



*Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger* Sept 4, 2017

**Middlebrook Quick calendar**

Monday	September	4	Labor Day - No School
Tuesday	September	5	First Day of School
Thursday	September	7	New Parent Coffee Media Center 9-10 am
Tuesday	September	12	Photo Day- Lifetouch
Monday	September	18	Grade 8 Parent Open House 7-8:00 pm
Tuesday	September	19	Grade 7 Parent Open House 7-8:00 pm
Wednesday	September	20	MB PTA Meeting 9:00 am
Thursday	September	21	Rosh Hashanah- No School, district offices closed
Tuesday	September	26	Grade 6 Parent Open House 7-8:30 pm
Friday	September	29	Lockdown Drill

**Middlebrook Six Day Cycle**

Monday	September	4	Labor Day No school
Tuesday	September	5	Day 1
Wednesday	September	6	Day 2
Thursday	September	7	Day 3
Friday	September	8	Day 4

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## PTA News:

### Note From the PTA President Hillary Morrissy:

It's that time again. Time to brave the lines at deli counters, set those alarms and check the bus schedule for the umpteenth time. We at the PTA hope our offerings at Walk Thru Day helped ease the transition from summer back to school mode. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who sold spirit wear, collected orders for chrome book covers, worked tirelessly on the Back to School Messenger, and our volunteers who will make Photo Day on September 12 run smoothly. Find out more about about the PTA's behind the scenes work to enrich every student's experience here at Middlebrook by attending one of our monthly meetings. The very first one will take place Wednesday September 20th at 9:00am in the Library Media Center. I'll be there, will you?

### Online PTA Membership and Directories

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, Photo Day, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events and Soaring Ahead** are just a few of the programs our PTA supports. *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](mailto: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. **We are still seeking two Nominating Chairs for the school year!** Please visit our website at [www.middlebrookpta.org](http://www.middlebrookpta.org) to access additional opportunities!

### Photo Day: Tuesday, Sept 12

**We're looking for volunteers to ensure Photo Day 2017 runs smoothly.** If you're available to volunteer for two hours on September 12th to help photographers and students get the shots just right, please contact: Patricia Brandt at [brandtsan@yahoo.com](mailto:brandtsan@yahoo.com) or [Shirin Dorne at dornefamily@gmail.com](mailto:ShirinDorne@dornefamily@gmail.com)

**Please indicate which of the three shifts you prefer: 8:20-10:20, 10:20-12:20, or 12:20-2:30.** This is a fun and rare opportunity to spend some time at Middlebrook during school hours. Order forms are handed out to students during the first week of school. **Please complete an on-line order form for each child at Middlebrook or have your child return the completed order form with check payable to "Lifetouch" on Photo Day, Tuesday, September 12th.** Questions? Contact Lisa Huff [lamhuff@hotmail.com](mailto:lamhuff@hotmail.com) or Laura Fox [laura.fox1@gmail.com](mailto:laura.fox1@gmail.com)

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### 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!**

To volunteer contact: Natalia Ramirez [natalia\\_betancur@hotmail.com](mailto:natalia_betancur@hotmail.com)

### 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/CJsgavLm>

Questions? Contact: Janel Downs [janeld@optonline.net](mailto:janeld@optonline.net) or Lisa Finn [ldbfinn@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbfinn@hotmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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. You will be able to sign up directly online starting September 11th at [www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards/](http://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

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this program, including participating brands, visit [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com), or contact Jennifer Acerra- Markey at [jtm4jla@optonline.net](mailto:jtm4jla@optonline.net).

### Science and Engineering Fair Tuesday January 30, 2017

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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:raffertyrenee@gmail.com) or Margo Silvian at [margosilvian@me.com](mailto:margosilvian@me.com)

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## PTA Parent Volunteers 2017-2018

Vice President.....Laura Rowley  
Secretary .....Chandra Ring  
Treasurer .....Jackie Shaw  
Fundraising .....Nicola Davies  
Parent at Large .....Lauren Yoon  
Spiritwear ..... ..Suma Iyer  
Photo Day .....Patricia Brandt & Shirin Dorne  
Hospitality .....Lisa Finn, Ginna Yerrall, Lauren Yoon, Ritu Malik & Holly Barker  
New Parent Coordinator..... Debbie Corrigan  
Back to School Messenger.....Janel Cassara  
Weekly Messenger.....Jackie Jackson & Jeena Choi  
Website .....Laura Rowley

## Community News

### Class Project 2022

**Family Picnic at Merwin Meadows is rescheduled for Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 8:00 PM.**

If you already registered for the June Picnic in the Spring, you are all set! If not, register at <https://christinejbelanger.wixsite.com/wilton2022>

Class Project 2022 T-shirts, Hoodie Sweatshirts, plaid Lounge pants, and S'well Bottles will be available for sale at the Project 2022 Picnic on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to pre-order, please send an email to Maura Chapey at [chapeys@aol.com](mailto:chapeys@aol.com)



Email [wilton2022@gmail.com](mailto:wilton2022@gmail.com) for information on how to get involved or [2022 Website](#) or [2022 Facebook Group](#)

### Wilton Youth Council

WYC's Youth to Youth will have two informational meetings in September 2017. **Join us for a full year of leadership training, community service projects and many fun activities (Lake Compounce, ski trips etc).** For more information, go to our website at: <http://www.wiltonyouth.org/youth-to-youth> or Contact Tanya Leonard at [leonardt@wiltonps.org](mailto:leonardt@wiltonps.org)

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WYC's PeerConnection is an after school program that meets weekly at Trakside Teen Center. For more information go to <http://www.wiltonyouth.org/peerconnection>. For more information on these and other events, check out our website at [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org)

WYC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Narcan Training Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7pm Wilton Library** - learn how to save a life! (as part of our Wilton Youth Council - Wilton Woman's Club initiative)

**Civility: Teaching Children Respect, Tolerance and Empathy in a Complicated World with Alicia Farrell, PHD on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 10am in Wilton and at 7pm in Weston - Locations TBD**

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](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com). Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at [sumapiyer@gmail.com](mailto:sumapiyer@gmail.com)