Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger Oct 15, 2017

Middlebrook Quick calendar

Thursday	October 19	**MB PTA Meeting 9:00 a.m. in Library Media Center**
Friday	October 20	Grade 6 Activity Night 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Monday	October 23	Grade 8 WHS Choral Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 24	Parents New to Wilton Coffee - 9:00 a.m. **CANCELLED**
Wednesday	October 25	Grade 8 WHS Choral Concert - 7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 27	Grade 7 Activity Night - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	October	16	Day 3
Tuesday	October	17	Day 4
Wednesday	October	18	Day 5
Thursday	October	19	Day 6
Friday	October	20	Day 1

PTA News:

Note From the PTA President Hillary Morrissy:

We are up to good things at the Middlebrook PTA this week: a teacher & staff luncheon, 6th grade Activity Night, and our second PTA meeting of the year. Come and join us this Thursday. Attending a meeting is a great way to learn more about the PTA, meet fellow MB parents, and membership is not required to attend. I guaranteed you'll learn something!

2017 Annual Appeal

Help me, help you avoid having to hit up friends, family and co-workers with order forms for wrapping paper they don't need with a tax deductible donation to our Annual Appeal. Your financial support allows the PTA to fund programs and activities throughout the year and to approve as many Gifts & Grants as we can in the spring. We hate to say no to anything, so help us by saying yes-- yes, I will donate $40 on behalf of my student to support the Middlebrook PTA. You can donate with a credit card by using this handy PayPal link or by printing out the Annual Appeal letter from your email or from our www.middlebrookpta.org website and mailing it or sending it in with your student. We could not do it without you! But don't take my word for it, hear it from our students https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKNOhejdEDQ

Online PTA Membership and Directories

We have 285 PTA members, but would love a few more! Your membership and donation dollars support a variety of programs at Middlebrook that enrich the student experience. **Student Assemblies, Outdoor Classroom, Media Center Supplies, Activity Nights, Science & Engineering Fair, Social Opportunities, Weekly Messenger, Organizing Photo Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events and Soaring Ahead** are just a few of the programs our PTA supports with funding and volunteer hours. *When you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our new online directory.*

Visit https://wilton.mobilearq.com , choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you're feeling generous! Please add support@mobilearq.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.

6th Grade Activity Night: Friday October 20, 2017

6th Grade Activity Night: Friday October 20, 2017 7-9:00pm $5 entrance fee at the door with DJ, Snacks, Open Gym, Games and Fun with Friends!
PARENTS: We need chaperones and donations! Please help!
To volunteer go to: **http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4dada72fa5f85-middlebrook**
To donate small gift cards/prizes for games contact someone below.
Questions? Contact: Natalia Ramirez natalia_betancur@hotmail.com
Lisa Huff lamhuff@hotmail.com or Laura Fox laura.fox1@gmail.com

Volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to know your child's school and be a part of the Middlebrook community. There are many opportunities to help. **We are still seeking one Nominating Chairs for the school year and a Chair for the National PTA Reflections competition, launching November 16, see below for more information about this wonderful competition that celebrates the Arts!** Please visit our website at www.middlebrookpta.org to access additional opportunities, there's bound to be an event or committee that piques your interest! You can also email Meire Mouracade at immouracade@gmail.com

National PTA Reflections "Within Reach" 2017-2018 program.

Launches Thursday 11/16/17. Tentative project due date Friday 1/5/18

Choose from these Arts Categories: *Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography and Visual Arts.*

Middlebrook PTA is looking for various volunteers to head this exciting program at our school. *If you have any interest in Publicity, Judging Coordinator, Computer or Celebration efforts please join our team.* Every small donation of time and effort towards this wonderful program to support the Arts will be very much appreciated.

Please contact Karen Williams at karensw@optonline.net or head to https://www.pta.org/REFLECTIONS

7th Grade Activity Night Friday October 27, 2017

7:00-9:00 p.m. $5 entrance fee at the door with DJ, Snacks, Open Gym, Games and and Fun with Friends!
*****PARENTS: We need chaperones!*****
To volunteer go to http://signup.com/go/CJsgavL

Questions? Contact: Janel Downs janeld@optonline.net or Lisa Finn ldbfinn@hotmail.com

Class Project 2022

-2022 T-shirts, Hoodie Sweatshirts, plaid Lounge pants and magnets can be ordered by contacting Gail Hanny gmhanny@optonline.net
-If you would like to order a Wilton S'well bottle to support Class Project 2022, please contact Maura Chapey chapeys@aol.com
-Email wilton2022@gmail.com for information on how to get involved or visit our 2022 Website or 2022 Facebook Group

Parent Advisory Board

The Parent Advisory Board for Special Services & 504 (PAB) is seeking new members. If you are interested in working with parents and administrators on issues and programs related to special services in our school district, please contact us at PABwilton@gmail.com. We hold meetings on the second Wednesday of every month **(Sept. to May) from 9:15-10:45 at the Wilton Public Library, 2nd** floor. For more information on the PAB, please visit pabwilton.com

Stop and Shop A+ 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 October 6, 2017- March 15th, 2018.** It does not cost you anything and does not impact your gas points. 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 does 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.

Box Tops for Education – Please Support This Effort!

