



# Middleton PTO General Meeting

1.9.2024 - 6:30 PM - Middleton Elementary Media Center

Welcome and thank you for coming to tonight's PTO meeting! To be respectful of everyone's time, this meeting will start at 6:30 pm and come to an end no later than 7:45 pm. If there are any agenda items that we don't get to before the end of tonight's meeting, we will discuss them at our next PTO meeting.

## Agenda

### 1. Introduction


### 2. Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Jen Gorski Motions to approve last meeting's minutes
- b. Kristi Riese Seconds the motion - approved

### 3. Celebrations

- a. Successful Helping Hands Year- Holiday Gift Giving through Middleton - only MES families. A Big Thank You to Katie Benscoter. It went well, lots of involvement. Everyone was generous and thoughtful and there were really nice gifts purchased. Mrs. D reported back that all the families were very grateful. One family in particular was so moved that the families at MES were able to help her family.
- b. Ashland is kicked off & going well- Theatre opportunity. Tuesday/Thursdays. Performance is Space Pirates at the end of March (March 22)
- c. Timberwolves Game is this Friday -
- d. Student Council hosting Movie Night next Friday (1/19) will have concessions available. Hosting a Teacher Appreciation Donut Breakfast on 1/31 - going to have cards for teachers to sign.

### 4. Art & STEM Night- Junk Art will be set up in the Media Center with M&M in the Media Center as well. Junk Art will go home the same day. Doors open at 6p for participants to set up. 6:30p for the public audience. STEM participants can give their presentation in class as well. Rice Krispies and Hot Cocoa available. All participants will get a medal. Will send out a Sign Up Genius for volunteers to help set up the tables, etc for the Science Experiments.

- a. Lego League will be disbanding this year unless a parent or some parents show interest in running and volunteering for the lego league next year. Lego League will have a booth at the STEM fair to try and get some other information out for interest. Jenna will also include information in her Smore.
  - b. M&M is collecting items for junk art projects. M&M sent a communication home in SeeSaw about materials needed.
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## 5. Book Fair/Conferences


- a. *Book Fair* - 2/22/24 - 2/27/24. Set up Wednesday 2/21/24 4-7p.  
Evening hours 2/22 and 2/26 3:30 - 7:45, Daytime hours 2/23 and 2/27 9-2:30  
(tear down 2/27 after close of fair)  
Teacher preview Thursday 2/22/24 7:30a-9:00a (bagels or donuts and coffee?)  
Teacher Wish Lists available again  
*Conferences*: Thursday 2/22 and Tuesday 2/26
- b. *Feed the Teachers* - Sign Up and Donation communication will come out soon  
(End of January) to help feed the teachers during conferences.
- c. Conference Sign Up will be coming out January 25th to families. Conferences  
are contracted time for the teachers. Can request a different time if parents  
feel more time is needed.

**6. Carnival Prep** Friday April 12, 2024. Board/Committee for the carnival. Had an  
awesome response to the email sent to the Board of Volunteers. Break it down to  
committees within the committee to plan the carnival. Jen Gorski is going to meet  
with a magician that has been at other carnivals in the district.

**7. New Board Interest for 24-25** Looking for new friends/parents to join the board for  
the next year. Offering opportunities to be mentored into positions this year.  
Election in May for the official positions at the last meeting of the year. If there is any  
specific interest in board positions please express your interest.

## 8. Admin Updates

- a. Handed out copies of the district calendar for 2024-2025 - more Professional  
Development Days on the calendar. ReadACT for Minnesota- new law that  
every child will read well at their current level. Replaces Read Well by 3rd  
Grade. Every Licensed Staff member will be going through year long training  
on literacy to follow the ReadACT. District 833 has been ahead of the game  
with this training because of training that has already been done in the last  
year. Winter Break for 2024-2025 is two full weeks long.
- b. Thank You to this current board for their hard work
- c. December Gratitude- 10 days of Giving, MES was in the top 5 for collections  
for the food pantry because of how giving the school is. Colin Kilbane came  
and kicked off STEM fair with some science demonstrations both grade level  
and the SPED kids.
- d. Mrs. VanVooren is starting a 4th 5th Grade Choir. Starts 1/17 from 3:30 - 4p  
and then choir concert on 4/29 at 6:30p at MES. There will also be a choir  
concert during the day for their schoolmates.
- e. Mrs. Kosel will be starting EL testing at the end of the month.
- f. New State Law starting in 2024, Menstrual Products must be available in all  
schools. They are available in all the restrooms here in the building. Funded  
by the State of Minnesota.

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- g. Unity Day will be celebrated monthly at MES. Next Unity Day is Tuesday 1/16/24. A reminder will go out
  - h. Pajama Day was celebrated Friday 1/5/24 - goal and incentive were set by StuCo and the goal was met. Student Council meets tomorrow and will set a new goal and reward.
  - i. Mindfulness and Movement Month for January - relaxation, regulation, learning tools for calming selves.
  - j. February - I love to Read Month- Trying to plan along in correlation with Book Breaks. 100th Day of School is 2/14/2024 (also Friendship Day)
  - k. Kindergarten Tours have started. On Tuesdays at 9:00am
  - l. Doing a Universal Math Screener across the whole district. It's new this year and the teachers are putting a lot of work into it. Big focus is to find where the mental math is and what the gaps are and what needs to be done to improve. The District would be able to help with interventions to fill any district wide holes. Taking longer than expected. Number Sense based - saying the Number Sense is the foundation of math skills. Not directly related to what is being taught in class.