winter Concert & Art Exhibit (Book Fair Open)
Friday	December	8	2-hour Delayed Opening - Professional Learning for Staff
Monday	December	11	Grade 7 Winter Concert & Art Exhibit (Book Fair Open)
Wednesday	December	13	MB Singers & Student Government Members - senior center visit

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	November	27	Day 3
Tuesday	November	28	Day 4
Wednesday	November	29	Day 5
Thursday	November	30	Day 6
Friday	December	1	Day 1

Note from the PTA President:

Only four weeks until Winter Break and Middlebrook has a lot going on during that time-- concerts, the Book Fair, a luncheon for teachers & staff (aren't they lucky ducks?), the National PTA Reflections competition kicks off and the deadline for entering the Science Fair will pass. Be sure to read on for details.

Online PTA Membership and Directories:

We have over 300 PTA members, but would love a few more! Your membership and donation dollars support a variety of programs at Middlebrook that enrich the student experience.

Student Assemblies, Outdoor Classroom, Media Center Supplies, Activity Nights, Science & Engineering Fair, Social Opportunities, Weekly Messenger, Organizing Photo Day, Teacher &

Staff Appreciation Events and Soaring Ahead are just a few of the programs our PTA supports with funding and volunteer hours. When you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our new online directory.

Visit <https://wilton.mobilearq.com>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email used with the district and the code “wilton” to join, pay your membership dues and even make a supporting donation, if you’re feeling generous! Please add support@mobilearq.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.

Volunteer:

Volunteering is a great way to know your child’s school and be a part of the Middlebrook Community. There are many opportunities to help. You can check out our website at www.middlebrookpta.org -- there is bound to be an event or committee that piques your interest! You can also email Meire Mouracade at immouracade@gmail.com

National PTA Reflections “Within Reach” 2017-18 Program:

Tentative Project Due Date Friday January 5-- choose from these Arts Categories: Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography and Visual Arts. If you have any interest in Publicity, Judging, Coordinator, Computer or Celebration efforts, please join our team. For more information contact chairs Gretchen Mancuso gretchenmancuso@yahoo.com, Jill Bennet jllb@optonline.net or Michelle Bennett mjbenn@optonline.net and check out the Reflections page at <https://www.pta.org/REFLECTIONS>

MB Hospitality Committee: Holiday Party for MB Teachers and Staff, Dec. 6

MB Hospitality Committee has decided to add appetizers to the popular Dessert Bar to make it a complete Holiday Party.

Let's kick off this Holiday Season with Appetizers and Desserts to honor our wonderful Teachers and Staff at Middlebrook. Do you have a favorite homemade appetizer or dessert that's always a fan favorite during the Holidays? That special treat that you take to a Holiday party? If so, please consider sharing it with our fabulous teachers and staff at MB. To view your sign up page, go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C4DADA628A4FE3-mbholiday

You can send in your contributions with your child the morning of December 6th, or drop off at the office between the hours of 8am-10am.

Thank you in advance for making this event a success.!

Science & Engineering Fair Tuesday January 30, 2018:

Sign up deadline has been extended to Monday December 4th. **By visiting www.middlebrookpta.org and clicking on the Science Fair link, you will be able to view the powerpoint that students were shown in teambase and you can view more information about the Science Fair.**

Dates to keep in mind: If your project involves human subjects, then you must register with the CT Science Fair by December 1st. **Please email Ritu Malik at middlebrooksciencefair@gmail.com for more information.**

Book Fair at MB:

The **Always Awesome Middlebrook Book Fair** is just around the corner! Mark your calendars with these dates and times:

Wed 12/9 8:00am to 3:00pm & before (6:30), during and after the 6th grade evening concert

Thurs 12/7 8:00am to 6:00pm

** NEW 8th grade reading department event, see below for details**

Friday 12/8 10:00am to 3:00pm

Mon 12/11 8:00am to 4:30pm and before (6:30), during & after the 7th grade evening concert

Tues 12/12 8:00 to 3:00 - ** last sale day**

NEW this year - Teacher Gift Certificates in \$5 increments. Our reading teachers would love new books for their classroom libraries. Visit their wish list board at the book fair or purchase them a gift certificate. **Also NEW this year for 8th graders** - special after school shopping hours for our 8th grade students with their reading teachers. 8th grade students are invited to shop after school on Thursday 12/7 from 4:00 to 6:00pm with their reading teachers. Come and chat with your teacher about your favorite, their favorite and perhaps new soon to be favorite(!) books.

To purchase gift certificates, ask questions or volunteer to help, please contact Amy Palma at amypalma@gmail.com

Class Project 2022:

Show your support with 2022 T-shirts, hoodie sweatshirts, plaid lounge pants, magnets and water bottles!

