

middle TOWN NEWS letter

November 2017

Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on **Friday, November 10, from 5 - 7 pm** at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. Proceeds from the dinner will support the 6th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

The menu includes spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs made with local beef, fresh green salad, bread and butter, beverages and dessert. Vegetarian (no meatballs) and gluten free pasta options are available.

Adults can support this worthy cause and get a great meal for only \$8. Seniors and kids 5-12 are \$5, and kids under 5 eat for FREE. Take-out can be ordered between 4:30 and 6:30 pm by calling 235-2365.

If you can't make the dinner but still want to support this important civic and cultural learning opportunity, please consider contributing directly to the class trip at DonorsChoose.org. Once you are at the DonorsChoose.org homepage, type in Middletown Springs or 05757 to bring up the MSES 6th Grade Class Trip to D.C. fundraising project - it should be up on the website shortly.

We hope to see you on the 10th!

21st Annual *Spaghetti Dinner*

Friday, November 10

5 to 7 pm

Middletown Springs Elementary School
Support the 6th Grade Class Trip to D.C.

Food Shelf

The Poultney Food Shelf serves the residents of Middletown Springs as well as Poultney, and Hampton, NY. The Food Shelf is located in the Stonebridge (at the northeast corner of Rte. 30 and Main Street), and is **open Tuesdays, 3-5 pm**. Please be prepared to show ID and verify your town of residence (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).

Donations of non-perishable food and fresh produce are always welcome. The Poultney Food Shelf is a 501(c)3 not-for profit.

For more information, call 287-9558.

Holiday Craft Fair

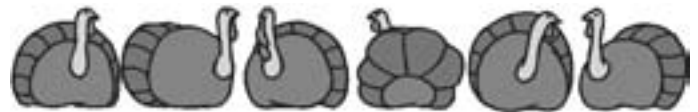
Sunday December 3

10 am - 3 pm

Come to the 23rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair on **Sunday December 3, 10 am - 3 pm** at the Middletown Springs School.

This one-stop shop will cover many people on your list: choose among syrup and honey, paintings, wreaths, soaps, woodenware, pottery, crafts and so much more. Over 25 exhibitors so far - we'd love to have even more! Please contact Beth Miller at 235-2734 to join the fun.

Food sale/refreshments to benefit the **Memorial Day Parade**. If you would like to contribute a dish, call Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman at 235-2050.



News from the School

The community is welcome to attend the **Vermont Symphony Orchestra's** vocal quartet performance at our school on **Friday, November 3 at 9 am**. The group, called "Ah! Cappella", will be performing music from diverse cultures including Africa, Latin America, Europe, and the United States. Selections will range from madrigals to a Geographical Fugue; the century-old precursor to rap music, to the Vermont State Song. Tinmouth Elementary School students and staff will be joining MSES for the 9 am show. Please call the school, 235-2365, if you have questions.

The school also had a visit by a **Nicaraguan Dance Company** that performed at Green Mountain College. All of our students were able to see a demonstration of the country's dances and hear their music. 4th - 6th sixth grade students had an opportunity to learn some of the dance moves and perform with the dancers. The students were enthralled by the experience.

The **soccer team** is finishing up another successful season. The school's 4th - 6th graders played well as a team. The team represented our school and community very positively. They are getting excited about the upcoming basketball season.

Meeting the Author!

by Kim Carr, School Librarian

Middletown Springs kids made us proud! Twenty-five students from grades 4-6 and seven adults traveled by a Premier bus to Burlington to hear award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson give a talk. Some students had never been to Burlington, so the travel experience alone was an educational treat. In the auditorium, our group sat right up front; not only did we have an up-close and personal view of the author, we were pointed out to the audience as school kids who had traveled two hours during dinner time to get there!

Many of our questions, generated during the Inter-generational Discussion at the town library, were answered when Jacqueline had a Q&A time. Many of OUR students were able to ask the questions. Talking into a mic, in a large school auditorium, took courage and poise.

As part of the Vermont Humanities Council's fifteenth annual Vermont READS program the students read and thoroughly enjoyed the book, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. Vermont READS is a statewide one-book community reading program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council and locally supported by the town library, the Friends of the Library, and the school. This year the Historical Society added their support to make this bus trip possible.

There are so many people to thank in this community for making this unforgettable experience a reality. Thanks to the Library for writing the grant and hosting an inter-generational discussion! Thanks to Friends of the Library for hosting and promoting the Vermont READS Program! Thanks to the Middletown Historical Society for their interest and financial help! Thanks to the individual community members who donated money so EACH STUDENT had a Jacqueline Woodson book that was signed by the author after her talk. What a treasure!

