

SNOW SCHOOL NEWS – DECEMBER 14, 2020

Wilbert Snow School Staff and PTO Presents:

Festival of Lights

Friday December 18, 2020

5:15-6:15

in the Wilbert Snow School parking lot



Please join us for this **drive thru** event.

The staff and PTO members will be decorating their cars in hopes to bring some holiday light and magic to our Snow School community. Students and families are invited to drive thru and get a glimpse of our festival of lights. Students will receive a sweet treat on the way out of the parking lot.

Let's celebrate the magic of the holidays together!



SNOW SCHOOL SPRIT WEEK

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOUR SNOW SCHOOL SPIRIT – WE WANT COHORT A, B, AND C TO SHOW YOUR SPIRIT EACH DAY THIS WEEK

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ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

USDA FARMERS TO FAMILIES –

Click on this link below to learn more about when, where and how you can take advantage of this amazing opportunity to fill your cupboards with nutritious, delicious foods!

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to let us know how we are doing. Please click on the link below and fill out this short survey. We want to hear from you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PwZQX5UDqXn2HI19kmCRws_8WKcqV2vzuKsKp6OD6YSdCg/viewform?usp=sf_link

A message from Donna Marino, Partnership Coordinator:

Please consider attending the classes and/or share with others.



Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)

Looking to become a leading advocate for children? [Parent Leadership Training Institute \(PLTI\)](#) is a 22 session program to give you skills, strategies and tools to effectively use your voice to help our children. The cornerstones of the program are respect, validation and a belief that when the tools of democracy are understood, the public will actively engage in civic life.

As a parent I know it can be uncomfortable to sit at decision making tables and effectively express your voice and the voice of our children. PLTI gives you the confidence, skills and tools to be involved. Class topics include: Creating a Caring Community, Thriving with Diversity, How Change Happens for Children & Families, Define a Problem & Work Towards a Solution, Using your Voice, Learn How a Community, Local System, School, City, & State Works, What is Public Policy, Using Your Voice; Networking, The Power of the Media, Social & Economic Trends, Understanding the Law, Budgets & Priorities, Evaluations & Accountability, Moving Agendas, Attend BOE/Town Meetings.

This is a National program offered by the CT Parent Trust in partnership with the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children & Seniors.

The [application](#) process for this online (ZOOM) program is happening now. Contact: Camille Smith at 860 638-1463, plti@mpsct.org or Donna Marino at 860 918-4274, marinod@mpsct.org

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zKxy6HJ4UmoFBF0wH9X7QrPNcrTqpdOq/view?usp=gmail>



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - Attendance is VERY IMPORTANT!

ALL students are expected to engage in the learning opportunities that teachers are providing Monday – Friday. Whether in-person or remote, **each day** of the week is considered a school day unless designated as a weekend or holiday. School hours are 8:45 – 3:45. Student are expected to engage in and participate in all DAILY learning opportunities (ZOOMS and completion of online assignments). If your child is not attending Zoom meetings or completing teacher assigned tasks daily, he/she will be marked absent for the day. If you signed your child up for in-person learning through the hybrid model and he/she is not able to attend school, a parent or guardian is responsible for notifying the teacher and office of this absence. If you have questions regarding your child's participation, please contact his/her teacher. We will make every effort to support your child in accessing his/her learning to the best of our ability.

If your child has missed a day of remote or in-person learning, a note should be sent to the teacher and the office so that the absence can be excused.

Below, please find a link to our 2020/21 district calendar for your convenience.

https://www.middletownschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_93655/File/Calendars/cal20-21.pdf

When your child is absent/Tardy:

Please contact our main office (860) 347 – 2579 if your child is going to be tardy or absent for any reason. Your child's teacher should also be contacted if your child will be absent from in-person OR remote learning.

All children are to be in school by **8:50**. If your child arrives after this time, he/she will be considered tardy. Any child arriving after 8:50 will need to be signed in. Parents need to remain in the car, call the office, and wait until the secretary is able to come out with the sign in sheet.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE RAFFLE Winners –

Congratulations to Aarav Panchal, Gianna Pistorino, Brianna LaRochelle, and Sage Sassi whose names were drawn in our first perfect attendance raffle.

We will have another raffle at the end of the next marking period, so log in, stay engaged, and complete your assignments.

Snow Days will now be Remote

The Board of Education approved remote learning for students on snow days. Therefore, it will be important for you to plan on your child accessing his/her learning remotely from home whenever we experience wintry weather conditions, especially during these winter months when the weather can be unpredictable. The school day will run from 8:45 – 3:45.

COMING SOON!

Look for the Good – Mrs. Schulenburg to send home information soon

Virtual Snow School REACH rally will be held in January!! – Please send pictures to Mrs. Fitzpatrick of your child engaging in online classwork. We are going to make a video with your pictures to share at the rally in hopes of bringing us all together! Deadline for picture submission will be 12/23.

Thank you to those families that have shared pictures already.

One School, One Book



Important COVID Reminders

Given the ongoing efforts to keep all students, faculty and staff safe during the Covid 19 Pandemic, please be aware of the following guidelines set out by the district.

