

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 29, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 29, 2012

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 1-9973<br>(Commission File Number) | 36-3352497<br>(IRS Employer Identification<br>No.) |
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|---|---------------------|
| 1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 60120<br>(Zip Code) |
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(847) 741-3300  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 29, 2011, The Middleby Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing certain preliminary financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit hereto) shall not be considered "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into future filings by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, unless the Company expressly sets forth in such future filing that such information is to be considered "filed" or incorporated by reference therein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
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| 99.1        | The Middleby Corporation press release dated February 29, 2012. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: February 29, 2012

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald  
Timothy J. FitzGerald  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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