



# 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

## Notes from Mr. Miller, our Principal...

As we continue dealing with winter weather, Mr. Miller wants to remind you that it is important for your child to be at school on time. School starts at 7:45 each day (8:10 on Wednesdays). The child will need to have enough time to take off coat, boots, hat, and gloves and still be in their classroom by the starting bell. If you bring your child to school please plan on having them at school by 7:35 (8:00 on Wednesdays) so that they can do all of these things and still be on time. Thank you!

Since the beginning of the calendar year, we have been focusing on Lifeskills at Middlebury. These Lifeskills include integrity, courage, initiative, flexibility, perseverance, organization, sense of humor, effort, common sense, problem solving, responsibility, patience, friendship, curiosity, cooperation, caring, pride, and resourcefulness. A Lifeskill is focused on each week and is addressed on the morning announcements. From there classroom teachers incorporate discussions into their teaching that focus on the Lifeskill of the week. Please ask your student what the Lifeskill is each week! This would be an excellent thing to talk about at home as well.

## Kindergarten Roundup

It's that time of year again to start thinking of spring (even though the weather is not cooperating yet). KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP will be held on Tuesday, April 24th. It's time to gather names and information from our incoming students. Children must be five years of age **on or before September 1, 2012**. If you have already given this information, it is not necessary to complete the form. Please return this form to the classroom teacher or school office. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 825-2158.



## February Calendar



### NATIONAL HEART MONTH

Jump Rope Club Begins	1
Jump Rope for Heart Pledges Due Feb. 2nd	2/3
Market Day Orders Due (Online 2/7)	3
Wear Red For Heart Disease	3
York Elementary PTO Carnival & Auction	4
McTeacher Night 5:00 -7:00 PM	6
School Board Meeting @ 4 PM	7
Kindergarten Scooper Bowl Party @ 6:30	9
PTO Meeting @ 6:30	13
Market Day Pick Up 6:00-6:30 PM	13
Valentine Classroom Parties	14
Family Fitness Night @ 6:30 PM	16
NO SCHOOL President's Day	20
School Board Meeting @ 4 PM	21
Movie Night @ 6 PM	23
Mancinos Give Back	28/29
Parenting Seminar @ 6:30 PM	28
Yearbook Orders and Money Due \$10.50	29

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Clip and return to school.*



**Kindergarten Roundup  
Tuesday,  
April 24, 2012**

## Coordinated School Health Program News :

We have several exciting activities to tell you about this month! Please mark Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> on your calendars – that is the date of our first Family Fitness Night! Join us in the gym from 6:30pm – 7:30pm for a night of competitive cup stacking and relays! Bring the whole family for a fun evening.

Ask your kids about our fresh fruit and vegetable tasting table. Last year we began “Eating our Rainbow” of colorful fruits and veggies. This year we continue to talk about how fruits and vegetables can keep us healthy. We share health facts on morning announcements and get to taste test a new fruit or vegetable every month. Try to find out what your child has tasted and serve it at home!

On Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> we will offer our first monthly Parenting seminar. This is something new for our school. Any interested parent or family member is welcome to attend. A representative from Child and Parent Services will present helpful information on parenting topics. February’s topic will be Goal Driven Parenting. The seminar will begin at 6:30pm and end at approximately 8:00pm. Snacks will be served and free childcare will be available. Come take advantage of this FREE seminar on strengthening your family and becoming a better parent!

## Jump Rope For Heart

Dates: February 2 & 3 during PE  
Envelope due date: Feb. 3rd  
Donation Goal: \$3,000.00

The King and Queen donators (top boy and girl) will be recognized during the Feb. 9 Northridge boys basketball game at Northridge Middle School versus Concord. The game will be a “Red Out” in which you wear red. Those students along with their immediate family will get in for free and get the royal treatment with reserved seating! The students will also receive a free drink, snack, and popcorn! Please support the American Heart Association by donating to Jump Rope for Heart.

## YEARBOOKS.....

Yearbook orders will be due on February 29th. The cost is \$10.50 per book. Please make **checks payable to HR Imaging**. This year all orders will be needed by March 1st. No late orders will be accepted. Order forms will be sent home in the middle of February.



