

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – February 9, 2020

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

## Important Dates

<b>Feb 10</b>	Day 1
<b>Feb 10</b>	5th Grade Yearbook Ad Deadline
<b>Feb 11</b>	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Feb 11</b>	5th Grade Band Performance, 7pm, Gym
<b>Feb 12</b>	EARLY RELEASE (11:55am dismissal)
<b>Feb 13-17</b>	NO SCHOOL (February Recess)
<b>Feb 19</b>	3rd Grade Strings South (Belden Hill/Kent) Performance, 1:30pm, Gym
<b>Feb 20</b>	3rd Grade Strings North (Cannondale/Nod Hill) Performance, 1:30pm, Gym
<b>Mar 2</b>	Rising 6th Graders Curriculum Night for Parents, 7-8pm, Middlebrook
<b>Mar 10</b>	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Mar 11</b>	EARLY RELEASE (11:55am dismissal)

## Important Phone Numbers

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

## From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Fun Nights for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade were a huge success this year! The students had a blast dancing the night away, racing one another through the blow up obstacle course, and enjoying Italian ice in the cafeteria! Laughter and excitement was heard throughout the school. A huge thank you to Claire Anastasia who organized both Fun Nights, and to all of our parents who volunteered!

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students treated parents, faculty and students to a string and chorus concert at CM. The night was packed with performances that spanned different eras as well as genres. All of the hard work the students have been putting in all year was on full display for the evening!

It's that time of year again when we begin to look for new volunteers for the PTA. Many of our Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs will be leaving CM in the Fall, which requires us to fill many open positions. A few of these positions include Co-President, Secretary and Membership. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, Co-President at [meghan.russo13@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.russo13@gmail.com) or Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair at [amanda\\_Patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_Patania@yahoo.com).

On Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, between 1pm and 2:30pm CM teachers, staff and administrators will be participating in a district wide reunification drill. The purpose of this drill is to practice reuniting parents and children in the event of an emergency. Assistant Principal Catherine O'Keefe will be leading this effort and is looking for 20-25 parents to participate in this process. If you are able to volunteer please contact Catherine O'Keefe at [okeefec@wiltonps.org](mailto:okeefec@wiltonps.org). Catherine will also be at the PTA meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 to discuss in further detail. Please stop by to hear more about this drill.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

Thank you again for all of your support.  
Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo  
CM PTA Co-Presidents



## School News

### CIDER MILL 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents ~ Yearbook Ads

Did you know every 5th grade student receives a gift-- the Cider Mill 5th Grade Yearbook? This book is packed full of photographs and memories that capture the spirit of our 5th graders. The Cider Mill PTA funds the yearbook and your ads help offset the cost of producing the book. We invite you to place an ad in the 2019-2020 yearbook. Last year, more than 150 ads were placed. The children will treasure the words you add to this keepsake book. This year all ads are \$15, which includes both a yearbook ad and a commemorative 2027 class photo. To place an ad, complete this google form NO LATER than Monday, February 10th.

<https://forms.gle/hFT4SrkppnTY2N9V9>

### PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We still need help filling these gaps. If you'd like to know more or interested in helping please contact Amanda Patania or Alex Frisbee at [CMnominating@gmail.com](mailto:CMnominating@gmail.com).

**Hospitality** - We currently have a few people to help co-ordinate pampering staff at various times during the year, but more people are needed to help run these events. It's a position which is split and staff really appreciate.

**4th and 5th Field Day** - Coordinating volunteers and working with the gym teachers to make these fun days run smoothly. It's all set up from past Field Days and a good way to end the year.

## Ongoing School News

### The Turnover Shop needs volunteers!

We are looking for several people to work at the front desk. The commitment is for a regular shift only once a month for 3 1/2 hours, September-June. Each year, The Turnover Shop gives generously to the Wilton PTAs but we need your help to make this happen. Come join the fun and meet some new people in our community! Please send an email to [turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com) to get started.

### CIDER MILL INDOOR RECESS DONATIONS

In conjunction with Cider Mill administrators and the Free Play Task Force, to enhance indoor recess for students, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- Legos
- Straws & Connectors
- Oversized drawing sheets and crayons
- Mad Libs
- Perplexus
- Rubik's Cubes

All items should be dropped in the 3-drawer plastic bin on front porch at 120 Pipers Hill Rd or message Chandra Ring at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com) to set up a meeting.

