



Middlebrook PTA Weekly Messenger Sept 8, 2017

Middlebrook Quick calendar

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
Thursday	September	28	Lockdown Drill

Middlebrook Six Day Cycle

Monday	September	11	Day 5
Tuesday	September	12	Day 6
Wednesday	September	13	Day 1
Thursday	September	14	Day 2
Friday	September	15	Day 3

PTA News:

Note From the PTA President Hillary Morrissy:

This time of year, I feel like my inbox is overrun with reminders to fill out something, sign up for something, and go to something. A wise friend once told me to use my inbox as my to-do list and top on my list right now is registering for Photo Day. Photo Day, that day where your voice is actually heard during outfit selection-- granted that voice might have to be raised to get results. So read this Messenger thoroughly and check some things off your list!

Online PTA Membership and Directories

In just 5 days over 180 families have already joined the PTA. 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 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 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 or Shirin Dorne at 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 online 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.**

Chromebook Covers

We had an amazing response to our Chromebook Cover sale, but we can no longer accept orders. If you are still in need of a cover, there are many options at online retailers at a similar price point. Any orders received will not be fulfilled and checks will be destroyed.

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

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 Fun with Friends!

PARENTS: We need chaperones!

To volunteer go to: <http://signup.com/go/CJsgavLm>

Questions? Contact: Janel Downs janeld@optonline.net or Lisa Finn 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. 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

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/ --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.

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 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 23rd, 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**

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

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 or Margo Silvian at margosilvian@me.com

PTA Parent Volunteers 2017-2018

Vice President.....Laura Rowley
 SecretaryChandra Ring
 TreasurerJackie Shaw
 FundraisingNicola Davies
 Parent at LargeLauren Yoon
 SpiritwearSuma Iyer
 Photo DayPatricia Brandt & Shirin Dorne
 HospitalityLisa 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
WebsiteLaura Rowley

Community News

Class Project 2022

Class Project 2022 T-shirts, Hoodie Sweatshirts, plaid Lounge pants, and S'well Bottles can still be ordered, please send an email to Maura Chapey at chapeys@aol.com. The contact person for 2022 Spiritwear is Gail Hanny (gmhanny@optonline.net).



Email 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

WYC's PeerConnection is an after school program that meets weekly at Trackside 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

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group

School is back in session and for many children, so is the academic and social stress that can cause behavioral changes. For parents of children (age 18 and under)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 every month - the next meeting is Monday, September 25 from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton.** For more information please contact: Beth at beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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