



Middlebrook PTA Full Messenger

February 16, 2020

Middlebrook Quick Calendar

Monday	February	17	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
Thursday	February	20	PTA Meeting - 9:00 A.M. at LLC

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	February	17	No School
Tuesday	February	18	Day 1
Wednesday	February	19	Day 2
Thursday	February	20	Day 3
Friday	February	21	Day 4

News From The PTA President

I hope you're enjoying the time off this week. There's lots to discuss at our meeting this Thursday, Feb 20 at 9am. We hope you can join us. Be on the lookout for Wish Lists from teachers, a new program we're piloting this year and will be sharing complete details on soon. Finally, we've begun to identify volunteers for next year. If you're looking to get involved but aren't sure how please reach out at cring226@hotmail.com and we can find the right opportunity for you. It's not too late to help out this year either!

-Chandra Ring

SCHOOL NEWS

MB Health Office

Scoliosis Screening for 7th Grade Girls

Screenings will be done during gym periods starting in February.

To be excused from this, a parent's note is requested: flahertyn@wiltonps.org

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.

Middlebrook Trip To France

July 7 - July 14, 2020

The world language department and the art department are organizing a trip to Paris, France this summer from July 7th until July 14th. This trip is open to **all** 7th and 8th graders and to **all** high school students, even if they are not taking French. Space is limited to 30 students. The chaperones for the trip will be Kimberly Cameron (Cider Mill French teacher), Sue LaBarbera (Middlebrook Art teacher), Bill Gerundo (Middlebrook Counselor) and Simon Bulenzi (Middlebrook French teacher).

We will be using ACIS (**American Council for International Studies**), the company the high school has worked with for the German trips for the past few years. The cost for the trip is approximately \$4,000.

Here is more information about the trip:

http://services.acis.com/webimages/PROD/2020/12744/FULFILL/1901346_glossy.pdf

Please RSVP to Simon Bulenzi at bulenzis@wiltonps.org and let him know if you can attend the meeting or if you are interested in the trip. Mr. Bulenzi grew up outside of Paris and took a group of students to France in 2004 (last France trip in Wilton) and he can't wait to share my culture and one of the most beautiful cities with your children. **Parents are welcome on this trip!** Please feel free to contact him directly with any questions.

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.

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

Budget Spotlight 2020

For more information, use these links: <https://www.wiltonps.org/about/board-of-education> (click on 2020-2021 Budget Documents) and Good Morning Wilton [article](#)

Trackside Teen Center 80's Dance Party

Feb. 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Adults over age 21 only!

Click [HERE](#) for information and tickets.

CP 2024 Winter Adult Social

Class Project 2024 invites you to break out of the winter doldrums!

One great evening, three ways to warm up: Paddle, Bunco or Mingle.

Event Details

Date: Saturday February 29, 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Place: The Lake Club, 165 Thayer Pond Road, Wilton

Tickets: \$40 per person

*This event is for adults only!

Admission includes paddle gear (and on-site expert instruction available for novice players), Bunco, light food and non-alcoholic drinks. Please feel free to bring any favorite beverages you'd like to share too. Remember, your ticket fee contributes to a GREAT cause - Class Project 2024, raising funds for your child's Class PGP!

For details and to sign up, please click [HERE](#) and use the PayPal link to add-to-cart!

Wilton Go Green

Families mark your calendar for Wilton Go Green's biggest event on Sunday, March 29th, 2020 when the [Third Annual Zero Waste Faire & Sustainable Living Expo](#) happens at the Wilton High School Field House from 11am to 4pm.

Having had over 1,000 attendees and 70 exhibitors in 2019, WGG will feature even more aspects of a zero waste and sustainable lifestyle in depth. In partnership with Sustainne, the Faire committee will orchestrate exhibits at their 2020 event that are educational and interactive, with elements that attendees of all ages will enjoy. Subjects covered will include waste and resource management, waste prevention, backyard farming, a kids area, municipal best practices, zero waste hacks, sustainable living, and a Zero Waste Feast in the High School cafeteria provided by Chartwells. Stay tuned for news about opportunities to recycle or repurpose fabrics, electronics and other household items. Interested in helping out? Email us at info@wiltongogreen.org

Wilton Turnover Shop

The Turnover Shop needs volunteers! We are looking for several people to work at the front desk. The

commitment is for a regular shift only once a month for 3 1/2 hours, September-June. Each year, The Turnover Shop gives generously to the Wilton PTAs, but we need your help to make this happen. Come join the fun and meet some new people in our community! Please send an email to turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com to get started.

Wilton SEPTA Update

February Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/8671213e72df/septa-february-update-3729817>

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!

Class Project 2025 Kickoff Meeting

Attention 7th grade parents! Orientation meetings for Class Project 2025 will be held on Monday, March 2nd. Join us for a meeting at Comstock Community Center at either 10:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. The same information will be presented at both meetings. Come learn all about the Project 2025 and how you can be a part of it! For the past 30 years, the Wilton Class Projects have been bringing parents together to improve connection and communication as well as providing substance-free social activities for students in grades 7 to 12.

Learn more about the Class Projects at www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-programs Questions? Contact Eva Beshlian, the Class Projects Coordinator for Wilton Youth Council, at eva@beshlian.com.

Technology Month

March is Technology Month at Wilton Youth Council. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for helpful articles on managing all things digital, from social media to video games. We also hope you'll join us for two special presentations in March. Both events are free and open to parents with kids of all ages and students in middle school and up.

1. LIKE: The Impact of Social Media on Our Lives

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:00 p.m. at the Wilton High School Little Theater

Join us for a screening of LIKE, a documentary film that explores the impact of social media on our lives. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Susan Bauerfeld, PhD, licensed clinical psychologist, and Chris Parrott, BPS, chartered counseling psychologist, popular speakers on the topic of managing the impact of digital devices and content.

2. Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the Wilton Library

In this informative discussion, cognitive psychologist and former university professor Alicia Farrell Ph.D. will talk about the fine line between healthy and unhealthy technology use (screen-time, social media, entertainment) and how parents, mentors and educators can help children walk it. Visit www.wiltonyouth.org/events for more information and email Genevieve Eason at

geason@wiltonyouth.org with questions.

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.