

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - October 28, 2018

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

## Important Dates

<b>Oct 31</b>	Halloween Parades, 8:45-9am Belden/Nod, 9:30-9:45am Cannondale/Kent, Bus Loop
<b>Nov 6</b>	NO SCHOOL (Election Day/Professional Learning Day)
<b>Nov 8</b>	BOE Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, WHS Library
<b>Nov 9</b>	Turkey Trot
<b>Nov 12</b>	Veterans Day Assembly
<b>Nov 12</b>	RaceToNoWhere, 10am & 7pm session, Middlebrook School Auditorium
<b>Nov 13</b>	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15-10:30am, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 15-20</b>	CM Bookfair, 7am-3:45pm, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 15-21</b>	SHORTENED DAYS for Conferences, Dismissal at 11:55am
<b>Nov 22-23</b>	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Recess)
<b>Dec 13</b>	Bingo Night, 6-8pm, Cafeteria
<b>Dec 24-31</b>	Holiday Recess
<b>Jan 1</b>	School Closed

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [fallonk@wiltonps.org](mailto:fallonk@wiltonps.org)  
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381  
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

## From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Fall is in full swing and there is lots going on to keep track of. Take a quick look at the calendar above for key dates and times for upcoming events.

At the last PTA meeting we approved a grant for supplies to assist with the 'Fall Into Reading' project. Hopefully your class teachers have all been in communication with you about it and we can't wait to see the finished products!

Save the date for our upcoming meeting [on Tuesday, November 13th at 9:15am](#) in the Cafeteria. We will have two speakers coming, Trudy Denton to talk about the Math Curriculum here at Cider Mill, and Superintendent Kevin Smith to start the talk about budget and any other questions you may have for him.

5th Grade Brain Challenge took place on October 19th, it was a really fun event for them. They got stumped by questions about the Beatles, but hula-hooped like professionals. Many cheers from the crowd when the teachers went sliding across the floor during tug-of-war. Huge thanks to Kiki Cross for chairing our Enrichment Programs again this year.

Keep an eye out for Turkey Trot flyers in your child's backpack. The money raised goes to Wilton Social Services, last year we managed over a staggering \$5,500. Plus the kids love running after an adult dressed as a Turkey on a chilly November morning.

Book Fair sign ups are happening now, check below for details. We really need parent help with this event to make it a success. We have three wonderful chairs who are heading it, they just need the man power to help it run smoothly.

As always, any questions or comments please reach out to us. Thank you for everything you do.

Amanda Patania & Carolyn Lyon  
PTA Co-Presidents

## Budget Spotlight

Community Conversation: Starting the 2019-2020 Budget Process

**Superintendent Kevin J. Smith** would like to invite all parents and community members to a Community Conversation with Board of Education members, principals and other members of the town on Thursday, November 8, 2018. The purpose of the conversation is to give stakeholders the opportunity to share their thoughts, questions, suggestions and concerns regarding the schools at the start of developing the 2019-2020 School Budget. The forum will be held in the WHS Library before the Board of Education Meeting. The conversation will be from 6:30– 7:30pm.

## School News

### PTA Committee Chairs Needed ~ We Need You!

The PTA is still in need of chairs for the important Committees listed below.

Nominating - Most of the work has been done for this school year. Easy position to complete from home.

Turnover Shop - They donate a huge amount of money to your school's PTA (last year \$45,000). The commitment is only 3 1/2 hours, once a month.

Please contact Amanda Patania, [amanda\\_patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_patania@yahoo.com) or Carolyn Lyon, [carolynlyon@optonline.net](mailto:carolynlyon@optonline.net) if interested in any of these positions.

### Turkey Trot~ November 9

Cider Mill's 43rd Turkey Trot is almost here! Please click here [Open in Docs](#) for more information and volunteer signup. For further information or questions, please reach out to-Julie Fowler at [jjd.819@gmail.com](mailto:jjd.819@gmail.com).

### Veterans Day Assembly~ November 12

On Monday, November 12, 2018, in conjunction with the History Channel, Cider Mill will hold the annual "Take a Vet to School" assembly. Students invite their family and friends from the five branches of the armed services to be honored with music from our Cider Mill Orchestra, Band, and Cider Mill Singers.

