

August 28, 2020

Dear Middlebrook Families,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. As plans were made to re-open school they had to be changed often due to events beyond our control. I hesitated to contact you with any information during this time, as information changed so often. I have learned to say "I don't know" or "I'll get back to you". Trumbull Public Schools (TPS) continues to be the disseminator of general information about the district during the pandemic.

Included at the bottom of this letter are the supply lists for each grade level.

Please know that the one thing I have kept in the forefront of planning is the safety of our staff and your child. I continue to plan for your child's return to Middlebrook. The heart of a school is its children. I know the staff of Middlebrook are excited to welcome our students back to in-person learning. Please see the attached school calendar link as it was revised over the summer <https://www.trumbullps.org/Attachments/boe/cal20.pdf> and the first days of school changed.

Teacher assignments will be sent soon. This year, we are doing the **teacher assignment letters** a bit differently. You will simply receive an email with your child's teacher name, much like the Cohort information you received. After that, you will receive a personalized email from your child's teacher with information about the first days of in-person learning. If your child is doing Temporary Remote Learning, your child will receive information from both the original in-person teacher and the remote learning teacher. This will keep your family in the loop, but your child will not participate in the in-person class. As we are not able to use lockers or the inside of desks each day for cleaning reasons, students will be transporting school supplies and materials in the backpack. You can find grade level school supply lists on Middlebrook School's website (2019-2020). I would suggest that families create a school supply storage box or bin for your child at home. School supplies are the cheapest now, so stock up. I am encouraging the staff to let you and the students know what supplies are needed at school on a given day. This will help lighten the weight of the backpacks for our students.

Traditional Open House will not happen this year. We will be sending a *Welcome to Middlebrook* video that gives all families (and children) a tour of the building while allowing you to "meet" the support staff. Teachers, in first through fifth grade, will do a Google Hangout with each of the cohorts as a virtual Open House in their classrooms, too. Kindergarten children will have an in-person orientation on September 4th. We always felt that Open House and Orientation were a celebration of a new beginning that lowered the anxiety of coming back to school for many. I think this is particularly true this year, where there is so much change.

I will email you several important documents soon which include:

- Parent and Student Handbook – Much of this is Pre-Covid, as we have not revised policies due to the Pandemic
- Transportation Form – Car Drop-off and Pick-up Information, Walkers, and Bus daily (There will be no parent pick-up inside the building, only car drop-off/pick-up)

- Emergency Early Dismissal Contact Information Form

Many of you are driving or walking your children to school, so we will provide you with additional information on this. We will use our side circle near TLC to do student car drop-off in the morning and car pick-up in the afternoon. Walkers will enter and exit through our Recess Door on the side of the building. Children who are walking should be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons. You will receive more information once TPS Transportation Department surveys our parents and gives me that information.

There is an expectation that all staff and students will wear masks each day. Face shields are not a substitute for masks, but can be worn in combination. Children will receive mask breaks throughout the day. Here are some of the times staff and students can remove the mask:

- Eating
- Drinking
- After the use of the bathroom (we fully expect that they have washed their hands)
- Outside Recess (as long as they are appropriately socially distancing)
- Periodic work times at their desks

Children will receive several bathroom breaks during the day. If children do not have a bathroom in the classroom, they will go to the bathroom as a class at specific bathroom break times. Encourage your child that this is an excellent time to wash hands, regardless of using the toilet.

Lunches will be eaten in the classroom. For this reason, **do not send nut food items (i.e. peanut butter, nut bars...)**, as there are many children at Middlebrook School with life threatening food allergies. You can choose what to eat, but these children do not get to choose their allergy. Let your child know that **we never share our food**. Please encourage your child to wash hands before and after eating, as they will be given this opportunity.

Keep training your child that hand washing, mask wearing, social distancing and not sharing any items (contactless) or touching each other will help our community stay healthy.

The district and Trumbull Health Department will be providing you with a wealth of information in the future. The TPS website (<https://www.trumbullps.org/>) is the central source of information. Please visit it often to stay informed. The nurses and Health Department have set protocols and procedures for all health-related issues including COVID. You can always email Nurse Jeanne Hoggatt (jhoggatt@trumbullps.org) with any health questions or concerns.

I remain hopeful that we can teach and learn through the Hybrid Model. The hardest part of the pandemic has been not being able to be with your child or you each day, so in-person teaching will be a blessing. If you have any question, do not hesitate to email me pfrillic@trumbullps.org. I hope your family stays safe and well.

Sincerely,

Patricia Frillici

Principal



Kindergarten Classroom Supply List

- 1 box of 24 crayons (thick or thin are fine!)
 - 1 box of 10 washable markers
 - 1 box of colored pencils
 - 2 yellow highlighters
 - 5 Elmer's glue sticks
 - 1 package of small sticky notes 3"x3"
 - 1 box of 12 sharpened #2 pencils (thickest pencil available please!)
 - 1 pair of 5" Fiskar scissors (rounded tip)
 - 4-8 pink erasers
 - Headphones (no earbuds)
 - 1 bath size towel for rest time (labeled with your child's name)
- **Please also provide 1 complete set of clothes for your child in a ziplock bag labeled with your child's name**
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Art Supplies

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- 2 large glue sticks
- 1 pack of 24 crayons
- 2 erasers
- scissors

Label the ziplock bag Art Supplies, Student Name and Classroom Teacher Name. This bag will be used in school and for distance learning. Periodically you will hear from us regarding other items needed, many of which will be things you have around the house (for example cardboard, newspapers, etc.)

Donations of the Following Items Will Be Appreciated

- 1 box of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 box of gallon size ziplock bags



1st Grade Classroom Supply List

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 box of 10 washable markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 highlighter
- 5 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 package of small sticky notes 3"x3"
- 2 boxes of 12 sharpened #2 pencils
- 2 colored pens (blue, black, purple, red)
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- 1 box of colored pencils
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3rd Grade Classroom Supply List

- 12 #2 pencils with erasers (not mechanical pencils)
 - 3 colored pens (black, blue, red)
 - 1 box of colored pencils
 - 1 box of 12 markers
 - 1 box of 24 crayons
 - 2 different color highlighters
 - 2 large glue sticks
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 pencil bag or small pencil box
 - 1 pair of headphones – NOT earbuds (placed in ziplock bag labeled with name)
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4th Grade Classroom Supply List

- 12 #2 pencils with erasers (not mechanical pencils)
 - 4 pens (2 blue, 2 red)
 - 1 box of colored pencils
 - 1 box of 8 markers (optional)
 - 1 box of 24 crayons
 - 4 different color highlighters
 - 2 glue sticks
 - 2 large erasers
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 pencil bag or small pencil box
 - 3 hard cover composition notebooks (must be 100 pages)
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- 1 package of baby wipes
- 1 box of gallon size



5th Grade Classroom Supply List

- 1 pair of headphones – NOT earbuds (placed in ziplock bag labeled with name)
 - 2 pens for correcting (red or any color)
 - 12 #2 pencils with erasers (not mechanical pencils)
 - 1 set of colored pencils
 - 2 highlighters
 - 1 box of 24 crayons
 - 1 pencil bag
 - 3 hard cover composition books (must be 100 pages)
 - 1 subject spiral notebook (70 pages)
 - 1 package of index cards
 - 1 pocket folder
 - Wide rule white lined paper with holes
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