



Middleton Monthly

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Welcome back and Happy 2018! The New Year brings endless possibilities, new challenges and achievements for us to look forward to. January is Re-month at Middleton. Teachers are taking time daily to reintroduce and model student expectations both academically and behaviorally as we continue to strive for academic excellence along with building positive, trusting relationships. We had an all-school meeting on Friday, January 5 to discuss the transition back to school, reconnect on our goals and what being a successful student looks, sounds and feels like. Ask your child to share what their hopes and dreams are for the remainder of the year and how they will work hard to achieve them.

As we welcome in the New Year, many of us make New Year's resolutions. As the students at Middleton continue to focus daily on working hard, doing their best work and being kind to one another, here are a few New Year's resolutions related to your child's success that might be worth considering:

- Participate in your child's education by supervising homework, talking with your child about school, and volunteering.
- Nurture those qualities that make each of your children special and unique.
- Read to or with your child 2 to 3 times a week, audio books are amazing, try it out!
- Expect the very best from your child at all times.
- Turn off the television for homework, reading, game night and special times with family.

In January, students in K-5th grade will participate in a reading assessment called Benchmark Assessment System. This assessment will give teachers valuable information regarding students reading progress towards grade level standards. Teachers will use the January data to guide and modify instruction to meet the needs of students and plan differentiated literacy instruction to support individual needs. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding this reading assessment.

All electronic devices such as cell phones, Kindles, iPads, iPods, and handheld game devices should remain at home. Students that choose to bring these devices to school and use them during the school day without permission from school staff will have them removed and parents will need to come to school to pick the device up. Please note these electronic devices are expensive and school is not liable for lost, stolen or broken equipment. Our focus continues to be on engaging students in our learning process. If technology is needed to enhance a learning opportunity, school will provide it. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

As the weather turns colder, the question always comes up... will the students go out for recess? District 833 has guidelines for ALL our elementary schools to follow as to when students would stay in for recess due to cold weather. Indoor recess will be held when the actual temperature is at zero degrees or below, or the wind-chill is -10 degrees or below. It is best to assume that students will participate in outdoor recess, and to dress them accordingly with snow pants, hats, mittens, scarf, boots and a warm winter jacket. Please be sure these items are labeled, if possible.

Who makes the decision for school closing? All school closings and/or schedule changes are decided by the Superintendent or his designee. **The most compelling reason for closing schools will be the safety of students and employees.** The Director of Transportation shall be involved with these decisions as most involve the busing of students. Decisions on school closings and late starts will be made as early as possible. This communication will go out to parents in multiple ways by our Director of Communication or a designee through: All-District phone call and email through Blackboard Connect, District website, Facebook and Twitter sites, TV stations - WCCO, KARE 11, KSTP and FOX 9 News.

<http://www.sowashco.org/parents/school-closing-information>

With all the winter gear, the lost and found is filling up quickly. If you are in the building during the month, please be sure to stop by and check for any items your child(ren) may be missing. If your child is missing boots, snow pants, mittens, hats, etc... please ask them to check the lost and found located in the commons by the doors heading out to the playground.

Warmest regards,
Sara Palodichuk



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 5th – Movie Night, Despicable Me 3
Hosted by Student Council, doors open 6:15 pm,
movie starts at 6:30 pm
- January 8th – Culver's Restaurant night
Hosted by 2nd grade 5:00-7:00 pm
- January 9th – Full Band practice
– PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Media Center
(childcare provided)
- January 10th – Student Council meeting 7:45-8:30 am
- January 15th – **No School** (observance of Martin Luther King day)
- January 16th – Panera Bread restaurant night 4:00 - 8:00 pm
– Full Band practice
– 3rd Grade Project GO - Brown, Pieper, Heinrich
- January 17th – School store open 8:00-8:30 am
- January 22nd – Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser - ALL DAY
- January 23rd – Full Band practice
– 3rd Grade Project GO - Bestler, Koehnen
- January 24th – Student Council meeting 7:45-8:30 am
- January 25th – Art Club 3:10-4:10 pm
- January 26th – No **Pre-K** School
- January 30th – Full Band practice



The following contains New Information sent to us from Transportation starting in January...

