



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

January 27, 2019

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Tuesday	January	29	Science Fair: <i>(Corrected Time)</i> 3:00-6:00 p.m.--New Gym (Snow Date= January 31st)
Monday	February	4	Documentary- "Beyond Measure": 10:00 a.m. & 2nd showing at 7:00 p.m.-- MB Auditorium
Monday	February	4	WHS Class of 2023 Curriculum Night: 7:00 p.m.-- WHS Little Theater (Snow Date= February 5th)

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	January	28	Day 5
Tuesday	January	29	Day 6
Wednesday	January	30	Day 1
Thursday	January	31	Day 2
Friday	February	1	Day 3

Notes from the President:

Many Connecticut residents are talking this weekend about legislation proposed by State Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney (860-240-0375) for the creation of a committee to develop a plan to consolidate smaller school districts with larger ones along the lines of existing probate districts. Although still in its infancy, you are encouraged to share your thoughts about Proposed Bill No. 454 with our State Senator Will Haskell (860-240-8600) and State Representatives Tom O'Dea (860-240-8700) and Gail Lavielle (800-842-1423). To learn more, check out this article from Wilton's own Good Morning Wilton:

<https://goodmorningwilton.com/bill-that-would-consolidate-wilton-norwalk-school-districts-proposed-in-hartford/>

SCHOOL NEWS

Science & Engineering Fair: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 (snow date January 31st)

Time: New Gym--3:00-6:00 p.m. All Are Welcome!

Agenda: EVENTS ON THE DAY OF THE SCIENCE FAIR

Everyone is invited to attend!

Projects can be dropped off at the office on the morning of January 29th or at the end of the day between 2:30 and 2:45 p.m.

2:50– 3:30 p.m. - Participant sign-in and Project set-up (students go directly to the gym after dismissal)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Judging

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.- MAD Science Show (judges deliberate during this time)

5:45 - 6:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are looking for volunteers to assist us on the day of the fair- particularly for set up & clean up. To sign up, please use the signup genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45afab28aaf85-volunteers>

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everybody!

Madhavi Sharma-Vallabhajosula & Lara Paschalidis

Co-Chairs Science & Engineering Fair 2019

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8th Grade Curriculum Night

For parents/guardians of the future WHS Class of 2023! Please mark your calendars for a very important 8th Grade Curriculum Night for parents/guardians and students which will be held on Monday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. at WHS with a snow date of Tuesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. (please note the change in time). More information will follow, but please plan on arriving at WHS at 6:45 p.m. (as parking is tight) for an informative night focusing on the wide range of programs offered at Wilton High School. Any questions, please contact Susan Mangan in the WHS Counseling Department: 203-762-0381 ext. 6208.

Middlebrook Maple Sugaring Club

Begins February 7th

Come experience “winter farming” with Kevin Meehan. Students will learn about the process of tapping, collecting and boiling tree sap. Students will tap and collect sap from 50 trees, located behind Middlebrook. This program runs for approximately 5 weeks (weather dependent). Students will meet on Thursdays, in the cafeteria, after buses are called. Pick-up will be at 4:10 p.m. in the pick-up line. There is no charge to participate in this program. Each child will receive their own bottle of Ambler Farm Maple Syrup. *Program Capacity – 25 Middlebrook students.* Please register by emailing Jennifer Grass (jennifer@amblerfarm.org).

Thank you,

Jennifer Grass

Assistant Program Director, Ambler Farm

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From The MB Health Office

1. 6th to 7th Grade Immunizations for September 2019

In accordance with Connecticut State Law, the Wilton Board of Education requires that all school children have a physical examination to enter 7th grade.

The State of Connecticut mandates that the blue Connecticut State physical examination form HAR-3 be completed within fifteen months before the first day of school. Please submit this form to the Middlebrook nurse by August 1, 2019. Forms can be found online or in the health office.

Students will not be allowed to enter grade 7 in September of 2019 until proof of compliance with this State requirement is received in the school health office.

Additionally, a second dose of varicella, one dose of Tdap, and one dose of meningococcal vaccine are required for 7th grade entry.

2. Scoliosis Screening for 7th Grade Girls

Screenings will be done during gym periods starting in February.

To be excused from this, a parent's note is requested.

Please call the school nurse with any questions: 203-834-4961

Box Tops for Education: The Contest Has Begun

The Annual MB Box Tops Contest is back!! Our Box Tops Contest Collection area will be in the lobby starting on Tuesday, January 22nd, through Wednesday, February 20th. There will be a collection bin for each color. Make sure to note your team color when submitting your Box Tops in case they are placed in the wrong bin. Also, be sure your Box Tops are NOT expired as they will not count. In the past we've earned over \$1,000 through our contest and we hope to reach that record again this year. If each child brought in just 10 box tops during the contest we could easily reach the goal! Box Tops can be found on so many different brands and different products. From cereals, snacks and meals to school/office supplies, food storage and waste bags.

Stay tuned as we will be revealing the prize for the winning color shortly. Questions please contact: Jennifer Acerra-Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net

Online PTA Membership and Directories

Join the PTA and show your support for all of the programs and activities we organize each school year. 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, you will gain instant access to our online directory that is desktop and mobile device friendly, just download the app.

Join here, and use the code - 'wilton'

https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact: wiltonsept@gmail.com

Volunteer!

