

# THE MIDDLETON MONTHLY

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Dear Middleton Elementary Families-

Happy 2019! I hope the year is off to a great start! Here at Middleton, 2019 is off to a fantastic start, as everyone is busy becoming reacquainted with the rituals and routines of school! At Middleton you can see classes practicing hallway expectations, students participating in meaningful learning experiences, and teachers providing a high quality education to all students!

With it being January, conference time is right around the corner. Information on how to sign up for conferences will be sent out next week! It is very important that all parents/guardians attend conferences to connect with teachers to see all of the hard work that is taking place. If none of the conference times works for you, please get in touch with your child's teacher to schedule another time. We at Middleton appreciate the relationships that we have with families.

I want to thank all of the parents that are sending their children to school prepared for outdoor recess. This has been an odd winter with the temperature. As a reminder, district policy states that students stay inside for recess when the wind-chill is ten below zero or higher. With that being said, the Middleton lost and found has a number of items that need a home. I encourage parents/guardians to put names on all winter gear!

If you haven't done so, follow me and Middleton Elementary on Twitter (@principalarthur and @MiddletonElem)! You will see pictures of things taking place during day!

Remember, it's a great day to be a Mustang!

Mr. Arthur Williams

## Important Upcoming Dates



- Jan. 4th: Full Orchestra practice, 2:25pm
- Jan. 8th: Project GO- Koehnen & Bestler's 3rd Grade  
Full Band Practice, 2:25pm  
PTO Meeting, 6:30pm Media Center
- Jan. 9th: Student Council Meeting, 7:45am
- Jan. 10th: Project GO- Pieper & Brown's 3rd Grade C  
Choir Concert Rehearsal, 3:10-4:00pm
- Jan. 11th: Full Orchestra Practice, 2:25pm
- Jan. 14th: Culvers Night, Hosted by Pre-K, 5:00-7:00pm
- Jan. 15th: Full Band Practice, 2:25pm
- Jan 17th: Choir Concert Rehearsal, 3:10-4:00pm
- Jan. 18th: Full Orchestra Practice, 2:25
- Jan. 21st: NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 23rd: School Store open
- Jan. 24th: Applebee's Restaurant Night, 4:00-9:00pm  
Choir Concert Rehearsal, 3:10-4:00pm
- Jan. 25th: 3rd Grade Field Trip to MN History Center,  
9:30am-1:30pm  
Full Orchestra Practice, 2:25pm
- Jan. 29th: Zupa's Restaurant Night, 5:00-7:00pm
- Jan. 31st: Choir Concert Rehearsal, 3:10-4:00pm

### Show your support!

Monday's will be "Middleton Monday's". You are invited to wear your Middleton Spirit Wear or our school colors Green & Blue.

Friday's will be "Collegiate Friday's". Show your college pride by wearing college gear.

## Message from District 833 Transportation Department:

### Message from District 833's Transportation Department:

Our top priority is the safety of our students. With the winter season upon us, it is important to remind students and families that inclement weather may lead to transportation delays. While we make every effort to run our buses on time, there may be unavoidable delays resulting in your student having to wait outside for the bus longer than expected. Please ensure that your student is dressed appropriately for the weather.

In the event that buses are running extremely late, we encourage families to discuss and plan for these types of situations. Bus routes running more than 10 minutes late will be posted on our Transportation website <http://www.sowashco.org/services/transportation> (right side of page under School Bus Status).

Should you have any questions, our transportation staff can assist you at: 651-425-5303 for General Ed busing or at 651-425-5324 Special Ed busing.

## Middleton Elementary



REMINDER: Help us get the District S.N.A.C.K. (Students Needing Assistance from Caring Kids and Families) Collection Program Started!

- Donate individually packaged healthy snacks to our main office (collection box available)
- Snacks will be distributed to district schools who are in need of snacks

It's an easy way to help others! Your donations will make a big difference to our community.

## Middleton Elementary Health Office

\*If your child/children are going to be late to school due to an Appointments-etc. Please call the Attendance Line at 651-425-4906. This service is available 24 hours a day.

The Health Office is in need of some Gently used Socks!! All sizes welcome! Please make sure they are washed before donating them. Thank you!!!

Any Questions call 651-425-4902—Nurse Lisa



With the colder weather here, please consider putting a chap stick in your child's backpack. This helps eliminate class time missed going to the health office. Thank you!