Ask the students about their experience. What was learned is too much to mention here and we haven't stopped talking about it! Hope you catch some of excitement and awe that came from that night!

Toddler Time: NEW Day & Time

Mondays at 10:30 am, through November 13, Martha Heitkamp and Melissa Chesnut-Tangerman read stories and sing songs, and children and their caregivers explore the riches of the Library. Join us!

Lots of NEW Books at the Library

including:

Fiction

Origin / Dan Brown
A Column of Fire / Ken Follett
Y is for Yesterday / Sue Grafton
The Rooster Bar / John Grisham
To Be Where You Are / Jan Karon
A Legacy of Spies / John le Carré
Behold the Dreamers / Imbolo Mbue
Little Fires Everywhere / Celeste Ng
Fairytale / Danielle Steel
Beneath a Scarlet Sky / Mark T. Sullivan
Sing, Unburied, Sing / Jesmyn Ward

Non-Fiction

We Were Eight Years in Power / Ta-Nehisi Coates
Ali: a life / Jonathan Eig
Leonardo da Vinci / Walter Isaacson
Thanks, Obama: my hopey changey White House years
/ David Litt
Make Your Bed: little things that can change your life ... and maybe the world / William H. McRaven
Infinite Tuesday / Michael Nesmith
Lifelong Kindergarten / Mitchel Resnick
The Vanishing American Adult / Benjamin E. Sasse
Tie-dye: dye it, wear it, share it / Shabd Simon-Alexander
Astrophysics for People in a Hurry / Neil deGrasse Tyson

Teen

Turtles All the Way Down / John Green
The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage / Phillip Pullman
The Hate U Give / Angie Thomas

Children's

The Princess and the Pizza / Mary Jane Auch
LEGO: absolutely everything you need to know /
Simon Hugo
Let's Make Faces / Hanoch Piven
The Ship of the Dead / Rick Riordan
This is the House that Jack Built / Simms Taback

Milestones

Evelyn Elaine Bartlett

born July 7, 2017
to Brynn-Marie & Jared Bartlett

Oliver Oakley Hayes

born August 9, 2017
to Haley Hayes & Arthur King, Jr.

Calendar of Events

November

Building Committee	Wed 1	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 2	7 pm	MSHS
Planning Commission	Mon 6	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 7	6:30 pm	Firehouse
School Board	Thurs 9	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 9	7 pm	Town Office
Spaghetti Dinner	Fri 10	5-7 pm	School
Veterans Day	Sat 11		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 14	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 15	7 pm	Library
Building Committee	Thurs 16	7 pm	Library
First Response	Sun 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 21	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs 23		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 28	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Auditors	Wed 29	7:30 pm	Town Office
Selectboard	Thurs 30	7 pm	Town Office

December

Craft Fair	Sun 3	10 am-3 pm	School
Planning Commission	Mon 4	4 pm	Town Office
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 5	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Wed 6	7 pm	Library
Historical Society	Thurs 7	7 pm	MSHS
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 12	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Friends of the Library	Tues 12	7 pm	Library
School Board	Thurs 14	6 pm	School
Selectboard	Thurs 14	7 pm	Town Office
First Response	Sun 17	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 19	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Building Committee	Thurs 21	7 pm	Library
Christmas Day	Mon 25		
Fire Dept. Training	Tues 26	6:30 pm	Firehouse
Library Trustees	Wed 27	7 pm	Library
Selectboard	Thurs 28	7 pm	Town Office
New Year's Eve	Mon 31		

Calendar Events – subject to change.

When in doubt, please check with the organization for details.

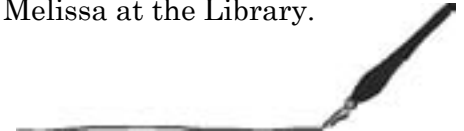
TOWN NEWSLETTER

Lots of information in a snippet & list format, plus a Calendar of Events. No ads, articles, or minutes.

This supplements and enhances the Town website & Front Porch Forum and will serve the needs of those who don't regularly use computers.

Digital copies are available as a PDF. The PDF is posted to FPF or the Town website or is sent free via email to those who sign up. It is also available in hard copy, delivered by USPS, to those who subscribe for \$6 a year postage. Copies are posted at the Town Office, Grant's Village Store, and the Library.

Questions: Call 235-2435, or email middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to reach Kimberly & Melissa at the Library.



Submit News & Events to:

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Deadline: 25th of the month
for inclusion in upcoming issue.

