

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – October 25, 2020

Cider Mill School is a Community of Learners, ALL committed to being the best we can be.

Important Dates

Oct 26	Day 1
Oct 28	CM Lost & Found Pick-up For Families, see details below
Nov 3	NO SCHOOL (Professional Learning / Election Day)
Nov 9	Belden Hill & Kent Photo Day
Nov 10	Cannondale & Nod Hill Photo Day
Nov 19, 20	Shortened Days (K-8 Conferences)
Nov 23, 24	Shortened Days (K-8 Conferences)
Nov 25 - 27	Thanksgiving Recess

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

On Wednesday, October 28th the CM PTA will be hosting a Lost and Found event under the CM bus loop canopy. Families with last name A to L 1-1:45pm and M to Z 2-2:45pm. All belongings have been in plastic bags since last spring, and volunteers wore/wear gloves when organizing. Please have masks and gloves on when you arrive.

Photo day will now be Monday, November 9th for the South side, and Tuesday, November 10th for the North. Remote students will have the option to have their photos taken after school starting at 3pm. The school will send out an email early this week highlighting safety protocols, photo day schedule, as well as a sign up for remote learners. All photo orders need to be done online this year prior to photo day; no paper forms will be accepted. Please use the following link to order your pictures! <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/pictureDayId/EVTtbnvj>

The PTA is excited to be able to offer and in person book fair for CM students this November. The book fair will be open to students on the half days leading up to Thanksgiving. It will be a smaller, safer version of our usual fair, but still packed with titles picked by Scholastic for Cider Mill. Students will be able to pay via eWallet, a contactless system that allows friends and family to load money onto an account used only at the fair. An online fair will also be available to all students with the full library of Scholastic titles. Books and gifts can be ordered through a specific Cider Mill link, and they will be sent to students' homes. More information to come!

Cider Mill School will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30th. Final details are still being worked on, but here are some important points:

- Students will wear comfortable costumes to school from home. Students will be unable to change into costumes at school since bathrooms are very limited.
- There will be a “virtual” parade (for remote & on-site learners) via a tech tool. Unfortunately, there will not be the traditional Halloween Costume Parade this school year.
- The PTA and our Room Parents will coordinate healthy snacks/activities for parties. All food will be individually wrapped and pre-packaged for health purposes.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 10am via Zoom.

Thank you for your support and please reach out if you have any questions or comments at meghan.russo13@gmail.com.

Meghan Russo

CM PTA President

School News

LOST & FOUND RETURN AFTERNOON ~ OCTOBER 28th

The Cider Mill PTA is hosting a lost and found return afternoon on October 28th. Families with last names A to L should come between 1-1:45pm and families with last name M to Z should come between 2-2:45pm. The lost and found will be located under the Cider Mill bus loop canopy. All attendees should wear masks and gloves. The lost and found items have been quarantining since last spring in plastic bags and the PTA volunteers wore gloves when organizing the belongings.

NEED HELP IN SCHOOL? FREE TUTORING FOR CM STUDENTS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/J1L2EWrdnCPa75Z27>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

Ongoing School News

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The PTA has a group on Facebook called Cider Mill Parent Community. It is a place where the PTA can communicate to parents, and also where parents can communicate with one another. Please check it out by clicking here: [Cider Mill Parent Community](#).

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

CIDER MILL SCHOOL (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

To participate: Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

To earn points:

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2019-2020 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

BOX TOPS HAVE GONE DIGITAL!

No more clipping Box Tops! Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production. The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

3 easy steps...

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS

With the start of school, we'd also like to send a Zero Waste quick refresher for all, it's YES to using reusable containers, bags, silverware, and ice packs; purchasing bulk snacks to sort into reusable containers, packing realistic portions and taking home uneaten food (or compost!) It's AVOID disposable paper or plastic bags; Individually-packaged snacks; non-reusable food wrap; disposable ice packs, utensils, or drink containers (juice boxes or pouches); and plastic straws.

Community News

WYC ~ GO ZEN PROGRAM

WYC is excited to offer virtual GoZen! this fall. GoZen! is a skills building program that teaches students hands-on tools and strategies to effectively identify, understand, and manage worry and anxiety with a fun, engaging and interactive approach. The class for 5th and 6th graders will meet at 4:00 pm on Wednesdays. The class for 3rd and 4th graders on Mondays at 4:30 is full, but you may add your child to the waitlist by emailing geason@wiltonyouth.org. These virtual classes will begin the week of November 2. Learn more at <https://files.constantcontact.com/a093842c001/bc1dcc63-bbde-4ba2-81d6-0d8aae354583.pdf>. Email Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org with questions.

BOUNDLESS EDUCATION MATH ENRICHMENT CLASSES AT COMSTOCK

Boundless Education is offering Math Enrichment Classes for talented students in grades 1-7. A new class is being added specifically for 3rd graders. Offered through Wilton Parks Department and taught by Boundless Education. Classes begin the week of November 9. Some classes meet in-person at Comstock; some are online only. The in-person 3rd grade class meets on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Log on to www.Boundlessedu.com to learn more and have your child work through free pre-placement exercises on the site. Call Boundless at 203.762.7402 to learn if this is right for your child.

WILTON SEPTA

Join us to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more! If you haven't yet registered or renewed your membership to SEPTA, please click here and join us today: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

NAMI-CAN WILTON

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-Covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. Our meetings are a place to speak freely and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently. Our meetings are held virtually over zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. Next meeting is Monday, November 2nd at (10-11:30am) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/596783943> (Meeting ID: 596 783 943) For more information and the password: Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130) or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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