## Welcome

### New Students:

Katey Shay K  
Taylor Lehman K  
Josiah Duncan 1st

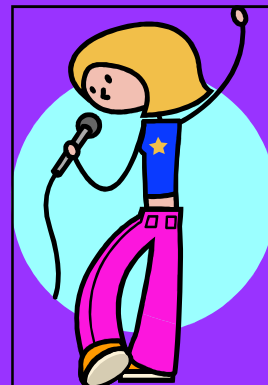
## Third Grade

### Program

Thursday,  
March 29

@ 6:30 PM

*The Three  
Javelinas*



## Drop Off Locations for Children

Each student is permitted a maximum of two pick up and drop off locations. As an example, on Mondays and Thursdays, your child goes to the Boy’s and Girl’s club and the rest of the week will go home. Or in the morning, your child will normally be picked up at home but you may also have a babysitter. Those examples are fine. What will not be allowed is for your child to be dropped off at multiple locations. It causes confusion and we want to avoid a misplaced child. **In addition, if your child needs or wants to go home with a friend, you or the other parent will need to pick up the children at school. And as always, a written note is needed.**

## MES Jump Rope Team

*Jump Rope Team will begin Feb. 1st for advanced and February 3rd for beginning team members.*

*A Parent Program will be March 16th for beginners and March 21st for advanced. The Program will showcase everything they have learned.. It begins @ 3PM. Call Mrs.*

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*825-2158 with questions.*

## Dollars for Scholars

### Phone-A-Thon

March 8, 9, and 10



Northridge HS students will be calling community residents to raise money for the 2012 Dollars for Scholars scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to deserving graduating seniors to assist with college expenses.

Please consider what you can give to help!

## A Few Reminders.....

**Two Hour Delays:** If a two hour delay occurs on a late start Wednesday, then pretend it is a normal start day, and school will begin two hours later. Children will need to be in their class by 9:45. **School will begin at 9:45 on a two hour delay Wednesday.**

**Telephone Calls:** Situations occur when a change in transportation and a telephone call is required. At the end of the school day, it is extremely busy in the school office. Please make your phone calls by 1:30 p.m. so we may get the message to your student. Messages will not be taken after that time unless it is an extreme emergency. Please remember, if you know your child's transportation arrangements in the morning, it is really helpful to send "A Note to School" or "Transportation Memo" form that day.

**Lunch at School:** Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch at school. Please let the office know before 8:30 AM if an adult plans to buy a school lunch. Also, if you are **reserving** the round table in the cafeteria it is **only** for the child and their family, no friends. Please call the office if you would like to reserve the round table.

**Before School Supervision:** Parents please do not drop your child off before 7:35 (8:00 on Wednesdays). We want to make sure all children are supervised and safe.

### *Snow Make-Up Day*

*The snow make-up day is on May 7th.*

*We will now have school on that day.*



#### Market Day

"We'd like to welcome new and returning Market Day supporters! This month get a **FREE 4 pack of cookie dough cups** with your \$40 purchase plus get a 1lb bag of our tasty Chicken Gems **FREE** with any \$90 online purchase and promo code **FEBBONUS**. Please look for your February order guide to come home soon or visit [market-day.com](http://market-day.com) to order today and to learn more. Also, some new items in February include: **Lemon Parmesan Salmon and Cheese Mini Pizza Bagels**. Thank you for your support!"

#### Market Day Coordinator Needed

MES needs your help! We are in need of a new Coordinator for our Market Day program for the 2012-2013 school year. This monthly food fundraiser raises about \$1,000 for MES each year. If you are interested, please e-mail Heather Shotts at [shottsfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:shottsfamily@hotmail.com) or contact the school.

### PTO NEWS AND INFORMATION



February 2<sup>nd</sup> is our next give back day for **Old Hoosier Meats**. Purchase ribs that day from Old Hoosier and MES will get \$1 back from each slab.

Bring out the family for another MES Family **Movie Night on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Information will come home to let you know what the featured movie will be.

**Donkey Basketball** is on its way!!! **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** is the **BIG DAY!**

Flyers will be coming home with information on purchasing tickets as well as listing our activities and auction items. Be sure to save the date and start inviting friends!!!

March Madness is just around the corner. For MES that means the **POP TAB CHALLENGE IS ON!!** Continue to collect pop tabs at home or bring them into your classroom for the grade level competition in March.

Our **next PTO meeting** will be Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Hope to see you there!!

# Happy Valentine's Day!!