



The Weekly Wire

January 12th, 2018

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 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 8:20-8:40 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
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From the Health Office:

The Health Office is in need of some clothing:

- **Girls and Boys T-shirts:** sizes 10/12, 14/16, adult small
- **Boys sweatpants or athletic pants:** sizes 10/12, 14/16, adult small
- **Girls leggings:** size 6, adult small
- **Boys underwear:** size 10/12
- **Socks (all sizes)**

If you have these items to donate, we would greatly appreciate it!

STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOOL STORE

OPEN WEDNESDAY JAN. 17TH, 8:20-8:40AM

2017-2018 Spirit Wear
available for order

All previous Middleton Spirit Wear
\$5 a piece



\$18



\$18/\$20



\$18/\$20



\$36/\$40



\$25/\$30



\$18/\$20



\$20.00



\$20/\$25

New Items for sale

Middleton Lanyards	\$2.50
Middleton Zipper Grippers	\$1.50
Mystery Bags	\$1.00
Middleton Pencils	\$0.50
Middleton Bracelets	\$0.50
Stress Ball	\$0.50
Bags	\$0.50
Sunglasses	\$0.25
Bear Highlighters	\$0.25





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.

Health Office News:

Free Dental Care: Each year, dental professionals from across the state participate in **Give Kids a Smile**, providing free dental care to children in need. **The event takes place on the first Friday and Saturday of February** and is made possible by the collaborative effort of the Minnesota Dental Association, volunteer dentists, and various sponsors.



A list of participating clinics can be found at:

<https://www.mndental.org/events/give-kids-a-smile/patients/find-a-participating-clinic/>

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 at all times.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder for Safe Drop Off/Pick up:

There has been an increase in student's getting dropped off **unsafely** in the Parking Lot. We do not want children weaving through cars in the lot. Please go through the Car curbside Pick up/Drop off so your child can be safely dropped off on the sidewalk in front of the building.

You are Invited to 833 Gifted Education Parent HUB Nights!

Monday, January 22, 2018 - 6:30pm-8:00pm

A series of once-a-month presentations on topics related to gifted learners will be held throughout 2017-2018, each with a different focus about gifted learners and gifted education.

Our topic for January will be “Gifted Kids Don’t Have All the Answers” on Monday, January 22 at the East Ridge High School Media Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



News from

P.T.O.

Parent Teacher Organization



Winter Carnival:



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 riley2006@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.

Grab a friend and have fun! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eafad28abf85-winter>



Yearbooks go on sale Friday!

Your child has been building memories all year long – the yearbook is a great way to capture those memories! Your child will bring home a flyer on Friday January 12th with all of the details, but here are some frequently asked questions:

How do I buy a yearbook?

All purchases must be done online. Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and use code **1470418** for Middleton. You can also search by state and city to select Middleton. Follow the steps on the screen. After your order is submitted you will receive a confirmation email containing the specifics of your order.

When is my order due?

The deadline for purchasing yearbooks is March 15, 2018.

I can't remember if I ordered a yearbook yet this year?

Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and click on "Get details of your previous orders by email". It will let you know if you have placed an order for 2017-2018. The yearbook team can also check current orders for you, just inquire at Middletonyearbooks@gmail.com

When will my child receive his/her yearbook?

Yearbooks are delivered to the classrooms the last week of school.

How do I order multiple yearbooks if I have more than one child who attends Middleton?

You can order yearbooks for multiple Middleton students at once:

- Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>
- Enter 1470418 for Middleton
- Enter one child's name and grade, click next
- Select that child's yearbook options, click next
- On the billing page, you will see an order summary on the right. Below that is a link that says "Place additional order for this school" – click on that.
- You will be returned to the page where you enter your child's name and grade. Enter the second child's information, click next.
- Repeat these steps until you have ordered yearbooks for each child, then enter your billing information and finish the process.

I have some good photos I'd like to see included in the yearbook. What should I do with them?

We would love to include your pictures of any school event, whether a restaurant night, field trip, PTO event, classroom activity, etc! Teachers do a great job providing our team with photos taken throughout the year, but we need yours too! We've added a few extra pages to the yearbook so we can include as many candid shots as possible – we know the kids love to see themselves in multiple places in the yearbook! So please send your pictures to our volunteer team any time before April 1st: middletonyearbooks@gmail.com

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

How much do yearbooks cost?

Prices did not change from last year. We have a variety of yearbook options and therefore costs for you to choose from. You can order a yearbook “ala carte” – selecting exactly which options you want:

Ala Carte options	Cost
Yearbook	\$18.00
Upgrade to hard cover	\$5.00
Autograph insert – 4 additional pages for autographs	\$1.00
Zoom Current Events insert - a small magazine of news, sports, and pop culture highlights from 2017-18	\$2.00
Yearbook stickys - vibrant, removable stickers that allow students to personalize yearbook pages	\$1.50
Personalized cover - your child’s portrait, name, school name and year incorporated into the cover design	\$6.00

Or you may find a package that better meets your needs: Packages A-D are \$19.75-\$32.00

Who do I contact if I have questions?

If you have technical issues with the ybpay website, contact Lifetouch directly at ybpay@lifetouch.com or call 1-800-453-9764.

If you have any other questions about the yearbook, please contact our yearbook parent volunteer team at middletonyearbooks@gmail.com

Sincerely, 2017-2018 Yearbook team: Katie Hedges, Emily Eschweiler and Linzy Nathlich

Nickelodeon Universe:



Did you know that the PTO has an ongoing fundraiser where you can buy Discounted Unlimited-All Day Nickelodeon Universe wristbands? Stop in the office to purchase them for \$24 each (regularly \$36!!). Check or exact cash amount is appreciated, as the office does not normally have change...thank you!

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

Fundraising Survey Results:

Thank you to all who took the time to take our survey! Here is a summary of our results:

- People Enjoy: Open House flat donations, Boo Bash/Carnival, and Walkathon
- People do NOT Enjoy: Cherrydale - either change companies or stop altogether
- People do NOT want to combine Boo Bash and Carnival
- Adults-Only Parties: 8 people willing to host, 60% of people interested in attending
- New Fundraiser Ideas of Interest:
 - o Bring Back the 5K: 70%
 - o Parent only outings: 60%
 - o Family golf outing: 40%
 - o Adults only golf outing: 30%
- Walkathon - would your child likely raise at least \$50? - 75% said yes

What are we doing with the information we learned?:

- We will be providing more details of how you can help make Walkathon an even bigger success to hopefully eliminate a fall fundraiser (Cherrydale) next school year.
- We are seeking anyone interested in heading the 5K for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com if you are interested!
- All other new fundraising ideas will also be researched in more depth. If you are interested in heading any of the above mentioned ideas, please contact yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com!



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!

Questions? yourmiddletonpto@gmail.com

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