



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

December 13, 2020

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Thursday-Friday	December-January	24 -1	NO SCHOOL- Winter Break
Monday	January	4	Students Return To School

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	December	14	Day 1 (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Tuesday	December	15	Day 2 (Cohort A In Person, Cohort B Remote)
Wednesday	December	16	Day 3 (All Students Remote- Shortened Day)
Thursday	December	17	Day 4 (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)
Friday	December	18	Day 5 (Cohort B In Person, Cohort A Remote)

PTA PRESIDENT'S NOTE

While our programming looks different this year, the PTA is staying busy! Spiritwear sales closed last week so be on the lookout for an email about picking items up if you placed an order. This is also the last weekend of the online Book Fair.

The Middlebrook PTA recently 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. The first round of matches has already gone out, but it's never too late to sign up! Details and sign up can be found at [Warrior Welcome.pdf](#)

Finally, our Annual Appeal closes this week. We are so appreciative of all the support we have gotten. If you haven't donated yet, please consider a donation of any amount 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.

We've already begun looking for volunteers for the 2021-22 Middlebrook PTA. Let's chat and see what role interests you ~ we'll have openings of all sorts including many on our Executive Board. We hope to find a role for you in the coming year! 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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MB Library

Library Learning Commons Overdue Books:

The Middlebrook Library Learning Commons is looking for a few really overdue books. Because of our emergency closure last spring, our usual round up of overdue and missing books was unable to take place at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Many families thought to bring back borrowed books during the locker materials pick up in June, and students have continued to bring back their borrowed titles since this school year began. We have been very thankful for each book returned. If you are a family who still has a Middlebrook library book (or two or three) sitting around your house, we would still love to have it back. There are labeled boxes on each Team for students to place returning books, and there is also a Return Bin in the Main Lobby. If students should happen to come through the back entrance in the mornings, there is a cart right outside the LLC doors in the Art Hallway where they can return books. If your student is attending remotely, books will happily be accepted at the Front Entrance Booth. Thank you, in advance, for your help with this. Any questions, please contact Erica Kurtz at kurtze@wiltonps.org.

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**

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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/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbgqRvBB0cVloK6xQ/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

NAMI Parent Support

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 unmanageable. Winter brings 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 meetings are Monday, January 4th (and February 1st) at 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Meeting ID <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/596783943>

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.