## Middleton Elementary Reading Notes with Ms. Rollins

### Reading for Enjoyment at Home

Thank you for encouraging your developing reader to read every night. The book in the take-home book bag has been chosen by your child. He/she looks forward to reading the book to a parent, grandparent, older sibling or stuffed animal! **It is so important for all students to read self-selected books at home for enjoyment.** The importance of reading at home is reinforced by research from the National Education Association, it found that **“having kids read a lot is one of the crucial components of becoming a good reader. Young readers need to become practiced at recognizing letters and sounds. The only way to get good at it is to practice.”** So again, all teachers at Middleton thank you for your support and encouragement with at-home reading, but more importantly your child will thank you!



## Middleton Band and Orchestra

Band and Orchestra families-

Please mark your calendars for upcoming concerts and performances!

**Thursday February 28** at 7:00 pm- **Band** Performance at Cottage Grove Elementary School

**Thursday March 28** at 7:00 pm- **Band** Solo/Ensemble Recital at Middleton Elementary School

**Sunday April 7** afternoon- District Orchestra Festival at Woodbury High School (all **5<sup>th</sup> Grade orchestra** students perform with 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school orchestra students)

**Tuesday May 7** at 1:45 pm and 7 pm- Spring **Band and Orchestra** concerts

We are excited to see you and your young musician there!

Mrs. Slominski (orchestra) and Mr. Utell (band)



## Middleton Elementary Art with Mr. McNamee

Greetings from the Art Room!

I want to begin by saying, “Thank You!” to all the students that gave me holiday gifts in December. My Winter Break was wonderful and relaxing in large part due to all the coffee gift cards, target gift cards, restaurant gift cards, and yummy treats I received from Middleton families. I appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Here is a quick re-cap of what we’ve been up to in class lately.

Kindergarten-We made adorable Polar Bears by finger painting and drawing with Oil Pastels. We also made Super Cute little stand up Penguins.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade- We learned about Piet Mondrian. He made simple, but beautiful art using mostly the Primary Colors—**Red**, Yellow, and **Blue**—Along with Black and White. We also are working on an Arctic Sunset.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classes finished up their Snowy Trees and have begun learning about the difference between Geometric and Organic Shapes. We are making something that currently looks like a Mud Puddle, but I haven’t told them what it actually is yet.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Mithcelson’s classes are making art about things that scare them.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-These young artists took a trip WAY back in time to learn about the origin of a Coat Of Arms. We are each designing one for own family.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- If they ever wrap up their One Point Perspective drawings, we will move on to drawing famous cartoon characters using a grid. It may be a while as they are really taking their time on the City project.

Coming up later in the month...

Art Club meets on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for reading,

Paul McNamee

Art Specialist

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## Middleton Elementary PTO News

### Volunteers Needed

We have started our planning for this year's Carnival and we need YOUR help! We have several opportunities that you can do from the comfort of your home - at your convenience - you can help by calling a few businesses that have made past donations, planning our cookie decorating or craft project, organizing games and prizes, and much more! Please contact Rachel at [yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com](mailto:yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping us make this year's Carnival a huge success!! We cannot do this without all the dedicated volunteers, thank you!

### PTO Board Openings

Some members of the PTO board will complete their two year term this June and we will be looking to fill a few open positions next year. We'd love to talk to anyone who may be interested in coming "on board"! We'd love to have a part of the year to train and gradually transition. Please reach out if you think you'd be interested in being a board member - there's no commitment in having a conversation! Email us at [yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com](mailto:yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com)

### Nickelodeon Universe:

Did you know we sell unlimited Nickelodeon Universe wristbands for \$25? If you're looking for a great gift option or something to do during school breaks - stop in the office **during regular school hours when school is in session**, exact cash or check is needed! Thank you!

### Ongoing Fundraisers

**Kowalski's:** Whenever you shop at Kowalski's, ask for a second receipt and place it in the labeled box for Middleton at the front of the store (Starbucks receipts count!!). There is no minimum purchase. It is based on the number of receipts submitted!

**Nickelodeon Universe Wristbands:** The Middleton Office will sell wristbands to Nickelodeon Universe in the Mall of America for \$25.

**Amazon Smile:** Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for more information.

**Papa John's Pizza:** Receive 20% off and Middleton gets 20% of the total for online orders using code **MIDDLE**. Share this with family and friends! [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com)

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