Welcome to Middletown

We Are Legacy Makers



We Pride ourselves on:

High expectations are meaningless without rich opportunities
Personalizing education... not standardizing it

Our district's long-standing mission is to prepare our scholars for life. This is being accomplished by providing scholars with educational opportunities that continuously support our diverse student population. We are proud to offer our scholars the best educational resources, technology and facilities in the Mid Hudson Region. Our talented staff of more than 1,000 administrators, teachers and support staff members are working together to make sure that all Middletown scholars achieve educational excellence.

Middletown is nationally recognized as:

~Kiplinger Magazine's eighth-best city to raise kids
~A "Best Community for Music Education" for the last eight years
~Runner-up in the Odyssey of the Mind World Championships
~Providing more than 125 tuition-free college credit opportunities

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Presidential Park Mission

The mission of Presidential Park Elementary School is to prepare confident, serious, healthy, and productive life-long learners. Our cooperative, nurturing staff will teach, guide, and support students through a relevant curriculum in a respectful environment where students work hard to achieve their goals.

Some of Our Shared Beliefs

- Our students are the foundation of our future accomplishments
- Our students have the potential to achieve academic and social successes, given enough time and support
- Presidential Park staff is here to meet the needs of students in a nurturing environment
- All children deserve the same opportunities to learn and grow
- Children need to be taught how to believe in themselves
- Every individual deserves dignity and respect
- Every individual deserves a safe, nurturing, and orderly environment
- Every child's special needs deserve to be addressed
- Everyone's uniqueness deserves to be celebrated

School Safety

It’s our top priority:

- Locked and monitored school premises at all times
- School Resource Officer onsite
- Safety and Support Team of teachers and staff
- Practice Emergency Drills throughout the year
- Cameras-in buildings/busses
- Identification Required for all adults and parents to enter our school and to pick up students
- Parent Volunteers are required to be BOE approved visitors to our building

Safety and Support Team

- School Resource Officer
- School Nurses
- School Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Student Support Facilitators
- Administration

Arrival: Drop-Off

- Student arrival time: 8:45 am.
- Please *do not* leave your children in the lobby or outside our doors unattended prior to 8:45.
- Class instruction begins at 9:05 am.
- Please bring your child to school on time in order to avoid being marked late and to optimize their learning time.
- Please ensure that you are following the flow of traffic in the parking lot. You will be directed along the U-shaped curb.
- Drop-off in the morning is drop and go. Please pull up as far as possible.
- If you have a child on each floor they can both be dropped off in the lower loop and the upstairs student can walk up the ramp.

Dismissal: Pick-Up

- Please ensure that you are following the flow of traffic in the parking lot. Please park your car and enter the building to check in and pick up your scholar.
- Please notify us in writing ***before 2pm*** if your student is being picked up instead of taking the bus.
- Pickup is at the same location and begins at 3:15 for Kindergarten-2 and 3:20 for Grades 3-5. ***Please have ID and QR Code ready***.
- Scholars can only be picked up by adults listed on the emergency contact list in our student information system.

If you are picking your child up early from school , a note is needed to change your student's dismissal for the day.



Presidential Park Elementary

2 Becomes one lane, no passing

A Pull-up point for front car

B Designated spot if assistance is needed

Attendance: Daily attendance is incredibly important!

- Attendance is expected and we look forward to seeing your child in school everyday!

If your child is not in attendance at school they are missing important learning opportunities and connections. Attendance is part of a daily routine and habit. Let's build good habits together

We are here to support you and work together. Whatever is needed, we are here to help.



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Research shows:

- Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

Students who miss 10% of instructional time, or about 18 days of school over the course of the year are considered by New York State to be “chronically absent”.

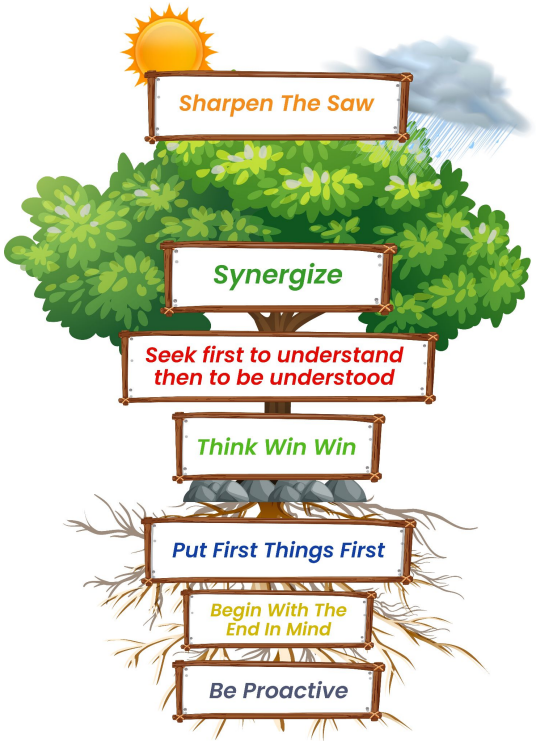
We are required to address these issues with families as chronic absenteeism has a major impact on student academic success.

