



Middlebrook PTA Messenger Nov. 25, 2018

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Wednesday	December	5	6th Grade Concert
Wed.-Wed.	December	5-12	Always Awesome Book Fair in the LLC
Wednesday	December	12	7th Grade Concert

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	November	26	Day 4
Tuesday	November	27	Day 5
Wednesday	November	28	Day 6
Thursday	November	29	Day 1
Friday	November	30	Day 2

Note from the President:

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Coming up, we have music concerts, our Book Fair and a Holiday Luncheon for teachers and staff.

SCHOOL NEWS

Hospitality Holiday Luncheon

On behalf of the PTA, the hospitality team is hosting a HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND DESSERT BAR for the teachers and staff on Wednesday, December 12th. Would you please be so kind as to sign up to bring something to make the lunch extra special for our staff! Please register through the link below. We can't do this without all our wonderful Middlebrook parents! Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAAAC2CA3FB6-middlebrook>

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

Time: New Gym- 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. & Old Gym- 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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 are available on the PTA website www.middlebrookpta.org . A number of help sessions conducted by our science teachers and volunteers will be available both before and after school. *****Entry forms are due Friday, November 30th*****. The Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is sponsored by the Middlebrook PTA and the Wilton Education Foundation. For questions or additional information contact Madhavi Sharma Vallabhajosula at madhavi_sharma@hotmail.com

From The MB Health Office

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. Please call the nurse if you have any questions. 203.834.4961PTA

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)

Formerly the PAB, we are 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 wiltonsepta@gmail.com

The schedule for the remainder of the year will be as follows:

SEPTA will meet the **second Wednesday** of each month @ **9:15 am** in the Zellner Gallery@ Clune

Center

One Annual evening Meeting: **Wednesday, May 22nd @ 7:00pm**

We hope to add in quarterly evening meetings- To be determined-and we will update accordingly when we have set location and dates for the evenings.

Every member: staff, administrator, community/ family has a vote in all of our meetings as long as they are registered and paid.

Membership is open to all!

Staff memberships are just \$10 (almost cheaper than a Starbucks Coffee!) and Family/ Community membership are \$15.

Registration can be done right on our web site at: www.wiltonsepta.org

We have been busy making the rounds to all of our schools to meet with the Instructional/ Special Education teams and existing PTA's during their monthly meetings to introduce ourselves and discuss our platform, obtain input and feedback.

We hope you will join! Please spread the word!

We look forward to seeing administration /staff when it is possible for you to attend. We welcome your feedback and collaboration as we build a positive, supportive, and resourceful platform for our schools and community! Thank you!

Best,

Kara Berghaus

SEPTA Steering Committee

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.

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 \$1,000! That works out to just 10 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.

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

School Sponsored Events in Partnership with Wilton Youth Council:

The Importance of Student Well-Being and Play in Schools with Michael Hynes, Ed. D.

Tues., Nov. 27, 2018 at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wilton High School's Clune Center

Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Hynes is visiting Wilton!

Don't miss this thought-provoking discussion of societal trends in education, how we measure success, the importance of recess and free play, and the risks of over-scheduling. Dr. Hynes recently visited Finland and will also share what he learned about the Finnish philosophy and approach to education.

Dr. Hynes is the Superintendent of Schools of the Patchogue-Medford school district in New York. He is a public-school advocate who has built enthusiasm in his community for the importance of play and recess in schools and yoga and mindfulness in the classroom.

You are sure to leave inspired by the possibilities!

** Please be advised, a video crew will be present to record the discussion in connection with the production of a documentary film featuring the themes of childhood and play. A section of the theatre will be reserved for those who do not wish to be filmed. **

Admission is free. Registration is recommended at MichaelHynesWilton.eventbrite.com. Please contact Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com with questions.

Sponsored by: Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services and Wilton Public Schools

Job Openings Within Wilton Public Schools

Our school district is interested in hiring talented adults who love working with children. Open positions generally provide considerable flexibility, and the time commitment can be as little as a few hours per week. There are also opportunities to work several full days per week. Open positions

include:

Lunch & Recess Monitors - 3.25 hour commitment (late morning / midday)

Bus Aides - 2.5 - 3 hour commitment (before school 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and/or 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.)

Daily Substitutes - full or half days (times follow each school's schedule)

Anyone interested in more information about these positions should contact Erika Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Class Project 2023

Show your support with 2023 T-shirts, shorts and our **brand-new** apparel - hoodies, pj pants and sweatpants! Be sure and check out our new designs on our [Wilton 2023 Online Store](#).

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.

Movie Viewing

Movie Night! Bring the kids for a free screening of “Swim Team” on Friday, November 30th, @ 7:00 pm in The Little Theater at Wilton High School. This important documentary explores the theme of inclusion in sports and is being co-sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, SPED*NET Wilton, Swim Angelfish, and Wilton SEPTA. Discussion panel to follow featuring the director, Lara Stolman, Coach Mike, and Swim Angelfish co-founder, Ailene Tisser. Please RSVP through Eventbrite as seating is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swim-team-tickets-51738584499?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

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's Youth to Youth Club

WYC's Youth to Youth club is excited about the new school 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 Room 133A. More information can be found on our website:

<http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns.

The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, November 26th, from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. at the G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information, contact Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or Beth44es@gmail.com; or Vanessa at EliasVanessa5@gmail.com, or call [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130).

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