Please donate your Box Tops to Middlebrook School. **Box Tops for Education can be found on hundreds of everyday products from companies like Food Should Taste Good, Yoplait, Kleenex, Scott, Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Land O Lakes, and Hanes.** Collection boxes are located in the front reception booth, the media center, and the teachers' lounge. Proceeds from Box Tops go directly to the school to help buy new equipment and supplies. **Last year we raised over $1100! That works out to just 11 box tops per student!** If you would like more information about this program, including participating brands, visit www.btfe.com, or contact Jennifer Acerra- Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Science and Engineering Fair Tuesday January 30, 2018

The Fair invites students to explore and expand their understanding of a science or engineering related topic. Students, working independently or in teams of two, will:

- develop a hypothesis
- conduct their own experiment
- draw conclusions
- organize results into a visual display
- present their project to judges

Registration packets and a list of important dates will be made available on the PTA website www.middlebrookpta.org by October 15, 2017. A number of help sessions conducted by our science teachers and volunteers will be available both before and after entry forms are due Friday,

November 23rd, 2017. **The Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is sponsored by the Middlebrook PTA and the Wilton Education Foundation. For questions or additional information contact Ritu Malik at** ritumalik2000@gmail.com

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

Project Adventure

Looking for Project Adventure Volunteers!

Project Adventure is one of the only opportunities you have to volunteer at Middlebrook and work with your child! Middlebrook's PE Department offers students a chance to climb, swing, and belay on an outdoor ropes course in Fall and an indoor course in Winter. Adults are needed to assist students, the more volunteers the more opportunities the students have to climb! *You can sign up for as little or as much time as you like, but you must take a belay training course and become certified (Rock Climb Fairfield works great).*

If you are interested in Project Adventure or have any questions please contact Renee Rafferty at raffertyrenee@gmail.com or Margo Silvian at margosilvian@me.com

Community News

Parent's Advisory Board (PAB) Annual Social Event

NEW DATE: Thursday, October 19: In belated recognition of the fact that our original date conflicted with Yom Kippur, the PAB has moved the night of our social to **Thursday, October 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Wilton Episcopal-Presbyterian Church Organization (WEPCO), **48 New Canaan Road**. Learn more about WIlton Public Schools and programs, get tips on private services for your child, and/or simply enjoy the company of other parents of children who learn differently. Wine and light refreshments served. RSVP at pabwilton@gmail.com.

Wilton Youth Council

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

WYC's Youth to Youth

Join us for a full year of leadership training, community service projects, and many fun activities such as Lake Compounce (October 27th), 3 ski trips etc.

For more information, go to our website at: http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth or see Mrs. Leonard in room 133A or email atleonardt@wiltonps.org.

You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me: A One-Man Performance by Michael Fowlin, PhD
Back by Popular Demand!
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, 7:00-8:30 p.m. a t the Clune Center at WHS
Last year Dr. Michael Fowlin presented his one-man performance, "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me," to the Wilton High School student body in December. By student request, he returned for a parent presentation on a May morning. The response from parents was so enthusiastic that we are bringing him back for a third time! He will speak to Middlebrook Students and WHS Freshmen during the school day and all parents are invited to join in the evening.

Michael takes the audience on an experiential journey, having us reexamine core precepts that are taught to us from as early as 1st grade. He uses many of his gifts – humor, performance art, poetry, storytelling, psychology, theatrical monologues, and his personal journey – to create a moving experience for all who are open to this evolution. His mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance, towards all people. He has worked extensively with all age groups in the United States and in other countries. His work includes peer mediation, diversity trainings, gender equity workshops, and violence prevention seminars.
Admission is free; registration is recommended at MichaelFowlinWilton.eventbrite.com.
Please contact Kim Zemo at zemok@wiltonps.org with questions.
**Sponsored by: Wilton Public Schools, Wilton High School PTSA, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services*

WYC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Civility: Teaching Children Respect, Tolerance and Empathy in a Complicated World with Alicia Farrell, PhD, Cognitive Psychologist and Founder of Clearview Consulting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
10:00-11:30 AM @ Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton
Registration recommended (www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334)
7:00-8:30 PM @ Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road, WestonNo registration necessary

Join us for the first presentation in the Wilton Youth Council Parent Information Series 2017-2018. Do you ever feel overwhelmed and confused raising children in this complicated, dynamic world? If so, you have a lot of company. More than ever we are navigating our parental roles without a rudder while still being the most influential force in our children's lives. As a parent, you are POWERFUL. What you do, what you say and how you say it strongly influences your children.

This workshop will empower you to take charge as a parent and a role model. You will learn how to mentor your children, regardless of their age, as they learn to be positive self-advocates while building

life-skills around respect, tolerance and empathy.

This presentation is appropriate for parents with children of all ages and is sponsored by: Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services, Wilton Library, Weston Youth Services, Weston Library

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 Suma Iyer at sumapiyer@gmail.com

MB Messenger Announcements

Have an important announcement to post in the MB Messenger? To submit a request to include a non-profit, school related announcement in the messenger please click here: Messenger requests

Please note that the messenger alternates bi-weekly between the "lite," calendar based messenger and the fuller version. Requests must be in by Wednesday at noon to be included in the the next full messenger.