SEL and Social Emotional Support

- Daily Social Emotional Learning Block - Leader In Me
- Principal School Morning Message
- Character Development
- Middie Pride Qualities
- Check-ins and Dialogue Circles with scholars
- Culturally Responsive Curriculum

Leader In Me Lighthouse School - 7 Habits

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen The Saw



Scholar Responsibilities

- Follow school and class rules for the safety and learning of all
- BE SAFE and kind in your actions and words
- Interact and work in respectful, kind, and positive ways
- Seek the support of a trusted adult when you need help
- Follow the District Code of Conduct

Scholar Day of Learning K-5

- SEL *(Leader in Me)* Block~25 Minutes
- ELA/Literacy Block~125 Minutes for K-2 and 120 Minutes for 3-5
- Math Block~85 Minutes
- Science or Social Studies Block~40 Minutes for K-2 and 45 Minutes for 3-5
- WIN Block *(What I Need)*~20 Minutes
- Special Block *(Music, Library, Art, P.E.)*~45 Minutes
- Lunch/Recess Block~45 Minutes

385 All Important Total Academic Minutes Per Day

Instructional Day

ELA Instructional Block

ELA/Literacy Teacher: Reading, Writing and Word Study

- Structured Literacy Approach
- Science of Reading aligned programs:
  - Reading and Writing program: ***CKLA (K-5)***
  - Word Study programs: ***Fundations/Heggerty (K-2)***
- Teacher Flexible Groups (***W.I.N. Block***)
- Digital Content on 1:1 scholar Chromebook

AIS and ENL teacher support as determined needed

Instructional Day

Math Instructional Block

Math, Science, and Social Studies Teacher

- Math Framework Model
- I-Ready Curriculum Program
- Small Group Rotations
- Math Skill Center Practice
- Digital Content on 1:1 scholar Chromebook

Science and Social Studies research, projects and investigations

Assessments

Time for scholars to ***Show What They Know***

- Used for Instructional Reflection and Planning
- To Inform Families of Progress
  - Classroom Assessments
  - Dibels Reading Screening Assessments
  - Fundations Word Skill Assessments
  - CKLA Unit Assessments
  - Math Unit Assessments
  - Math Fluency Checks
  - ELA and Math NWEA MAPS
  - 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade NYS Assessments
  - 5th Grade NYS Science Assessment
  - K-5 NYSESLAT

Nourishment at School

Middletown provides our scholars with a multitude of nutritional choices throughout their school day free of charge

- **Free A.M. Prefuel (Breakfast) served daily at 8:45**
- **Free P.M. Refuel (Lunch) during three lunch periods**
- **Free Fruits and Veggies on Tuesday and Thursday**
    - **Snacks will be offered a la cart on September 30- please add money to your child's account**

Please visit our Middletown Food Services Website to view our menus and Food Service news

Additional Food Service Details

Middie Birthday Program



Food Services website

Communication

Middletown Values Communication!

Our school district and school community value communication with you. We want you to feel connected to us, confident, and informed. Please utilize the following informative communication venues available to you.

School district website at ***www.middletowncityschools.org***

Our district uses Facebook for social media. You can follow us on Facebook at *Enlarged City School of Middletown* to view announcements for school and district events.

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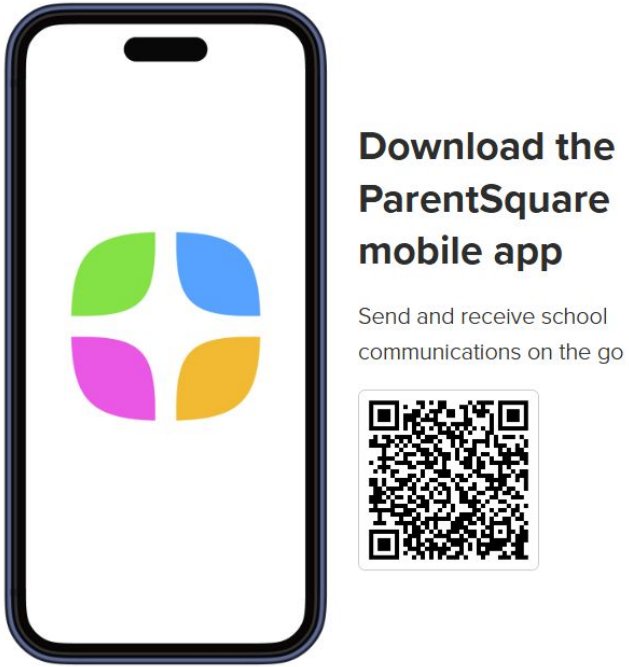
We also encourage you to sign up for **Parent Portal** at *parent.portal@ecsdm.org*.

To receive announcements and other important information please sign up for **Parent Square**.

- School **closures, delays, and early dismissals** are communicated on the **website, Facebook and SchoolMessenger.**
- Presidential Park School Webpage~located within the ***Schools Tab***
- **Presidential Park Admin and office team are committed to serving you cal us at (845) 326-1850 or (845) 326-1875**

Communication - Parent Square

- Information from the District and school will be pushed out this way.



Scholar Progress Updates

Parent Portal parent.portal@ecsdm.org

- Mid Marking Period Interim Reports
- Marking Period Report Cards
- Teacher/Parent Communication via phone or ParentSquare app
- Teacher/Parent Check In Meetings
- Building Admin and or Scholar Support Collaboration

Your child is our Top Priority

School Supplies

Please provide a backpack and a soft pencil case for your child.

All other supplies will be purchased by the district.

They will be distributed to students during the first weeks of school.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 3rd

First Day of School for Grades K-12

Wednesday, September 23rd

Kindergarten Open House ~ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday September 17th

Grades 1-5 Evening Open House ~ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm


We are in this
TOGETHER

Thank you!

We appreciate your support and participating in your Scholar's Education

Questions are welcomed!