This year, our honored speaker is Colonel Jen Fullmer. She is Executive Director of Boots2Roots. It is the only nonprofit in Maine specifically focused on connecting with active duty military members before they begin their transition to Maine so they can hit the ground running when they get here. Jen served 24 years in the United States Air Force and retired as a Colonel in the fall of 2015. Jen grew up in Wilton, Connecticut and is a 1985 graduate of Wilton High School.

Following each assembly, there will be a reception for the veterans and their families in the cafeteria. Many veterans will return to share their experiences with students in the classroom in a smaller setting. Thank you for honoring our veterans each and every day.



Colonel Jen Fullmer

### Cider Mill Book Fair~ Sign up below

Mark your calendars! Here are Fall Cider Mill Book Fair dates and times:-

Thursday 11/15 7am - 3:45pm  
Friday 11/16 7am - 3:45pm  
Monday 11/19 7am - 3:45pm  
Tuesday 11/20 7am - 3:45pm

Great books for kids, parents and teachers, lots of popular titles. Stop by before/after your conference and don't forget to send money with your kids for them to shop.

We can't run the fair without the generous time of our volunteers, click here to sign-up\*! [Fall Book Fair](#)

\*Remember, all volunteers must have submitted for a background check. Here is the [LINK](#) to the district's HR website with Secure Volunteer box; all of the information you will need to complete the background check is located on this site.

For any questions please contact Sarah Antonson at [sarah@progressionproject.com](mailto:sarah@progressionproject.com) .

### **A Community Conversation~ CHARTING THE COURSE**

Monday, November 12, 2018; Wilton High School's Clune Centre  
10:00 AM – [RaceToNowhereWiltonAM.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/#!/event/RaceToNowhereWiltonAM)  
AND 7:00 PM – [RaceToNowhereWiltonPM.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/#!/event/RaceToNowhereWiltonPM)

Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture

Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services invite you to the first of a special 3-part series to explore the purpose of education, the importance of childhood and our community's opportunity to chart the best course for our children.

From preschool to college, kids are being pushed, coached, sculpted, scheduled and reviewed in an effort to compete in today's high-stakes, high-pressure achievement culture. RACE TO NOWHERE examines the pressures faced by young people, educators and parents, calling upon us all to challenge current assumptions and come together to chart the best course for their future.

Join us for this 85-minute documentary followed by a brief panel discussion. This is the first of a 3-part series. Parents, educators, concerned members of the community, and students in middle school and up are encouraged to attend.

The series continues in February, with screenings of the movie Beyond Measure, and a Community Conversation. For more information visit [wiltonyouth.org](http://wiltonyouth.org).

Admission is free; registration is recommended the links above. Please contact Genevieve Eason at [Genevieve.Eason@gmail.com](mailto:Genevieve.Eason@gmail.com) with questions.

Sponsored by: Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Youth Services

## Ongoing School News

### **Join the PTA ~ We Need Your Support!**

Join the PTA and gain access to our Mobile Directory! Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join here, and use the code - 'wilton' [https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school\\_directory\\_parent\\_register.html](https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html)

Parents please update your profiles to include email and cell phone numbers! One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time! Questions? Email our Directory Chair Jennifer Wulff [jen@presto.org](mailto:jen@presto.org) (Please add [support@mobilearq.com](mailto:support@mobilearq.com) to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.)

### **Get Your CM Spiritwear**

Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts) can be purchased at any time throughout the year on the Cider Mill PTA site: [cidermillpta.org](http://cidermillpta.org)

Your order will be delivered to your student's class within two days.

### **Cider Mill School Store**

We are looking for parent volunteers to work in the Cider Mill School Store! The School Store is open during lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you're interested in helping out, please email [CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com](mailto:CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com) to get onto our email volunteer list and to find out how to sign up for shifts throughout the school year!

