



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

November 29, 2020

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Tuesday	December	1	First Day of MB Virtual Book Fair
Wednesday	December	2	Webinar on Schoology- 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Details To Be Sent)

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	November	30	Day 3 (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Tuesday	December	1	Day 4 (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Wednesday	December	2	Day 5 (All Students Remote- Shortened Day) Note: Asynchronous Learning Day
Thursday	December	3	Day 6 (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)
Friday	December	4	Day 1 (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)

PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I hope each of you enjoyed a lovely Thanksgiving, taking time to focus on family and enjoy the day. Our Thanksgiving was certainly smaller and quieter than any in recent years, but still full of laughter and countless reasons to give thanks.

Last week, Middlebrook PTA unveiled a new program, Warrior Welcome. This mentor program matches new-to-Wilton families with those who have been here awhile to help connect new families to the community. Please take a look at how to join this program as either a family new to town or one that has been here and is looking for a virtual volunteer opportunity. [Warrior Welcome.pdf](#)

This week we'll begin selling merchandise just in time for the holidays. You'll be able to purchase great Middlebrook clothes or a Wilton stadium cushion (great for use during outdoor classes or lunch on the gym floor). There are even a few items that would make excellent teacher gifts! Be on the lookout for an email on how to purchase shortly!

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns at cring226@hotmail.com

-Chandra Ring

Middlebrook PTA President

SCHOOL NEWS

MB School Store

The Middlebrook School Store is open for business! Need a pencil, pen or a mask? The Middlebrook School Store has you covered. Please check out our website for all of the above and so much more. "Middlebrook Cares" is a group of students working to raise money for the Department of Children and Families. This year we created masks with our "MB Cares" logo to start fundraising for the winter season. Money raised is given directly to the local DCF office in the form of gift cards to give to local children and families for needed gifts or essentials. Please help us bring a little joy by purchasing our "MB Cares" mask for only \$10 at the Middlebrook School Store!

Please come visit us at the [MB School Store](https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/middlebrookschoolstore/home):

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Webinar

Schoology for Parents - Tips & Strategies for parents with children at Middlebrook & WHS.

Live Webinar December 2nd, 5:00 -6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Fran Kompar, Director, Instructional Technology and Digital Learning, Wilton Public Schools.

Zoom link will be shared closer to event.

The webinar/workshop is designed to help parents learn how to review their student's grades & assignments, set-up notifications and stay engaged in their student's learning.

We will be recording the session so that is available to parents for later viewing.

Minted Cards Fundraiser

Help support the Middlebrook PTA when you order holiday/seasonal cards from Minted at <https://www.minted.com/>. You get 20% off all holiday cards and gift orders from October 1st to December 31st when you or others in our community use the Middlebrook PTA's unique promo code at checkout (**FUNDRAISEMIDDLE**). Minted will donate 15% of each order back to the Middlebrook PTA. Remember to use our fundraising code - **FUNDRAISEMIDDLE**

Middlebrook PTA Annual Appeal

Please consider donating to the Middlebrook PTA Annual Appeal at [PayPal link for Annual Appeal](#) or via check delivered to your child's teambase teacher and made out to the Middlebrook PTA. We ask for a \$40 donation for each child you have at Middlebrook. Click [Here](#) learn more about where your donation money goes.

Join the Middlebrook PTA Today

Your membership helps support gifts and grants to fund new and recurring programs that enhance instruction and engage our students! At our October meeting, we approved over \$6,700 in grants. Grants funded in this cycle include providing ten temporary tents to help expand and extend outdoor time, piloting a new songwriting unit for general music and choral classes, funding interactive enrichment materials for Spanish classes and giving our 7th graders "Shakesperience".

Joining is easy. Click [here](#) to join and use the code "wilton". You can also download the MobileArq App from the App store. Need more help? Contact our membership chairperson, Donna Arnold.

Free Wilton High School Tutors

Need help in school? All Middlebrook students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbqRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform> For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

Stop & Shop Rewards Program

MIDDLEBROOK SCHOOL – (ID#: 06933) participates in the A+ School Rewards program to earn CASH, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop! Last year our school earned \$2398.01. The program runs from August 7, 2020 - March 13, 2021.

If you have already registered your card you do not need to re-register. If you haven't registered yet, sign up today! **THANK YOU** all for your support.

For new participants:

- Beginning *July 1, 2020*, visit stopandshop.com and select “SIGN IN” at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, you may select or modify your school choice in the Rewards and Programs section of your account.
- If you do not have an online account, visit stopandshop.com and click “REGISTER”. Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.
- You'll need your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-877-366-2668 option 1.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Job Openings Within Wilton Public Schools

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at:

<https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources Coordinator Erika Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

NAMI

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviours have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-COVID is now out of control. Fall and winter bring additional challenges. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling. 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 the fear of being judged or treated differently. Our meetings are held virtually over Zoom and for security, you **MUST** contact Beth or Vanessa advance for the password. Next meeting is Monday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30a.m.

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/596783943> Meeting ID: 596 783 943) For more information and the password: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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. Please have all requests in by Wednesdays at noon. Please note that the Lite & Full Messengers alternate every other week.