



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

November 10, 2019

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday	November	11	Veteran's Day Assembly for Students
Wednesday	November	13	Photo Retake Day: 10:35 a.m.-12:35 p.m.
Thursday	November	21	PTA Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday - Tuesday	November	21 - 26	Shortened School Day for Students: Dismissal 12:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday - Friday	November	27 - 29	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	November	11	Day 1
Tuesday	November	12	Day 2
Wednesday	November	13	Day 3
Thursday	November	14	Day 4
Friday	November	15	Day 5

News From The PTA President

As I hope you've heard, the Middlebrook PTA is in the midst of our Annual Appeal. Our annual budget relies on your contributions to fund the exciting programs and innovative grants that we sponsor annually. Donations are trickling in, but we are only half way to our goal. We greatly appreciate those of you that have already contributed. Donations can be made at <https://www.middlebrookpta.org/> or via check made out to the Middlebrook PTA and sent to the school's Main Office.

As we look to further our collaboration between parents and teachers, please be on the lookout for a series of surveys coming your way soon. We look forward to your feedback! Our final meeting of 2019 is November 21 at 9am at Middlebrook. We'd love to see you there and hear your feedback on our current offerings and ideas for new programs. -Chandra Ring

SCHOOL NEWS

Middlebrook PTA Annual Appeal

No more Walkathons... No more wrapping paper sales... No more bake sales ...

Does that sound like music to your ears?

It can all be possible, if each family donates at least \$40 per child to the 2019 Middlebrook Annual Appeal. Your donation will allow us to cover the cost of the upcoming 2019-2020 programs that will directly benefit each child at Middlebrook. Examples of past programs include:

Fund Student Assemblies: Visiting Author, Guest Poet, Birds of Prey, World Language Assembly.

Provide safe, fun social opportunities: Activity Nights, International Food Competition, Ice Cream Socials, 8th Grade Dinner Dance, Soaring Ahead.

Curriculum Support: We step in when the budget just isn't there for the school. Last year the PTA gave over \$21,000 towards our Gifts & Grants program. We've provided three cellos for the music department in the last two years, sponsored training for a staff member for "Where Everyone Belongs", purchased displays for the art department, and more!

Your donation to the appeal can make it possible to bring programs, activities, and grants to our children. We can't do this without you!

For ways to donate, please visit: <https://www.middlebrookpta.org/annual-appeal> or [PayPal Donation](#)

Science Fair

We are in the final weeks for students to get project approval for their Science & Engineering Fair projects! Friday, November 15 th is the final date to get your science teacher's approval for your project. Friday, November 22 nd is the final date to submit your [Registration & Approval Form](#).

All the information you need for the Science & Engineering Fair can be found on your Google Classroom or the [PTA Website](#).

The Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is jointly sponsored by the Middlebrook PTA and the Wilton Education Foundation. There are cash awards to be claimed by the top finishers in each category. Don't miss out!

For questions or additional information, contact Lorelee Hamilton or Uma Subramanian at MiddlebrookScienceFair@gmail.com.

Reflections Contest

Each year, students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. These works of art may be submitted for state and national level awards and recognition opportunities. This year's theme is: **Look Within**

Rules and how to enter can be found here: http://bit.ly/2020Reflections_MB

Feel free to contact Tree McDermott with any questions at ptsa.mb.reflections@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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!

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Has the back-to-school honeymoon worn off? As school gets into full swing, the academic and social stresses can get to be too much, and result in behavioral changes. 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 November 25th, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa 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, please email: middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com.