



Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger Nov 12, 2017

Middlebrook Quick calendar

Tuesday	November	14	Photo Retake Day Grade 8/WHS Orchestra Rehearsal- Clune Center
Wednesday	November	15	Grade 8/WHS Orchestra Concert- Clune Center 7:30pm
Thursday	November	16	MB PTA Meeting 9:00am- Library
Thursday-Wednesday	November	16- 22	Shortened Days/Parent Conferences
Thursday-Friday	November	23- 24	Thanksgiving Recess NO SCHOOL

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

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

Note from the PTA President:

It will be a busy few weeks for all of us at Middlebrook! Thanksgiving is fast approaching and then it will be December when the real craziness kicks in.. Please take a moment to read this Messenger, we have some new additions this week, including a great movie fundraiser from Project 2022.

Online PTA Membership and Directories:

We have over 300 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 & 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 used with the district and the code “wilton” to join, pay your membership dues and even 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.

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. You can check out our website at www.middlebrookpta.org -- there is 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” 2017-18 Program Launches Thursday November 16

Tentative Project Due Date Friday January 5-- choose from these Arts Categories: Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography and Visual Arts. If you have any interest in Publicity, Judging, Coordinator, Computer or Celebration efforts, please join our team. For more information contact chairs Gretchen Mancuso gretchenmancuso@yahoo.com, Jill Bennet jillb@optonline.net or Michelle Bennett mjbenn@optonline.net and check out the Reflections page at <https://www.pta.org/REFLECTIONS>

Science & Engineering Fair Tuesday January 30, 2018

This is the kick off week at Middlebrook Science and Engineering Fair 2018. ***By visiting www.middlebrookpta.org and clicking on the Science Fair link, you will be able to view the powerpoint that students were shown in teambase and you can view more information about the Science Fair.***

Dates to keep in mind: November 21st is the deadline to submit your Science & Engineering Fair entry with the school. It does not mean your project needs to be completed by then, it only means you need to have picked your project and committed to participating. **Second date--** if your project involves human subjects, then you must register with the CT Science Fair by December 1st. **Please email Ritu Malik at middlebrooksciencefair@gmail.com for more information.**

Photo/Absentee Retake Day: November 14th

All parents should have received school photos by now. If not, please contact Sue Franco at sfranco@lifetouch.com

Who should go to Retake Day?

- Any student not satisfied with original portrait
- Return your complete portrait package to the photographer on retake day.
- Any student who was absent on the original day
- Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package.
- Order forms are available in the school office one week prior to retake day. Or online at <http://mylifetouch.com> picture id: EJ217112Q1 (Site is available for ordering approximately 2 weeks prior to retake day.)

Any questions, please call Lifetouch at 203-735-5933

Class Project 2022

8th Grade Movie Day at the Wilton Bowtie Cinema, Friday November 17 after Early Dismissal

Project 2022 is hosting this movie event for all Wilton 8th graders at Wilton Bowtie Cinema. The cinema will be offering a special showing of **Justice League** (being released that day) just for the 8th graders as a fundraiser for Project 2022. \$25 per student which includes a movie ticket, small drink and small popcorn. **Use the following link to register your 8th grader for this event today:** <https://christinejbelanger.wixsite.com/wilton2022>. Click on EVENTS!

Support the Class Project of 2022 with 2022 T-shirts, hoodie sweatshirts, plaid lounge pants, magnets and water bottles!

- Order your Wilton S'well bottle by contacting Maura Chapey chapeys@aol.com
- All other orders can be made by contacting Gail Hanny gmhanny@optonline.net

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 9:15-10:30 at the Zellner Gallery in the Clune Center, WHS.** For more information on the PAB, please visit www.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

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

Missing Items?

Use this handy link to see pictures of the items currently in the Middlebrook Lost & Found <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A1aBWLEIM7lvqFtzlXNuuXssDQyZ6X5LrD3Ot32l3w/edit?usp=sharing>

Community News

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, And Listen So Kids Will Talk

Wilton Public Schools are introducing a six-week workshop developed by the authors of the book by the same name, using lessons, roleplay and practice to help parents develop more effective skills for communicating with their children.

In this workshop, participants will learn how to:

- Engage your child's willing cooperation
- Deal with your child's negative feelings - frustration, disappointment, anger
- Express your anger without being hurtful
- Set firm limits and still maintain goodwill
- Use alternatives to punishment that promote self-discipline
- Encourage positive relationships between your children
- Resolve family conflicts peacefully

Funding and training for this new program was provided through a joint initiative of the Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Woman's Club that is taking aim at the opioid crisis by focusing on early prevention of the risk factors that lead to addiction later in life. Early prevention starts with fostering communication, connection and resilience in families and in the community.

This workshop is will run three times this year. It is free and limited to Wilton parents. Dates for the 2017-2018 school year are listed:

Session 1 – Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Comstock Community Center Room 31
Facilitated by: Kathy Weiss, Kim Zemo
Nov 13, 20, 27
Dec 4, 11, 18

Session 2 – Wednesdays
Facilitated by: Nicole Mok, Bonnie Schnitzler
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31
Feb 7, 14, 21
(one snow date scheduled)

Session 3 – Thursdays
Facilitated by: Jim Martin, Alexa Lee
March 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 19
(one snow date scheduled)

Registration for Session 1 is now open. Please call Wilton Youth Services at (203) 834-6241.

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 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 leonardt@wiltonps.org.

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

Annual Poinsettia Sale

Please support the WHS Boys and Girls Ski Teams as you decorate for the holidays. These are NOT your typical 4” supermarket poinsettias! The beauty, size and quality of these poinsettias are truly exceptional. 3 sizes and 3 colors are available. \$15 for tabletop size, \$25 for large floor plant, \$35 for XL floor plant. For more details and an order form, email kbonnist@yahoo.com (please type “Poinsettia Sale” in the subject line). Orders will be available for pickup at the Clune Center on November 29.

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 version. 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