Information on Temporary Bus Passes for Students

Elementary and High School:

When a parent needs their student to ride the bus home with another student, they must call the Transportation Department 24 hours in advance. Please call 651-425-5303. Transportation will review rider loads and confirm or deny a Bus Pass based on availability. All confirmed Bus Passes will be issued in a standard format and sent from Transportation to the School. The student should pick up the Bus Pass from the school office and present it to the Bus Driver.

Other:

- Bus Passes are not intended to be used for social reasons (i.e. play dates, birthday parties, etc.). They should be used for emergency situations only.
- All Bus Passes are temporary one day passes.
- All Bus Pass requests must be made 24 hours in advance (special consideration may be made for emergency situations).
- Students must also be issued a Bus Pass if they need to get on/off at an alternate stop** on their already assigned route. Again, this should be for emergency situations only.
- Correspondence from parents/guardians (i.e. hand written notes, text message shown to Drivers, etc.) **will NOT be accepted by Drivers** as a valid Bus Pass.

Winter Weather:

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather.

We make every effort for routes to be on time throughout the year. With winter weather here, the possibility for delay increases greatly. Buses running more than 10 minutes late will be posted on the District Website on the main Transportation page, right side. If you have questions about your child's route, please call 651-425-5303.

Special Education Bus Attendance:

Please call 651-425-5303 if your student will be absent from Special Education transportation. Please press 1 on the main menu for Special Education Routing.

Notes from the Middleton Office:

Just a reminder – if you are picking up your child for an appointment during the school day, **please allow extra time** if pick up is when they are in Lunch/Recess or in Specialists (Gym, Art, Music or Media). Please refer to the Middleton website for the posted lunch/recess times.

Specialist times:

<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade:</u>	<u>Kindergarten:</u>	<u>1st Grade:</u>	<u>4th Grade:</u>
8:55-9:55	9:55-10:55	10:55-11:55	11:55-12:55	12:55-1:55	1:55-2:55

Please note:

If you have a **change in plans for your student going home**, please notify your student's teacher or the office. You may **call, email or send a note before 2:50 pm**. We need confirmation from a parent to allow any changes from the normal routine. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.



Handicap Parking Spaces:

It has been brought to our attention that individuals are temporarily parking in the handicapped spots at drop off/pick up times. **Please leave these spots open for our handicapped guests.** Thank you for your cooperation.

In our Office Lost & Found:

If these items are yours, please claim them in the Middleton office.

Note from playground supervisor:

Green eyeglasses belong to a 4th grade girl



News from **P.T.O.** Parent Teacher Organization



Winter Carnival will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 and the Carnival Committee is currently planning this year's event.

Here's where we need your help:

- **Do you own your own business?** (e.g., Photographer, Pampered Chef, etc) Would you consider donating either your services and/or a basket toward our Silent Auction or Raffle?

If so, please contact Rachel Conant at: rileyr2006@my.uwstout.edu or yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



- **Do you want to help out but would rather enjoy Winter Carnival with your kids?**

Please consider helping out behind the scenes before the event. See our sign-up sheet for more information. Grab a friend and have fun!

Please sign-up at this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eafad28abf85-winter>



Papa John's Pizza fundraiser and contest



Over holiday break and all of January when you and your family order Papa John's pizza: keep the tag off the box and turn in to your teacher when you return to school.

Any Papa John's in the US (even if you are traveling over break, you can still participate!)

Order online only at www.papajohns.com enter code MIDDLE

Your pizza will be 20% off and the school will receive 20% of the total also.
Tell all your family and friends!

**The classroom with the most tags off the pizza
boxes will win a pizza party!**

This code can be used over and over and never expires!

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