Volunteering is a great way to know your child's school and be a part of the Middlebrook community. If you're interested in helping with any event, email Meire Mouracade at mouracadefamily4@gmail.com

MB Clubs

Middlebrook School is proud to offer more than 20 clubs and intramural activities before and after school at Middlebrook. Please see this [link](#) also available on the district website) to learn about the offerings at Middlebrook. Clubs and intramurals are starting to meet - there are varied dates depending on the activity, please see the informational document for more details. Our diverse options provide students with the opportunity to explore interests in a safe, supportive environment

Stop & Shop Rewards Program

Those families who frequent Stop & Shop can support Middlebrook through the Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards program. The program gives money to our school based on all of your purchases made September 7, 2018- March 16, 2019. It does not cost you anything and does not impact your gas points. You can sign up directly online at www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards/ --spread the word to friends and neighbors that we would love to have them support Middlebrook through this program. Even extended family that do not live in Connecticut can sign up if they shop at Stop & Shop. The funds raised will be used for projects that help Middlebrook feel like a fun and friendly place through groups including Team Change and Kindness Club. Of course, we are not asking anyone to change their shopping habits or switch stores! This is just an easy way to take advantage of no-cost fundraising with folks who already use Stop & Shop.

Media Center Volunteers

The media staff would greatly appreciate your help in the school Media Center to assist with a variety of projects. Shifts are extremely flexible- you can pick the time and day that works best for you! Can be weekly/ biweekly/monthly, or just periodically throughout the year! Please contact Claire Carbonier at carbos@optonline.net

Wilton Youth Council Sponsored Events in Collaboration with Wilton Public Schools

1. A Community Conversation: CHARTING THE COURSE

Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services invite you to a special 3-part series to explore the purpose of education, the importance of childhood and our community's opportunity to chart the best course for our children. The series began in November with a screening of *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture*. It continues with a screening of documentary *Beyond Measure: What Counts Can't Be Counted*, and concludes with a Community Conversation on February 25th.

Beyond Measure: What Counts Can't Be Counted

Middlebrook School Auditorium

Monday, February 4th

Two opportunities to participate!

10:00 AM Screening: BeyondMeasureWiltonAM.eventbrite.com

7:00 PM Screening: BeyondMeasureWiltonPM.eventbrite.com

Register for the next screening below, and consider reading the companion book between now and then. (beyondmeasurefilm.com/beyond-measure-book/)

Save the date for the finale to the series, a Community Conversation. Join us on **Monday, February 25th, at 7:00 PM** to share your ideas, hopes and concerns. Location and registration link to come. *Race to Nowhere* is available to rent on Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube and Google Play. Consider reading *Beyond Measure*.

2. PeerConnection: a Wilton Youth Council program co-sponsored by Wilton Youth Services and Middlebrook School and funded in part by Elizabeth Raymond Ambler Trust.

PeerConnection was developed on the simple premise that students seek out help with their problems from their friends before they go to adults or mental health professionals. The school's "natural helpers" are selected, their natural helping skills are enhanced through skill development in effective listening and communication, and they are given the necessary resources and skills needed to involve adults in helping when appropriate. This year we are excited to have a new leader: Middlebrook teacher Jennifer Kaminski and a new format: after school on Tuesdays for 8 consecutive weeks.

PeerConnection Program Leader: Ms. Jennifer Kaminski

Meeting Place: Middlebrook School, 7 Red 206

Meeting Time: Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30 PM for 8 consecutive weeks following the school calendar. The first meeting date is Tuesday, March 19.

Cost: \$125

We are able to take 15 students each semester into the PeerConnection program. Students should possess these qualities: natural helping skills, strong peer and adult connections, sought by other students for help, empathetic, good listener, open-minded, may have brought peers to adults for help in the past, consistent academic performance (average to better than average), responsible and able to follow through on commitments, respectful.

For more information, contact Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. [Click here for an overview of this year's events!](#) Looking to Get Involved? Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com

WYC Class Project 2022

S'well bottle with Warrior logo is a great gift for kids, teachers, coaches, bus drivers, etc! Visit Blue Star Bazaar, Signature Style, or The Painted Cookie or email wilton2022@gmail.com to purchase. Your purchase supports the Class of 2022!

WYC Class Project 2023

Visit our Wilton 2023 website and join our Facebook WYC Class Project 2023 for more Class Project 2023 information. To become involved with the Project 2023 planning group, email warriorclass2023@gmail.com.

WYC Class Project 2024

Attention 7th Grade Parents: Orientation meetings for Class Project 2024 will be held on **Wednesday**,

Feb 27th, 2019. Plan on attending a meeting at Comstock Community Center at 12:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will present the same information and give parents the opportunity to learn about all there is to know about what a Class Project is 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 networking and communication as well as providing substance-free social activities for students in Grades 7-12. Questions? Contact Eva Beshlian- Class Projects Coordinator at eva@beshlian.com

WYC's Youth to Youth Club

WYC's Youth to Youth club is excited about a year of fun activities, community service projects, ski trips etc. New members are always welcome. The schedule and list of activities will be posted on our Google Classroom page using code 3pjwzr. Contact Y2Y Program Leader Tanya Leonard (leonardt@wiltonps.org) or visit Room 133A. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. Our next meeting is Monday, January 28th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: 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? 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 email: middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com