



# Middlebrook PTA 'Full' Messenger

September 26, 2021

## Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday	Sept	27	Grade 8 Parent Open House - 7:00 pm (Virtual)
Thursday	Oct.	07	Board of Education meeting - 7:00 pm (WHS Professional Library and Zoom)
Monday	Oct.	11	<b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Columbus Day
Tuesday	Oct.	12	<b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Professional Development

## Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	Sept.	27	Day 6
Tuesday	Sept.	28	Day 1
Wednesday	Sept.	29	Day 2
Thursday	Sept.	30	Day 3
Friday	Oct.	01	Day 4

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the families who joined the PTA, volunteered this year, and attended our first PTA meeting. We look forward to meeting and connecting with as many families as possible throughout the year.

If you have any feedback, please reach us on the [form](#) or email [michelle.mbpta@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mbpta@gmail.com). One question we have for families is if an evening PTA meeting would help facilitate any families attending. If there is interest, we will work to schedule one. Thank you families for supporting our children and our school at home.

Best,

*Michelle Haggerty*

Middlebrook PTA President

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## Special Announcement

### Join the PTA

Joining the MB PTA is easy, online, and enables you to join all schools where you have students plus SEPTA all at one time, simplifying the process and saving you time.

**Show your support for our programs and activities, and gain access to our MobileArq online student directory.** You also have the *opportunity to make a supporting donation at the same time.* You can access it from your desktop or through the app on your mobile device. Once you join, you can even edit your family's profile by adding additional contact information -- it's up to you.

**To Join:** Go to the following link, and use the code "wilton" (all lowercase):

[https://mobilearq.com/.../school\\_directory\\_parent...](https://mobilearq.com/.../school_directory_parent...)

### Questions or issues joining?

Contact Membership VP Carolyn Lyon: [carolynlyon@optonline.net](mailto:carolynlyon@optonline.net)

### PTA Volunteers

We accept volunteers across all areas, including these featured positions for upcoming events.

Please email Michelle Haggerty: [michelle.mbpta@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mbpta@gmail.com) .

### Open Chair/Committee Positions:

- Parent at Large

### Call for In-School Volunteers:

- Project Adventure (For more info please contact Renee Rafferty [raffertyrenee@gmail.com](mailto:raffertyrenee@gmail.com) or Liz Massaua [Lizmassaua@gmail.com](mailto:Lizmassaua@gmail.com))
- 6th and 7th Grade Activity Night Volunteers - please email [michelle.mbpta@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mbpta@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Sixth Dimension Audition:

The Middlebrook music department is announcing auditions for our advanced Sixth Grade Band, called the Sixth Dimension. The Sixth Dimension meets after school on Mondays until 4:00 **starting September 27**. Students who are interested should take home the music to practice, then sign up for an audition. Please email Ms. Ginsberg with questions: [ginsbergj@wiltonps.org](mailto:ginsbergj@wiltonps.org)

### Middlebrook Science and Engineering Fair:

Calling all young scientists and inventors! Planning for the 2022 Science Fair, to be held Tuesday January 25th, is well underway. This is the premier science event of the year for Middlebrook School and students will have a chance to compete to represent Wilton at the Connecticut state level.

Previous experience is not required and we encourage all students to participate. Students may propose individual or team (2 students) projects. **Registration will open in October.**

Other important dates and deadlines:

Fri., Nov. 12 (Science teachers must review project ideas with individual student/teams)

Fri., Nov. 19 (Final approval for proposed project by science teachers)

Any questions, please reach out to Science and Engineering Parent Planning Committee:  
Allison Norful ([anorful@gmail.com](mailto:anorful@gmail.com))

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Ms President US, starts Oct. 1st**

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-8, you are invited to enroll in the Ms President US program

**When:** The sessions will be held either in person or via Zoom (depending upon health and safety guidelines) from 4:15pm-5:45pm on 8 Fridays between October and March. In addition, there is a field trip to the State Capitol, and an Election.

**What:** [Ms President US](#), a non-partisan, non-profit civics and leadership program, motivates and prepares girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and know that they can achieve them.

### **Woodcock Nature Center: Where the Wild Things Run 5K & Kids 1K Fun Run Sunday, October 3 beginning at 8:30 am**

Woodcock Nature Center welcomes runners, hikers and walkers of all ages at its annual Where the Wild Things Run 5K and Kids Fun Run on Sunday, October 3 at 8:30am. For several decades, this event has highlighted Woodcock's nearly 5 miles of publicly accessible trails and raised money for the center's educational programs.

The popular 5K, which kicks-off at 9 am is 90% trail with a mix of groomed trails, rugged trails and narrow bridges/boardwalks. Walkers are also welcome. The terrain of the 5k will highlight the diversity and beauty of the Woodcock property. A shorter 1K Kids Fun Run geared towards ages 6 and up kicks-off at 8:30 am.

After the Kids Fun Run families are invited to stick around for some unique post-race festivities on the nature center grounds including snacks, music, games, playground fun, nature crafts, and the not-to-be-missed annual live turtle race at 9:15am!

\$35/5K \$20/Kids Run. Register and details at [woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K](http://woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K)

To enroll or learn more, visit <https://www.mspressidentus.org>. Enrollment fee for the program is \$250 and scholarships are available. Space is limited. Enrolled Girl Scouts can earn several patches and badges for participation in the Ms President US program.

### **Wilton SEPTA**

Wilton Special Education PTA - We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more! Please access our membership through the MobileArq system. Each school in the district has its own registration. SEPTA will be an additional option provided when you join any of the other schools' PTAs. Contact us directly at [wiltonsepta@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonsepta@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved and like our [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

SEPTA Board and School Representatives for the 2021-2022 for Middlebrook is Kara Berghaus - [karaberghaus@hotmail.com](mailto:karaberghaus@hotmail.com)

**Join us for our First SEPTA Meeting on October 6th, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.** Please click on the link below to access the meeting via Zoom. We look forward to serving everyone in our community this year! SEPTA meeting link

### **Your Academics**

Want to improve your academics? We can help you at no cost! That's right! Absolutely free! All tutors are high school students who are eager to work with you and help to improve your academics. Tutors will assist students to become independent learners and reach their full potential. More information: <https://youracademics.org/>

### **WYC News**

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. WYC also has a club for students at MB, Youth to Youth. Get all the details at [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org) and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

### **MB Messenger Announcements**

Have an important announcement to post in the MB Messenger? Submit a request for a non-profit, school related announcement to: [middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com). Please have all requests in by Wednesdays at noon. Please note that the Lite & Full Messengers alternate every other week.