### **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 2018 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.

### **Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot**

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

### **Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill**

There are two L&F locations in Cider Mill. One is at the doorway where you go to the playground, on the high school side (Cannondale). The other is by the front door on the far side of the bus loop (Kent). You or your child can check these locations for lost items. At the end of each season, the unclaimed items are donated to the Turnover Shop with proceeds going to the Cider Mill PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell with questions, at [amandaNmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:amandaNmitchell@gmail.com).

### **Box Tops**

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at [heathermm@optonline.net](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net) if you have any questions.

## Community News

### **Wilton High School Presents~Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution"**

Show dates and times-

Thursday, November 1 at 7:30pm

Friday, November 2 at 8pm

Saturday, November 3 at 4:00pm and 8:00pm

Tickets are now on sale for \$12 each at <https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=cc4da6013f9beccc863d48d0fc24b58a>

Since the tickets are sold online with an outside company, ALL SALES ARE FINAL!  
There are NO exchanges or refunds. (No exceptions, website sales cannot be adjusted).

Please remember to print your tickets at home before you come to the show!! For more information please contact Suzanne Olin at [suzanneolin@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneolin@gmail.com) .

### **Medication, Not Magic~ Making Wise Choices for Kids with ADHD**

Kevin T. Kalikow, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, NY Medical College.

Thursday, November 8, 2018, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Free; registration recommended - [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) or 203-762-6334

Join us for a thorough and balanced presentation of a thorny topic. Kevin T. Kalikow, MD, will help untangle the complexities of pharmacological treatments for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and co-existing conditions. He will discuss indications for medication; whether or not to give psychiatric drugs to your child or adolescent and, if so, when; potential benefits and risks; and ethical dilemmas.

Sponsored by SPED\*NET Wilton, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Youth Services

### **Wilton SEPTA~ November 14 @ 9:15am, Zellner Gallery**

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is Open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. Our next meeting will be on November 14 @ 9:15am in the Zellner Gallery in the Clune Center. We will be accepting memberships! Please also note the following dates and timings for the upcoming SEPTA meetings:-

Meetings will be held bimonthly on Wednesdays alternating morning and evenings:-

11/14 @ 9:15 am

11/28 @ 7:00pm

12/12 @ 9:15 am

No evening meeting in Dec.

1/9 @ 9:15 am

1/23 @ 7:00 pm

2/13 @ 9:15 am

2/27 @ 7:00 pm

3/6 @ 9:15 am

3/27 @ 7:00 pm

4/10 @ 9:15 am

4/24 @ 7:00 pm

5/8 @ 9:15 am

5/22 @ 7:00pm- Annual Meeting and Vote

For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact [wiltonsepta@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonsepta@gmail.com).

### **ISlides and New Wilton Swag~ Must-See New Arrivals**

Just in time for holiday shopping and coaches gifts, visit [our online store](#) for all your shopping needs!

New items available to order:

- ISlides are back! We sold 158 pairs during our first sales window! Don't miss your chance to get your pair. Great for before/after games, around the house, coaches and holiday gifts. Create your own custom pair.
- Cooler weather brings cool new Wilton merchandise. Check out our new arrivals of Wilton apparel, including sweatshirts and hoodies, sweatpants and pj pants - perfect for anyone in your family - featuring exclusive new designs.

Go online to make your purchases November 5-18 by clicking [here](#).

### **NAMI - CAN ~November 26 @ 10-11:30am, G&B cultural Center**

School is back in session and for many children, so is the academic and social stress that can cause behavioral changes. 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. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area.

Next meeting is Monday, November 26, from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com), Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com).

### **Wilton Youth Council (WYC)**

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit [wiltonyouth.org](http://wiltonyouth.org) for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Click [here](#) for an overview of this year's events!

Looking to Get Involved?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com). Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at [courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com).

### **Class Project 2023**

Show your support with 2023 T-shirts, shorts and our brand-new apparel - hoodies, pj pants and sweatpants! Be sure and check out our new designs on our [Wilton 2023 Online Store](#).

Visit our [Wilton 2023 website](#) and join our Facebook [WYC Class Project 2023](#) for more Class Project 2023 information. To become involved with the Project 2023 planning group, email [warriorclass2023@gmail.com](mailto:warriorclass2023@gmail.com).

## Submit News to Hot Cider

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