

Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger – March 12, 2017

MIDDLEBROOK QUICK CALENDAR

Mon	March	13	Coffee & Conversation with Superintendent: 1 - 2:30 p.m., or 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Middlebrook Media Center
Wed	March	15	2 Hour Delay- Staff Development
Thurs	March	16	MB PTA Meeting 9 am
Mon	March	20	MAP Testing Week
Thurs	March	23	BOE Meeting – WHS Professional Library, 7:00 p.m.
Tues	March	28	World Language Assembly
Fri	April	7	Talent Show
Mon	April	10	Spring Break Begins: No School April 10 – 14

MIDDLEBROOK 6 DAY CYCLE

Mon	March	13	Day 2
Tues	March	14	Day 3
Wed	March	15	Day 4
Thurs	March	16	Day 5
Fri	March	17	Day 6

PTA & SCHOOL NEWS:

Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Kevin Smith, Superintendent

Superintendent Smith invites all parents to stop by for coffee and conversation Monday, March 13th. The purpose of the conversation is to present information and give stakeholders the opportunity to share thoughts and questions regarding the 2017-18 proposed budget. The forums will be held in Middlebrook's media center: afternoon session is from 1 to 2:30, and an evening session will be held from 6 to 7:30.

*****Annual Yearbook Orders Due by March 17th*****

The Yearbook Photography Club's annual Yearbook Sale has begun! 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 by March 17th 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/

CT State PTA Reflections Contest 1st Place Winner!!!

Congratulations to Harish Subramanian on winning first place for Literature at the contest! We are so proud of your accomplishment! Harish will be invited to the awards presentation taking place May 10th at Fairfield Woods Middle School. Family, friends and teachers also welcome - doors will open at 6:15 pm to view the art exhibit, and presentation of awards begins at 7:00 pm.

PTA Sponsored World Language Assembly on Tues March 28th

Ginga Brasileira : A colorful, crowd-pleasing repertoire of Afro-Brazilian dances fusing rhythmic music with high-energy gymnastics, Ginga Brasileira does not disappoint! They perform Capoeira, a Brazilian martial-art created by slaves in 16th century Brazil, and their movements are punctuated by daring footwork, fast leaps, and split-second timing. They also perform Maculele, another slave dance, this one with sticks. There will be two assemblies.

Middlebrook Top Chef Competition on Wed March 29th

Each year, kids from every grade can participate in this food competition. They make appetizers, entrees and desserts from around the world. Staff and faculty members judge the food and three winners are picked from each category. **The event is taking place on Wednesday March 29th right after bus dismissal.** Any student in the school can participate. All the world language teachers have entry forms. **The deadline for submission is March 17th.**

504 and Your Child Presents at Wilton Library

Does your child have a 504 plan? Do you want to learn more about 504s?

Attorney Bett Gailor from Connecticut Legal Services will give a talk, 504 and Your Child, on Thursday March 30th from 10 AM to 12 noon at Wilton Library Association. If interested, please RSVP at PABWilton@gmail.com.

Mary Jane Reis, Secretary PAB

Attn: Parents of 8th Graders: Photos Needed!

Photos of 8th Grade Students Who Moved to Wilton AFTER Kindergarten are needed for display at the PTA Sponsored 8th Grade Dinner Dance, to be held Friday, June 9th!

Please submit a 4x6-inch printed kindergarten photo of your child by March 23rd to be displayed at the dance. School photos are preferred and no digital pictures will be accepted.

Photos are being collected in a bin in Middlebrook's front office marked "Dinner Dance Photos," or you may mail to Christine Polito, 165 Linden Tree Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

Please make sure your child's name is on the back of the picture. Photos will not be returned.

Questions? Christine Polito crpolito@optonline.net. Lynn Martines, Class Project 2021 Chair

Check out our Website at: <http://lynnmartines.wix.com/wycclassproject2021>

You can also find our group on Facebook at: 2021 WYC Class Projects (Parents Only)

Attention 8th Grade Parents: High School Planners For Sale

Is your 8th grader in need of a Student Agenda/Planner to assist them in coordinating all of their assignments and events? At the High School agendas are no longer provided to students.

The Wilton High School PTSA is selling fully-customized 2017-2018 Agendas (6.625 x 9" with 2 hole punch) that include pertinent school information (contact info, the school calendar, maps

of the High School and the Daily Class Schedule) and 26 pages of resources (6 Language Arts, 6 Math, 4 Social Studies, 6 Science and more). [Only \\$8 each. Limited quantities available.](#) [Currently accepting pre-orders until we sell out, pick up at Freshmen Orientation in August unless otherwise arranged. Order forms can be found here:](#)
http://www.wiltonhighschool.org/files/ZHK5e_/f824fef4b3b04b0a3745a49013852ec4/WHS_Student_Agenda_Order_Form_2017-2018.pdf Questions? pattisylvia@aol.com

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.

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 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:

WILL YOU GO TO PROM WITH WEF?

Why let kids have all the fun? The Wilton Education Foundation is throwing a Prom...for grown-ups! Ask your steady to be your date, and get out your best prom dresses and tuxedos (retro or modern) on **Friday, March 24, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Rolling Hills Country Club.** There's dinner, dancing, a live auction, and lots more fun - an incredible night to remember. [This gala fundraiser will benefit the Wilton Public Schools' Library Learning Commons Initiative, an effort to completely transform both the physical spaces in the schools where learning is delivered as well as the way students will learn. The ambitious, district-wide](#)

project represents a philosophical transformation in the way students will be prepared to harness new technology, learn collaboratively and arm themselves with 21st century skills.

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit the WEF website www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org

Wilton Youth Council's New Website www.wiltonyouth.org

We are very pleased to announce that we have launched our new and improved Wilton Youth Council website! We hope you will find it helpful in learning more about our programs, as well as providing you with resources. Check it out at www.wiltonyouth.org!

WYC Youth to Youth's Second Annual Color Run!

Color for the Council will be held Thursday, May 4th! Be part of the fun! Open to Middlebrook staff, students and their families! **Registration is now LIVE for the Second Annual Color for the Council Color Run at Middlebrook!! Open to Middlebrook staff, students and their families!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-color-for-the-council-registration-28337684778?aff=eac2>

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. For info, contact Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or Beth44es@gmail.com; or Vanessa at EliasVanessa5@gmail.com, or text [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130). You can also visit <http://www.namisouthwestct.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.