

Middie News

Educating Everyone Involves Everyone

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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 Our Principal, Mr. Miller:

As this school year gets rolling I want to remind parents of the importance of being involved in your child's education. This could mean volunteering to work in the classroom, joining the PTO (which we hope that you do), or making sure that your child's basic needs for school are being met. Studies show that children need 8-9 hours of sleep each night to perform at their best. Making sure that your child gets plenty of sleep will help them tremendously in school. Children also need to eat a good breakfast each day to be able to perform at their best. Other important things that you can do are: make sure that you read to your child each day, ask them how school was and then listen, and give them lots of love by hugging and verbally expressing your love. Doing these things will help your child in school and it will also help to build a stronger bond with you. I challenge you to be involved in all of these ways this year!

News from Our Counselor, Mr. Francis:

Hi everyone. My name is Tim Francis. I'll be the school counselor this year at Middlebury Elementary. This is my 10th year as a school counselor with Middlebury Schools, but my first at MES. I have been working at Jefferson Elementary, but this year I am enjoying meeting and working with all the wonderful students, staff and parents at MES. My goal is to assist students, parents, and teachers with problems that interfere with learning. Students can achieve more when barriers to learning are removed. I will be at MES on Mondays and Wednesdays all day, as well as on Friday mornings. If I can be of any assistance please call or stop in anytime. My website is <http://counselorfrancis.blogspot.com/> Please check it out when you have a chance.



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 statement may be required for an extended illness. If your child cannot go out 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**.

September Calendar

PTO Mum Orders Go Home	1
Labor Day No School	6
School Board Mtg. @ 4 pm	7
Book Rental Due	10
Market Day Orders (online 9/14)	10
PTO Mum Sale Orders Due	10
Fundraiser Kick Off	10
PTO Meeting 6:30	13
Skating Party 5:30-7:30	16
School Pictures	17
Pick Up Mums	19
Market Day Pick Up 6:00 - 7:00	20
School Board Mtg:	21
Fundraiser Ends	21
Kindergarten Field Trip 9:45-1:30	23

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.

Box Tops, Soup Labels, Ink Cartridges, and Juice Pouches

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

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

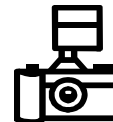


Mum Sale

This year the PTO is offering mums to families as a fall fundraiser for the school. The mum sale will be September 1-10 with a pick-up day on September 18th. The mums will be \$8 and are locally grown. 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.



School Picture Day

Friday, September 17th, is set for pictures at MES. HR Imaging Partners, Inc. will be taking our pictures again this year. More information will be coming home soon with prices and options.

LUNCH PROGRAM

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Reduced Breakfast</u>	<u>Reduced Lunch</u>
\$1.35 Daily	\$1.85 Daily	\$.30 Daily	\$.40 Daily
\$6.75 Weekly	\$9.25 Weekly	\$1.50 Weekly	\$2.00 Weekly

- *Please send your child's lunch money in either an envelope or plastic bag with their name and teacher's name on the outside.
- *If your child is receiving free or reduced meals and your child decides to pack and needs a milk, it is necessary for them to purchase milk at \$.40 per carton. The milk is not free to the children.
- *Negative balance slips are bright pink, and sent home daily if needed. Low balance slips are neon green and sent home weekly. Please look for them in your child's backpack.
- *If you are planning to eat with your child please call the office **before 9:00 a.m.**
- *A table is available by reservation in the cafeteria if you would like to eat with your child. Please call the office at 825-2158 to reserve the table.

Parents Coming to Eat

When coming in to the school to eat lunch with your child we ask that you **DO NOT** bring in any food from restaurants. The Federal Lunch Reimbursement Program **prohibits us from having food from places such as McDonalds, Subway, Taco Bell, and Mancino's** in the cafeteria when students are having their school lunch. If you are planning on coming in for lunch we ask that you call ahead and invite you to eat the school lunch or bring in a lunch from home. Thank you for understanding as we do not want to violate any guidelines.

BOOK RENTAL

Kindergarten \$60.00
Grades 1-3 \$102.00

Book rental payments are DUE on 9/10 and can be given to your child's teacher. Checks should be made payable to Middlebury Elementary School.

Please **write two separate checks** - one for book rental and one for lunch.

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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.