



## *Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger*

**April 12, 2020**

### **Middlebrook Quick Calendar**

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|-----------|-------|----|--|
| Monday    | April | 13 | Parent Forum for <b>RED</b> (see below for details)    |
| Wednesday | April | 15 | Parent Forum for <b>YELLOW</b> (see below for details) |
| Thursday  | April | 16 | Parent Forum for <b>GREEN</b> (see below for details)  |

### **Middlebrook Six Day Cycle**

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|-----------|-------|----|-------|
| Monday    | April | 13 | Day 3 |
| Tuesday   | April | 14 | Day 4 |
| Wednesday | April | 15 | Day 5 |
| Thursday  | April | 16 | Day 6 |
| Friday    | April | 17 | Day 1 |

### **PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

I hope you and your family are doing well and eLearning is offering a helpful structure to your child during this challenging time. Middlebrook has scheduled Parent Forums by team, affording you an opportunity to have your questions on eLearning answered. Links to enter forms and to submit questions are below. Please submit questions in advance.

As we navigate this challenging time, please reach out to the PTA with any ideas for how we can support parents, students and teachers. I can always be reached at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com). Wishing you all well,

Chandra Ring

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Parent Forums

The PTA and Middlebrook administration are organizing an hour long parent Zoom for parents on each team. If you have children on multiple teams, you do not need to attend more than one session. Primarily, this is a chance for parents to get answers to their questions. Time is limited so please submit your questions in advance using the form below.

Please submit one form for each question. Team Leader, Dean and School Counselor will be present to hear feedback shared by parents who attend each session.

### Links to question forms:

[Questions from 6 Red](#)

[Questions from 7 Red](#)

[Questions from 8 Red](#)

[Questions from 6 Yellow](#)

[Questions from 7 Yellow](#)

[Questions from 8 Yellow](#)

[Questions from 6 Green](#)

[Questions from 7 Green](#)

[Questions from 8 Green](#)

The schedule for sessions is below. You will need to use a password to log in. Please be sure to sign in with your own name (first initial, last name is sufficient). With many people on a Zoom, it is helpful to keep yourself muted unless you are speaking. If you are going to be multitasking, kindly turn your video camera off to avoid distracting others.

| Team            | Date     | Time         | Link                         | Password |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>6 Red</b>    | April 13 | 1:00-2:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>8 Red</b>    | April 13 | 2:00-3:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>7 Red</b>    | April 13 | 3:00-4:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>8 Yellow</b> | April 15 | 1:00-2:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>7 Yellow</b> | April 15 | 2:00-3:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>6 Yellow</b> | April 15 | 3:00-4:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>8 Green</b>  | April 16 | 1:00-2:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>6 Green</b>  | April 16 | 2:00-3:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |
| <b>7 Green</b>  | April 16 | 3:00-4:00 PM | <a href="#">Link to Join</a> | 06897    |

If necessary, for parents who can not attend, MB will record answers to the most prevalent questions and send out a link to access the answers. Of course, if you prefer, submit your questions using [this form](#) to receive a response.

## 8th Grade Dinner Dance

### ATTENTION ... 8th Grade Parents!

If your child **DID NOT** attend kindergarten in Wilton...

We need your assistance! We are working on a photo wall for the 8th Grade Dinner Dance in June and will need a 4x6 photo of your child from Kindergarten. Ideally, it would be a school photo, but if not, any picture from Kindergarten would work. A physical photo (**4x6**) is preferred.

Please mail to :

Christine Costello

27 Woodhill Road

Wilton, CT 06897

Or you can send us a digital file. Please email us at [tccostello@hotmail.com](mailto:tccostello@hotmail.com) and [crpolito@optonline.net](mailto:crpolito@optonline.net) with a digital file or any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Christine Costello and Christine Polito

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 money 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mallorysleeping@gmail.com).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Budget Spotlight 2020**

For more information please use these links: <https://www.wiltonps.org/about/board-of-education>  
(click on 2020-2021 Budget Documents)

### **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](http://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](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org) for more information!

### **NAMI**

Due to need, we will be offering NAMI-CAN support group meetings for parents of kids with mental health and behavioral concerns TWICE a month, on the FIRST and THIRD Mondays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Topic: 3rd Monday of the month Wilton NAMI CAN:

Time: Starting April 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/771786639?pwd=bWhZbVlCdmVidUtrL0pKVUJrWGNZdz09>

Meeting ID: 771 786 639

Password: 559907

For more info, contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or [Beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:Beth44es@gmail.com); or Vanessa at [EliasVanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:EliasVanessa5@gmail.com), or text 203-970-4130. You can also visit <http://www.namisouthwestct.org>

### **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](mailto:middlebrookmessenger@gmail.com).