## **WPS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT'S HALL OF FAME**

Nominations are now being accepted for potential 2020 inductees to the Wilton Public Schools Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to honor members of the Wilton Public Schools community who have distinguished themselves in ways that have brought great honor and pride to the community. Induction into the hall of fame is the highest honor the Wilton schools can bestow on an individual. Nominees can be teachers, students, former students or staff members who have in some way achieved recognition in their chosen area of expertise. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Nomination Forms can be found [HERE](#).

## **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.)

## **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!**

BIG, exciting change to Box Tops for Education this year! Box Tops has gone digital! This is a MUCH easier way to earn money for Cider Mill School! To donate box tops, follow the steps below.

1. Download the Box Top (BTFE) app on your smart phone
2. Buy products with the Box Top logo
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your store receipt
4. The app automatically gives Cider Mill credit for the participating products you purchased!

The app is really easy to use and it saves so much clipping and counting time. Any clipped Box Tops you have been saving may be turned into the Box Tops box in the main office. These will be counted and submitted "the old fashioned way." If you have any questions, please email Heather Mroz, Box Top Coordinator, at [heathermm@optonline.net](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net). Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

## **LOST & 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).

## **WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL**

### **Parent Book Clubs with Dr. Kevin Smith, Superintendent of Wilton Public Schools**

Parents of Kindergarten - Grade 5

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Comstock Community Center

Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force is pleased to announce the return of our district-wide parent book clubs on one of our favorite books, *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success*, by Julie Lythcott-Haimes. The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith.

Space is limited to 20 people, and registration is required. Visit [www.wiltonyouth.org/events](http://www.wiltonyouth.org/events) for more information and registration.

### **March is Technology Month at Wilton Youth Council.**

Be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/WiltonYouthCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/WiltonYouthCouncil/)) for helpful articles on managing all things digital, from social media to video games. We also hope you'll join us for two special presentations in March. Both events are free and open to parents with kids of all ages and students in middle school and up.

#### **LIKE: The Impact of Social Media on Our Lives**

Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Wilton High School Little Theater

Join us for a screening of LIKE, a documentary film that explores the impact of social media on our lives. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Susan Bauerfeld, PhD, licensed clinical psychologist, and Chris Parrott, BPS, chartered counseling psychologist, popular speakers on the topic of managing the impact of digital devices and content.

#### **Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!)

Wilton Library

In this informative discussion, cognitive psychologist and former university professor Alicia Farrell Ph.D. will talk about the fine line between healthy and unhealthy technology use (screen-time, social media, entertainment) and how parents, mentors and educators can help children walk it.

Visit [www.wiltonyouth.org/events](http://www.wiltonyouth.org/events) for more information and email Genevieve Eason at [geason@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org) with questions.

## **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/projecto-5>.

Please note the dates and timings of the upcoming meetings-

February 19, 7-8.30pm

March 18, 4-5.30pm

April 29, Spring Social

May 20, 9-10.30am

## **WILTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION: WE GO BEYOND!**

The Wilton Education Foundation is a non-profit organization headquartered in Wilton, CT. Our mission is to enrich the educational experience of our students through grants and donations focused on technology, music and the arts, and professional development. For more information about WEF, please visit our website at [www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org). See below for the 2020 meeting dates. All meetings held at the Wilton High School Professional Library.

2/27

3/19

4/30

5/28

6/25

### **Wilton Go Green Third Annual Zero Waster Faire & Sustainable Living Expo ~ March 29th**

Families mark your calendar's for Wilton Go Green's biggest event on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 when the [Third Annual Zero Waste Faire & Sustainable Living Expo](#) happens at the Wilton High School Field House from 11am to 4pm. Having had over 1,000 attendees and 70 exhibitors in 2019, WGG will feature even more aspects of a zero waste and sustainable lifestyle in depth. In partnership with Sustainne, the Faire committee will orchestrate exhibits at their 2020 event that are educational and interactive, with elements that attendees of all ages will enjoy. Subjects covered will include waste and resource management, waste prevention, backyard farming, a kids area, municipal best practices, zero waste hacks, sustainable living, and a Zero Waste Feast in the High School cafeteria provided by Chartwells. Stay tuned for news about opportunities to recycle or repurpose fabrics, electronics and other household items. Interested in helping out? Email us at [info@wiltongogreen.org](mailto:info@wiltongogreen.org).

## **Submit News to Hot Cider**

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