



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

February 2, 2020

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Wednesday	February	12	Shortened Day: STUDENTS RELEASED AT 12:30 P.M.
Thursday, Friday & Monday	February	13, 14 & 17	No School

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	February	3	Day 5
Tuesday	February	4	Day 6
Wednesday	February	5	Day 1
Thursday	February	6	Day 2
Friday	February	7	Day 3

News From The PTA President

Congratulations to all of the participants in the recent Science Fair, as well as to the many volunteers that made this event the success that it was. Although still in the early days of 2020, the PTA is already looking ahead to next school year. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please reach out at cring226@hotmail.com and we'll help find a position that appeals to you.

-Chandra Ring

SCHOOL NEWS

MB Health Office

Health Requirements for Students Entering Grade 7 in Fall of 2020

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 an immunization record, be filed in the health office. Prior to August 1, 2020, please submit a State of Connecticut (blue form, HAR-3). Please check to see that all asterisks on the State of Connecticut form are completed by the physician. The physical must be within 15 months of the first day of entering the 7th grade.

Box Tops

You may have heard that Box Tops are going digital, meaning less clipping and submitting, all while making it even easier for families to earn money for their school. To donate box tops just follow a few simple steps:

1. Download the Box Tops (BTFE) app on your smartphone (only need to do this once).
2. Buy products with the Box Tops Logo.
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your receipt (within 14 days of purchase). The app instantly tells you whether any of your purchases earned monies for Middlebrook.

The app is quick to download and simple to use! We will, of course, continue to accept any of the “old” clipped box tops that families may have floating around their house. If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Acerra-Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Online PTA Membership and Directories

Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join at: www.middlebrookpta.org

It’s green, searchable and portable! Available on phones, tablets and computers!

Parents can update their profiles at any time.

One easy spot to register for all your kids’ PTAs and make a donation at the same time!

Questions? Email our Membership VP Donna Arnold at mallorysleeping@gmail.com.

Reflections Contest

Dear Middlebrook Parents and Students,

I am pleased to announce the results of the 2019-2020 Reflections Competition “Look Within”.

The judges spent a lot of time deciding the winners and it was not an easy task as there were so many wonderful entries. We would like to congratulate all the students on their submissions and extend special congratulations to the finalists below. The first place entries are on their way to the State Competition.

Note: Students can retrieve their entries from the main office.

Middlebrook Reflections Finalists

Photography

1. Ethan Bailey - “Look Beyond The Ice”
2. Ronan Conway - ”Don’t Blink!”
3. Sahana Bhagavatula - “Our Inner Stars”

Visual Arts

1. Mackenzie Northway - “Night at Camp”
2. Aishani Walia - “Look Within and Find Your True Self”
3. Piper Dean - “Through the Door”

Literature

Shawn Gregory - “Look Within

Thank you to all the students who participated in this year’s Reflections Competition and best of luck to the students continuing on to the State Competition.

Middlebrook Trip To France

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope the year is off to a good start. The world language department and the art department are organizing a trip to Paris, France this summer from July 7th until July 14th. This trip is open to **all** 7th

and 8th graders and to **all** high school students, even if they are not taking French. We will be taking up to 30 students. The chaperones for the trip will be Kimberly Cameron (Cider Mill French teacher), Sue LaBarbera (Middlebrook Art teacher), Bill Gerundo (Middlebrook School Counselor) and myself. We will be using ACIS (**American Council for International Studies**), the company the high school has worked with for the German trips for the past few years. The cost for the trip is approximately \$4,000. Here is more information about the trip:

http://services.acis.com/webimages/PROD/2020/12744/FULFILL/1901346_glossy.pdf

Please RSVP at bulenzis@wiltonps.org and let me know if you will be able to attend the meeting or if you are interested in the trip. I grew up outside of Paris and I took a group of students to France back in 2004 (last France trip in Wilton) and I can't wait to share my culture and one of the most beautiful cities with your children. **Parents are welcome on this trip!** Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Simon Bulenzi

World Language Instructional Leader

6R/7R French Teacher

Middlebrook School

COMMUNITY NEWS

Budget Spotlight 2020

For more information, use these links: <https://www.wiltonps.org/about/board-of-education> (**click on 2020-2021 Budget Documents**) and Good Morning Wilton

https://goodmorningwilton.com/superintendent-proposes-2-58-budget-increase-for-fy21-to-84-million/?utm_source=GMW+Daily+E-Newsletter&utm_campaign=164c5aad0e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_17_11_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ebfc411e7a-164c5aad0e-157867417

Trackside Teen Center 80's Dance Party

Feb. 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Adults over age 21 only!

Click [HERE](#) for information and tickets.

Wilton Turnover Shop

The Turnover Shop needs volunteers! We are looking for several people to work at the front desk. The commitment is for a regular shift only once a month for 3 1/2 hours, September-June. Each year, The Turnover Shop gives generously to the Wilton PTAs, but we need your help to make this happen. Come join the fun and meet some new people in our community! Please send an email to turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com to get started.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

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

Want to get involved with Wilton Youth Council? We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraising committee and/or the Free Play Matters Task Force. If you are interested, contact Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org for more information!

March is **Technology Month** at Wilton Youth Council. Be sure to follow us on Facebook

(www.facebook.com/WiltonYouthCouncil/) for helpful articles on managing all things digital, from social media to video games. We also hope you'll join us for two special presentations in March. Both events are free and open to parents with kids of all ages and students in middle school and up.

WYC Sponsored Events

1. LIKE: The Impact of Social Media on Our Lives

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:00 p.m. at the Wilton High School Little Theater

Join us for a screening of LIKE, a documentary film that explores the impact of social media on our lives. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Susan Bauerfeld, PhD, licensed clinical psychologist, and Chris Parrott, BPS, chartered counseling psychologist, popular speakers on the topic of managing the impact of digital devices and content.

2. Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the Wilton Library

In this informative discussion, cognitive psychologist and former university professor Alicia Farrell Ph.D. will talk about the fine line between healthy and unhealthy technology use (screen-time, social media, entertainment) and how parents, mentors and educators can help children walk it. Visit www.wiltonyouth.org/events for more information and email Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org with questions.

3. Class Project 2025 Kickoff Meeting

Attention 7th grade parents! Orientation meetings for Class Project 2025 will be held on Monday, March 2nd. Join us for a meeting at Comstock Community Center at either 10:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. The same information will be presented at both meetings. Come learn all about the Project 2025 and how you can be a part of it! For the past 30 years, the Wilton Class Projects have been bringing parents together to improve connection and communication as well as providing substance-free social activities for students in grades 7 to 12. Learn more about the Class Projects at www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-programs Questions? Contact Eva Beshlian, the Class Projects Coordinator for Wilton Youth Council, at eva@beshlian.com.

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, please email: middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com.

