

Middleton Elementary

Lighting the way to a brighter future

Weekly Wire, December 21st 2018

Upcoming Dates

December 24-
Jan. 1st:

NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK

Have a great winter break!



January 2nd:

Back to School/Welcome Back!

January 4th:

Full Orchestra Practice, 2:25pm

January 8th:

Project GO - Koehnen & Bestler's 3rd Grade
Classes

Full Band Practice, 2:25pm

PTO Meeting, 6:30pm Media Center

January 10th:

Project GO - Pieper & Brown's 3rd Grade Classes

January 11th:

Full Orchestra Practice, 2:25pm

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.

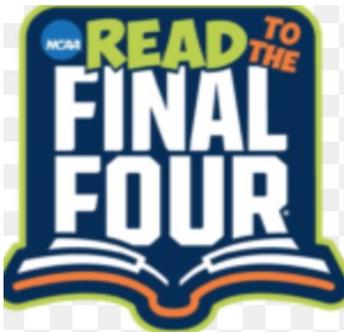
In the event that buses are running extremely late, we encourage families to discuss and plan for these types of situations. Bus routes running more than 10 minutes late will be posted on our Transportation website <http://www.sowashco.org/services/transportation> (right side of page under School Bus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

Thank you for everyone's cooperation with the new Identification Policy!



To ensure the safety of all students at Middleton Elementary, we are asking that you allow a few extra minutes when checking-in to have lunch and/or visit your child's classroom. All visitors will be asked to show identification after checking into the computer. The administration and office staff just need to verify the name on the sticker matches the name on the identification. We are asking that parents and families be patient when asked to show identification. We know there are a number of you that have had children at Middleton for years, so we appreciate your understanding.



A BIG shout-out to Middleton's third graders for placing first in their region after the first round of the Read to the Final Four competition. The students have been reading books online that are offered by an organization affiliated with the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament. Middleton is also excited to announce that we have three of the top five readers in the region. Congratulations Aidan Chatham, Austin Roux, and Charlie Willard!!!

Attention : Pick-up

Please plan ahead when picking up your child for an appointment or other activity. We are trying to keep students in class until you enter the building to help keep them from missing class time while waiting in the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

School Times

School starts at 8:40 a.m. - You may start coming in the building at 8:20 and are welcome to wait with your child in the commons area. Please do not escort your child to class or their lockers as we are working on building independence.

School ends at 3:10 p.m. – The doors will be open at 3:05 p.m. for parents to come in and wait for their child in the commons area.

Reminder there is no parking in the drop-off or pick-up lines! **If you want to come into the building, please park in the lot.** Please have children practice getting out of or into the car quickly while the weather is still nice. *Crossing Guards are at the corners from 8:10-8:30*



NO FOOD POLICY.

Starting on Monday, October 22, 2018 Middleton will be moving to a NO FOOD policy for birthdays. I know this is a shift from what has taken place for a number of years, but the safety of our students comes first. There are twenty-three out of our twenty-eight classrooms that have an allergy of some kind. With allergies affecting such a large number of students, it is in the best interest of all students to not allow food. Look for a list of things that you can bring for your child's birthday. If food items are brought in, parents will be contacted to pick up if needed. **Thank you for helping us keep our kids safe!**

Reminders from the 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.

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



Mustang Pride!



FALL 2018: NEW DISTRICT PROGRAM

1 in 5 students in our community experience hunger; HERE'S AN EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP:

Bring individually packaged healthy snacks (granola bars, crackers, pretzels, dried fruits, raisins, fruit cups, etc.) to your school's main office and drop them in the designated S.N.A.C.K. Cub Foods tote box. The snacks donated will be collected and distributed to students/schools in the district, as needed.

Why? As you likely know, every school in our district has students receiving free and reduced meals. The hunger problem is district wide, and all the schools need some help, so that's where Girl Scout Troop 55128 is coming in – to help our local schools. In South Washington County, there are many families who are unable to provide snacks for their children during the school hours. So, we have partnered with SoWashCo CARES (Community Action Reaching Every Student) to create the S.N.A.C.K. program (Students Needing Assistance from Caring Kids and Families). The goal of our project is to create awareness of the need and then collect snacks throughout the school year for our district students. *This is an on-going need, so this is not just a one-time collection but a continual collection.*

Thanks for your help with this! We hope to make a real difference. For more information or if you have questions, please email us at snack833@hotmail.com.

MIDDLETON PTO UPDATES:

Thank you:

Thanks to YOU throughout the year, Middleton staff will not only get to enjoy ice-cold drinks at school, each one will also enjoy a meal at Davanni's. We appreciate our teachers and staff every day, and hope these small gestures bring some joy during this busy season.

We hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and happy holiday break!



Updates on Recent Fundraisers:

Thank you for your participation in our Barnes & Noble fundraiser! We don't have final numbers yet, but know everyone who shopped made it successful and fun! A BIG thank you to Ms. Susie Zenjo, Mrs. Garry, Mrs. Kosel, Mrs. Zander, Mr. Utell, Mrs. Koehnen, Mrs. Rollins, Ms. Kirchenwitz, Student Council, and the 5th grade band members for coming out!

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

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: Did you know we sell unlimited ride wristbands for only \$25. If you're looking for a great gift option or something to do over winter break be sure to stop in the school office next week during school hours. Exact cash or check is needed.

Amazon Smile: Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Visit smile.amazon.com for more information.

Papa John's Pizza: Receive 20% off and Middleton gets 20% off the total for online orders using code **MIDDLE**. Share this with family and friends!

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