

# Middie News

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The mission of Middlebury Elementary School, in cooperation with family and community, is to develop compassionate, productive, responsible citizens and life long learners

## News from Mr. Miller

As the school year gets going I want to remind all parents of the importance of being involved in your child's education. This can be accomplished in many ways. You can volunteer at the school, be a part of the PTO, come in and have lunch with your child, or support their education through the PTO fundraisers. Even beyond this there are things that you can do. As a parent, you can read with your child each day, ask them how school was (specifically), make sure that they eat a good

breakfast and get plenty of sleep each day, and give them a hug each day and tell them that you love them. These things will help to ensure that our school community is a strong, caring community where everyone is involved. I challenge you to be involved!

### Website

If you visit the Middlebury Schools website you can find: Breakfast and lunch menus, photos from our school system, updates on the new building, newsletters, and fun and educational websites for your child to play on.

## School Attendance Policy

Students are expected to be in school except in cases of emergency, illness, or school-approved absences. Parents should call the school office on the day a student is absent (825-2158). The school will call home if no parent contact is made by 8:45 a.m. A doctor's state-

ment may be required for an extended illness. If your child cannot go for recess, he/she must bring a signed note stating the reason for being excused. Extended absences from P.E. will require a doctor's statement.

### HEROES

On Friday, September 11th MES students will hold a celebration for our local heroes. An assembly will take place in the gym at 1:00 to honor our local police, fire, E.M.S., other emergency workers, and military service personnel who have served on active duty since September 11, 2001. Personal invitations will be sent to relatives of students who work or volunteer in those areas. We want this to be a very special time for all the people that serve our community. We sincerely thank those individuals for their hard work and commitment in keeping our school and community safe.

### Box Tops & Soup Labels


Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels. They can be sent to school at any time during the year. Thanks for your support!!

### September Calendar

PTO Mum Orders Go Home	4
Labor Day No School	7
School Board Mtg. @ 4 pm	8
Book Rental Due	11
Spirit Orders Due	11
Remembrance Day Assembly	11
School Pictures	11
Market Day Orders (online 9/15)	11
PTO Mum Sale Orders Due	14
PTO Meeting 6:30	14
Pick Up Mums	19
Market Day Pick Up 6:00 - 7:00	21
School Board Mtg: @ 4 pm	22
PTO Movie 6-7:30	29



# Important Happenings At M.E.S.....




**Mum Sale**

This year the PTO is offering mums to families as a fall fundraiser for the school. The mum sale will be September 4-14 with a pick-up day on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The mums will be \$8 and are locally grown. There are only 400 available so hurry and get your order in as soon as the sale starts to ensure availability for you. Thank you for supporting the school.

**Market Day**

Each month the PTO offers parents the opportunity to order Market Day. Market Day is a company who offers a variety of food products to families, from breakfast items to supper and snack items. The proceeds from each month's orders go back to the PTO to help the children in the school with needed supplies. Please check the dates in the newsletter each month for the Market Day order and pick-up dates. A flyer will be sent home with your child each month with product and order information.




**Student Insurance**

Student accident insurance forms are available to students again this school year. The school DOES NOT carry accident insurance on the children. If you do not have insurance, this is an option available to you. Forms are available in the office and are due back by Sept. 11, 2009. All payments need to be made by check.

**School Picture Day**

Friday, Sept. 11, is set for pictures at M.E.S. HR Imaging Partners, Inc. will be taking our pictures again this year. More information will be coming home soon with prices and options. We are asking students to wear **red, white, or blue** for their picture in celebration of Remembrance Day.



**Student Arrival**

All students, especially walkers, should NOT arrive before 7:35 a.m. They must remain outside the building if they arrive before then. Buses unload behind the school. There is a crossing guard from 7:30 - 7:40 a.m. in front of the school to cross students on Main Street. The only students allowed to enter the building before 7:35 a.m. are those who eat breakfast at school.

**A Note from our School Counselor:**

Welcome back to another school year! As part of our Guidance Services, Life Skill Lessons will again be presented in all classrooms. Students may also participate in small groups regularly to share ideas, offer support, and provide practice in making good choices in the area of friendship, changing family dynamics, or managing feelings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Have a GREAT school year! I am at MES on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Mrs. Pascarella, School Counselor

**A Note from our Nurse, Mrs. Miller:**

Indiana State Law requires that school systems provide important information to families about meningococcal disease and the vaccines available at the start of each school year. Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacterium and generally affects children and young adults in two ways: meningitis (an inflammation of the tissues covering the brain and or spinal cord) or bloodstream infection (that usually leads to bleeding under the skin). Symptoms of meningococcal disease can include a sudden onset of fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea and confusion and in blood stream infections a rash will develop. This disease progresses rapidly and often results in permanent hearing loss, mental retardation, limb amputations and even death. The bacteria spreads through air droplets or by means of direct contact with an infected person's saliva. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine vaccination for all students 11-12 years of age and children 2-10 years of age who have a disorder of the immune system or whose spleen has been removed. Please talk with your child's healthcare provider about vaccination. Additional information on meningococcal disease can be found on the Middlebury Community Schools website under Health and Fitness on the school nurses page.

**Attention Visitors**

Just a reminder that all school doors will be locked during school hours. To enter the building, simply push the call button located on the south wall at the main office entrance and we will be happy to let you in. After you enter the building, please come to the office and sign in and get your visitors badge before going to the classroom. Then, remember to sign out when you leave. Thank you for your understanding.