

Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger – November 6, 2016

MIDDLEBROOK QUICK CALENDAR

Mon	November	7	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Tues	November	8	NO SCHOOL – Election Day/Professional Development Day
Thurs	November	10	Board of Education meeting 7 pm
Fri	November	11	Veteran's Day Assembly for Students
Thurs	November	17	PTA Meeting 9 a.m. in the Media Center
Thurs	November	17	Half Days Begin for Parent Teacher Conferences

MIDDLEBROOK 6 DAY CYCLE

Mon	November	7	No School
Tues	November	8	No School
Wed	November	9	Day 5
Thurs	November	10	Day 6
Fri	November	11	Day 1

PTA NEWS

Annual Appeal Plea from PTA President Laura Rowley

Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far, whether through PayPal, by check, or by getting some shopping done during our catalog sale! As of 11/3, we have raised only \$15,143 – that is down nearly 20% from last year. I know we can do much better – so please take a few moments to contribute and support the many wonderful enrichment opportunities we provide for our students!

Our school community is fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers who give their time and talents to make our PTA run, but we can't provide all the enrichment we would like to without financial support as well. Please show your support for our Middlebrook PTA by donating to the Annual Appeal. The suggested **tax-deductible** donation amount is \$40 per student and is a great value for the many student programs and events our PTA supports.

To make it easier than ever, you can find our [PayPal link HERE!](#) If you prefer, you can send in a check with our annual appeal form, which can be found [on our webpage](#). Thank you for your support.

School Photo Retakes This Wednesday, November 9th

Just a reminder: school photo retakes will be this Wednesday, November 9th during lunch waves. Please be sure to bring in original photos if you previously received them.

Science & Engineering Fair 2017 is Coming!!!

Experiment, innovate, build - let your imagination fly! Be part of the Science & Engineering Fair and see your ideas come to fruition! The Science & Engineering Fair will be **Tuesday, January 31st, 2017 (Snow date, Thursday, February 2nd)**. Science teachers will hold information and help sessions in the coming weeks. For more information, including guidelines and important resources, please visit the Middlebrook website or [click here](#).

New This Year - Your final application should be submitted online (link in packet). To enter, PRINT the Student Entry Form and have your science teacher approve your idea. Once approved, complete **ONLINE** registration. Entry forms due **Wednesday, November 30th!** For questions, *please contact Sujata Vemuri or Ritu Malik at middlebrooksciencefair@gmail.com*.

Join the PTA Online & Get Immediate Directory Access!

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, Photo Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events, and Soaring Ahead are just a few of the programs our PTA supports. When you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our **new online directory**. Visit <https://wilton.mobilearg.com>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation! Please add support@mobilearg.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.

Are you on Facebook? Join our Middlebrook Community Page!

It's a great way to stay up to date and share information across our school community. Just search for the group "Middlebrook School Parent Community" and ask to join. This page is for parents of current students at Middlebrook.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Wilton Youth Council - Find us on FB or visit www.wiltonyouth.org

NAMI Support Group for Parents

Has the back to school honeymoon worn off? Academic and social demands can overwhelm kids this time of year and cause behavioral changes. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. Our meetings are a place to speak freely and be understood without embarrassment or fear of being judged or treated differently. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the area. Our next meeting is Monday November 28, from 10-11:30am, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Wilton Fire & Police to Hold Open House for Children with Special Needs

Wilton's Fire & Police Departments are holding an open house, sponsored by the Parent's Advisory Board (PAB), for children with special needs on Monday November 7, 1 to 2:30 PM.

The purpose of this event is to introduce the town's first responders to the children in a calm, safe and fun environment and to enhance understanding of emergency response among the children themselves. Interested parents should RSVP at PABWilton@gmail.com.

Trackside

Trackside is ready to help your Middlebrook student make the most of the new school year with a variety of activities and events at the Teen Center, including free clubs such as Crafts for Shelter Pets, Gamer Club, and Broadway Club. As always, Trackside is open weekdays during the school year from 3 to 6pm and 3 to 7pm on Fridays for drop-in hours. Special events on Friday nights for include dances, parties, video game tournaments, and movie nights. For more information, visit www.trackside.org or follow us on facebook.com/trackside.

Board of Education

Visit the [BOE website](#) for lots of information. Meetings are available for viewing online by [clicking here](#) and on cable channel 78.

Middlebrook Weekly Messenger Newsletter Submissions

This weekly newsletter is reserved for news about information and events related to Middlebrook students. If you would like to submit a school-related announcement for this newsletter, please contact Middlebrook Messenger at middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com by Wednesdays at noon to be included in the next Sunday edition.