

## Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger – February 5, 2017

### MIDDLEBROOK QUICK CALENDAR

Thurs	February	9	BOE Meeting – 7 p.m. WHS Professional Library
Fri	February	10	MB report cards emailed home
Thurs	February	16	<b>MB PTA 9 a.m.</b>
Fri	February	17	February Recess, President's Day – NO SCHOOL
Mon	February	20	February Recess, President's Day – NO SCHOOL

### MIDDLEBROOK 6 DAY CYCLE

Mon	February	6	Day 3
Tues	February	7	Day 4
Wed	February	8	Day 5
Thurs	February	9	Day 6
Fri	February	10	Day 1

## PTA & SCHOOL NEWS

### Project Adventure Winter Session Feb 13- March 24

Be involved in one of the few opportunities to work directly with your Middlebrook child – become a volunteer for Project Adventure! The Middlebrook PE Department offers the chance for middle schoolers to climb, swing and belay on a ropes course inside the gyms during Winter.

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with belaying. To become involved, volunteers must take a one time training belay course through an accredited climbing gym (such as Rock Climb Fairfield). **For further information, contact Salys Magnusson [salysmagnusson@yahoo.com](mailto:salysmagnusson@yahoo.com)**

### **MB Science & Engineering Fair a Huge Success!**

**We want to thank Parents, Teachers, Staff, Judges, Middlebrook PTA and Wilton Education Foundation for making this year's Science and Engineering Fair a huge success. We had around 120 children presenting to 26 judges. Judges walked away very impressed with the ideas, quality of the projects and the presentations. Children did an amazing job and their excitement and enthusiasm was palpable throughout the evening.**

**We look forward to inviting the top 4 winning entries (Best of Fair, 1st place in 7/8th grade life science, engineering, physical sciences categories) to represent Middlebrook School at the CT Science Fair. Thank you once again to the Middlebrook Community and everyone that contributed to the success of the fair. -Ritu and Sujata**

### **Science Fair Results**

**Best of Fair:** Anika Bhagavatula (A Novel Method for Oil Spill Cleanup Using Biomass)

#### **6th Grade Physical Science**

**1st Place:** Elizabeth Lamond and Lizzie Kendra (Battery Powered Electromagnet)

**2nd Place:** Kelsey Tangorra (Are Your Hands Really Clean?)

**3rd Place:** Varun Vadhera (Do Cell Phones Give Off Radiation?)

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Jake Enman (Stalagmite and Stalactite Growth)

Molly Snow and Morgan Felipe (Effects of Mentos on Different Types of Coke)

Luke Tottan (Which Object Will Be Thrown the Farthest using a Catapult?)

#### **6th Grade Life Science**

**1st Place:** Sydney Lillis (Natural Chlorine or Regular Chlorine)

**2nd Place:** Colby Loughran (The Location of Radiation: Plant Growth in the Presence of Cell Phone and Wifi Radio Waves)

**3rd Place:** Riya Shah and Keerthi Vijay (Icy It Melt)

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Saanvi Bathla and Grace Murphy (Does a Plant Grow Better with Hydroponics?)

Samantha Mims (Is Sensitivity Heightened on your Dominate Side?)

Dylan Bernheim (No Pain, More Game: Does distraction help manage pain?)

#### **6th Grade Engineering**

**1st Place:** Gayathri Kaimal (Water Usage Reminder System)

**2nd Place:** Samira Ayoub (What Surface Works Best?)

**3rd Place:** Vihan Jayawardhane and Lukas Koutsoukos (Revolutionary Ways to Reduce Carbon Footprint)

#### **7th Grade Physical Science**

**1st Place:** Rohan Vaddiraju (Home Automation Multi-Purpose Motion Sensor)

**2nd Place:** Rhea Raghavan (Sweet Refraction)

**3rd Place:** Rishabh Bhandhari and Rubin Jha (Resonance)

#### **7th Grade Life Science**

**1st Place:** Ashley Klancko (Love Me Tender)

**2nd Place:** Maya Mhatre (The Effect of Soft Drinks on Tooth Decay)

**3rd Place:** Aashi Yadav (Reducing Plastic Pollution One Spoon at a Time)

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Dean Kaduboski (Risk It?)

Dhruv Rokkam and Vishnu Duriseti (Does Stress Affect the Human Body?)

Krithika Natarajan (The Homunculus of Your Skin)

#### **7th Grade Engineering**

**1st Place:** Rahul Vallabhajosula (Air Engine : Can it be an Alternative to a Gasoline Engine?)

**2nd Place:** Anjo Therattil (Application of Sensors)

**3rd Place:** Suhani Suneja (Making Recycled Paper)

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Chris May and Nathan Wang (Self Recharging Electric Car)

Christopher McCann (Residential Water Based Energy Storage)

Ben Connolly (Energy Generating Kite)

## **Annual Yearbook Sale is Live!**

The Yearbook Photography Club's annual Yearbook Sale has begun! The cost is \$33 for a 200 page, full color, hardcover yearbook, with bonus "year in review" section. Unlike past years, there will be NO EXTRAS ordered, so you must preorder if you want a yearbook in June! Click the following link to order:

[http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1037380/Middlebrook-Middle-School/Yearbook/2016122004183522063/CATALOG\\_SHOP/YB\\_BOOKS/Yearbook/2016122004183523063/](http://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1037380/Middlebrook-Middle-School/Yearbook/2016122004183522063/CATALOG_SHOP/YB_BOOKS/Yearbook/2016122004183523063/)

## **Nurse's Health Office Announcements**

### **Health Requirements for Students Entering Grade 7 in Fall of 2017**

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, the Wilton Board of Education requires that prior to the opening day of school, an appropriate health examination, including immunization record, be filed in the health office. Prior to August 1, 2017, please submit a State of CT (blue form, HAR-3). Please check to see that all asterisks on the State of CT form are completed by the physician. The Physical must be within 15 months of the first day of entering the 7th grade.

### **Scoliosis Screenings Start in February**

Scoliosis screenings for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be done during gym periods starting in February. To be excused from this, a parent's note is requested.

## **Join the PTA Online & Get Immediate Directory Access!**

Your membership and donations support the 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](mailto:support@mobilearg.com) to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.

## **Join our Middlebrook Community Page on Facebook!**

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 – [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org)**

### **Support Group for Parents**

#### **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN)**

is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have personal experience with these concerns. Speak freely and be understood. Parents come from Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. **Next meeting is February 27th, from 10-11:30, at G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton.** For info, contact Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or [Beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:Beth44es@gmail.com); or Vanessa at [EliasVanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:EliasVanessa5@gmail.com), or text [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130). You can also visit <http://www.namisouthwestct.com>

**NAMI Basics** is a FREE, six-session program designed for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral difficulties. It helps to understand illnesses causing behavioral difficulties, and the critical role families play in treatment. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also the parents or family caregivers of individuals with emotional or behavioral difficulties prior to age 13. **Start: Wed., March 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-9pm. Location: Grace Farms, West Barn 365 Lukes Wood Road, New Canaan. Contact: Janet: 203-517-9185 and Denise: 203-314-0208**

### **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](http://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](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com) by Wednesdays at noon to be included in the next Sunday edition.