- If any child in your home is being quarantined by the Middletown Public Schools, all siblings (preschool included) will also need to be quarantined. If this occurs, please contact the Snow School Nurse as soon as possible.
- If any member of your household is under quarantine, please contact the school nurse to discuss the possible need for your preschool child to also be quarantined
- If your child is showing cold or Covid 19 symptoms, please call the Snow School nurse prior to sending your child to school.
- If your child has been in contact with any individual that has tested positive for Covid 19, please report this to the school nurse, Snow School Principal or the Preschool Coordinator prior to sending your child to school.

We thank you for your cooperation in following the guidelines set forth to support our efforts in keeping our students and staff safe during this pandemic.

Please help our teachers in running their classroom in this new teaching and learning environment in the most productive way possible.

We need your help!

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN PRACTICING APPROPRIATE ZOOM ETIQUETTE.



Don't forget to dress appropriately. Your personal safety is of utmost concern to us.

Please help us keep your child safe when engaging in online activities. All PreK – 5 students should be monitored to ensure appropriate use of digital devices. If you ever have any questions about what your child is viewing or engaging in, reach out to the classroom teacher immediately.



PARENTS – PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR A MASK WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. It is important that adults assisting with duty are safe when opening car doors.



PLEASE be sure that your child is wearing his/her face mask when standing at the bus stop, as well as when riding the bus to school.

SNOW SCHOOL WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME A FOOD SITE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

New Meal Service Pick-Up Option

Meals are once again available to Middletown residents. Families may pick up meals **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the following three sites:

Snow School

Phone number: 860-347-2579

Location: Main Office Entrance

Spencer School

Phone number: 860-344-0701

Location: Main Office Entrance

Macdonough School

Phone number: 860-347-8553

Location: Side of building via Pease Ave. Please park on the curbside on Pease Ave. near the gym entrance.

Please call the school ahead of time to inform them that you will be picking up meals. Please give the number of meals and your approximate time of arrival. When you arrive at school please call the main office number and someone will bring the meals out to the car. Please do not exit your vehicle at any time.

You can view the current food menu [HERE](#)

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Internet Access –

If any household does not currently have Comcast/Xfinity or Frontier broadband internet service please reach out to the school. There are some programs made available by the state that we may be able to assist you with getting internet access.

Technology Needs and Repairs –

Please send a message to techassist@mpsct.org for immediate support. **ALL COMPUTER-related REQUESTS MUST GO THROUGH THIS SITE.**

If you are traveling out of state -

Contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick if you and your child have traveled or plan to travel to a state or international destination that is currently listed on the State of Connecticut Travel Advisory or CDC Travel Listing. A 14 day quarantine or negative PCR Covid test will be necessary for return to school.

The following is the current advisory listing. <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

PLEASE keep your child home when-

H/she demonstrates any of the following symptoms or a fever higher than 100.4, we ask that your child stay home and be closely monitored prior to coming to school.

They should not return to school until fever free for 72 hours without medication.

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| • fever, cough | nausea | chills |
| • vomiting | diarrhea | muscle pain |
| • headache | loss of taste or smell | shortness of breath |
| • sore throat | | |

To support you in knowing if you or your child might be sick –

The Community Health Center Mobile COVID Lab will be offering free walk-up or drive-up PCR tests (information on the type of test below) to our entire community. The CHC Mobile COVID Testing Lab will be located at Middletown High School from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Tests will be available to everyone; symptomatic, asymptomatic, student, staff, family, and residents. No appointment is required, but CHC encourages you to **download and print a registration form (located below)**, fill it out and bring it with you to save time in line. To clarify, anyone can get tested, and there's no cost.

[COVID Testing Registration Form](#)

Also, for your convenience, here are the links to our site with this information and our COVID - 19 tracker:

<https://sites.google.com/mpsct.org/re-entry/free-covid-19-testing>

<https://sites.google.com/mpsct.org/re-entry/home>

PTO NEWS –



Did you know that you can announce your child's birthday on our Snow School Marquee sign? The cost is \$5. You can send your birthday request to snowschoolpto@gmail.com

When you want to know what is happening, visit the following sites -

<https://sites.google.com/site/snowschoolpto/>

https://www.instagram.com/wilbert_snow_pto/

KEEPING YOU AND YOUR CHILD' Social and Emotional Well-being as a top priority. Resources for you and your family.

Contact Mrs. Alysia Corvo – School Psychologist – 860 347-2579 X209 for support or



Keeping Kids Healthy,
Wherever They Are

**Enroll Your Child in SBHC
Behavioral Health
Services Today!**

Distance Learning? No Problem!
SBHC offers telehealth visits so you can
be seen in school or at home.

Contact Your School-Based Health Center
860.852.0871 | www.sbhc1.com | 203.639.3765



MOVING OUT OF DISTRICT:

If you are moving, please contact Miss Rose Bourne at bourner@mpsct.org so that she can prepare your child's records for transfer.

Electronic devices borrowed from Snow School are to be returned to the school before you move.