- Order your Wilton S'well bottle by contacting Maura Chapey chapeys@aol.com
- All other orders can be made by contacting Gail Hanny gmhanny@optonline.net

Email wilton2022@gmail.com for information on how to get involved or visit our [2022 Website](#) or [2022 Facebook Group](#)

Parent Advisory Board:

The Parent Advisory Board for Special Services & 504 (PAB) is seeking new members. If you are interested in working with parents and administrators on issues and programs related to special services in our school district, please contact us at PABwilton@gmail.com. We hold meetings on the second Wednesday of every month **(Sept. to May) from 9:15-10:30 at the Zellner Gallery in the Clune Center, WHS.** For more information on the PAB, please visit www.pabwilton.com

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program:

Those families who frequent Stop & Shop can support Middlebrook through the Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards program. **The program gives money to our school based on all of your purchases made October 6, 2017- March 15th, 2018.** It does not cost you anything

and does not impact your gas points. Sign up directly online at www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards/

Spread the word to friends and neighbors that we would love to have them support Middlebrook through this program. Even extended family that does not live in Connecticut can sign up if they shop at Stop & Shop. The funds raised will be used for projects that help Middlebrook feel like a fun and friendly place through groups including Team Change and Kindness Club. Of course, we are not asking anyone to change their shopping habits or switch stores! This is just an easy way to take advantage of no-cost fundraising with folks who already use Stop & Shop.

Box Tops for Education – Please Support This Effort!

Please donate your Box Tops to Middlebrook School. **Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of everyday products from companies like Food Should Taste Good, Yoplait, Kleenex, Scott, Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Land O Lakes, and Hanes.** Collection boxes are located in the front reception booth, the media center, and the teachers' lounge. Proceeds from Box Tops go directly to the school to help buy new equipment and supplies. **Last year we raised over \$1100! That works out to just 11 box tops per student!** If you would like more information about this program, including participating brands, visit www.btfe.com or contact Jennifer Acerra- Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net

Media Center Volunteers:

The media staff would greatly appreciate your help in the school Media Center to assist with a variety of projects. Shifts are extremely flexible- you can pick the time and day that works best for you! Can be weekly/ biweekly/monthly, or just periodically throughout the year! Please contact Claire Carbonier at carbos@optonline.net

Lose Something on the Bus?

If your child left something on the bus use this link for a peek at items currently in the lost and found at the Bus Depot-- across from MB where the buses park. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Turnover Store December 22nd, <https://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/>

Missing Items at Middlebrook?

Use this handy link to see pictures of the items currently in the Middlebrook Lost & Found <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A1aBWLEIM7lvqFtzlXNuuXssDQyZ6X5LrD3Ot32l3w/edit?usp=sharing>

Community News

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, And Listen So Kids Will Talk:

Wilton Public Schools are introducing a six-week workshop developed by the authors of the book by the same name, using lessons, roleplay and practice to help parents develop more effective skills for communicating with their children.

In this workshop, participants will learn how to:

- Engage your child's willing cooperation
- Deal with your child's negative feelings - frustration, disappointment, anger
- Express your anger without being hurtful
- Set firm limits and still maintain goodwill
- Use alternatives to punishment that promote self-discipline
- Encourage positive relationships between your children
- Resolve family conflicts peacefully

Funding and training for this new program was provided through a joint initiative of the Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Woman's Club that is taking aim at the opioid crisis by focusing on early prevention of the risk factors that lead to addiction later in life. Early prevention starts with fostering communication, connection and resilience in families and in the community.

This workshop is will run three times this year. It is free and limited to Wilton parents. Dates for the 2017-2018 school year are listed:

Session 1 – Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Comstock Community Center Room 31

Facilitated by: Kathy Weiss, Kim Zemo

Nov 13, 20, 27

Dec 4, 11, 18

Session 2 – Wednesdays

Facilitated by: Nicole Mok, Bonnie Schnitzler

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb 7, 14, 21

(one snow date scheduled)

Session 3 – Thursdays

Facilitated by: Jim Martin, Alexa Lee

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 19

(one snow date scheduled)

Registration for Session 1 is now open. Please call Wilton Youth Services at (203) 834-6241.

Wilton Youth Council:

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and community. Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

WYC's Youth to Youth:

Join us for a full year of leadership training, community service projects, and many fun activities such as ski trips etc. For more information, go to our website at: <http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth> or see Mrs. Leonard in room 133A or email leonardt@wiltonps.org.

Looking to Get Involved?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at sumapiyer@gmail.com

Annual Poinsettia Sale:

Please support the WHS Boys and Girls Ski Teams as you decorate for the holidays. These are NOT your typical 4" supermarket poinsettias! The beauty, size and quality of these poinsettias are truly exceptional. 3 sizes and 3 colors are available. \$15 for tabletop size, \$25 for large floor plant, \$35 for XL floor plant. For more details and an order form, email kbonnist@yahoo.com (please type "Poinsettia Sale" in the subject line). Orders will be available for pickup at the Clune Center on November 29.

MB Messenger Announcements:

Have an important announcement to post in the MB Messenger? Please note that the messenger alternates bi-weekly between the "LITE," calendar based Messenger and the fuller edition. Requests must be in by Wednesday at Noon to be included in the next FULL Messenger. **To submit a request for a non-profit, school related announcement in the messenger, email** middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com