

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – March 27, 2022

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

Important Dates

Mar 29	Parent Workshop: Access for All Learners with Digital Tools
April 01	Cider Mill Spirit Day! (Wear House Colors)
April 7	Dress Like a Bee Day
April 7	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM WHS Library
April 12	PTA Meeting 9:15 – 10:15 AM Cafeteria
April 15	Good Friday (No School)
April 18-22	Spring Break (No School)
April 28	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM WHS Library
April 29	Grade 3 Fun Night 5:45 – 6:45PM
April 29	Grade 4 Fun Night 7:00 – 8:00PM
May 9	Grade 4 Chorus/Orchestra South – 7:00 PM
May 10	Grade 4 Chorus/Orchestra North – 7:00 PM
May 17	Grade 5 Chorus/Orchestra Advanced Strings and Cider Mill Singers – 7:00 PM
May 24	Grade 5 Band and Cider Mill Jazz Ensemble – 7:00 PM
June 2	Grade 3 Strings Combined – 7:00 PM

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We still need to fill two Executive Board positions - **Secretary and Parent-at-Large!** If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to **Amanda Patania at Amanda_Patania@yahoo.com or Alex Frisbee at Alex.Frisbee.PTA@gmail.com**. *We need to announce next year's Executive Board slate at our April meeting, with a vote taken at our May meeting! * Please consider volunteering!

5th Grade Parents, last chance to place a message to your graduating fifth grader in the yearbook! Ads must be submitted by **March 29th!** And also, please consider volunteering at the upcoming 5th Grade Fun Night (more info below)!

3rd and 4th Grade Parents, Fun Nights are being planned for both grades on **Friday, April 29th**. Mark your calendars and keep your eyes out for more information soon! We are beyond excited to bring Tim Hannig and his Pro-Kids Show back to Cider Mill, in-person this year!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues at MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com.

Michelle

School News

Open PTA Positions!

The Cider Mill PTA are looking to fill positions listed below for the next school year. If you have any interest or need more information, please email **CMNominating@gmail.com**

These programs **CANNOT run without volunteers**, and we really need parents to help out!

Executive boards positions-

Secretary, attends board of directors meeting and PTA meeting once a month. Takes notes on what is said.

Parent at Large, attends Board of Ed meeting either in person or watches at home and reports back any relevant news to PTA. This can easily be done but someone who also works.

PTA committee positions-

5th grade yearbook

Art Committee

Book Fair

Children's Enrichment

Fun Night 3rd, 4th and 5th grade

Hospitality Co-chairs to work alongside our current chair.

Library volunteer chair

Lost and Found

Laminating

3rd grade Room Rep Coordinator

School photos

Spirit wear

Turkey Trot

Volunteer coordinator

Visiting Author

Garden Committee

Cider Mill School Store is Open!

The Cider Mill School Store is opening this week! It will be open **Wednesdays during lunch in the cafeteria and on Thursdays during lunch in the science lab!**

The school store offers school related items and fidgets for the students! The students should come with cash or change, but there is no way to take any other form of payment. There are mechanical pencils, erasers, assorted pens, and even different fidgets! All items will be in increments of \$0.25 with nothing more than \$2. Then, students in Math Club run the inventory of the items: counting the number of items, figuring out how many items sold, and then discovering the profits which get filtered back into the school store. We appreciate exact change or small bills!

Parents and guardians! To volunteer at the school store, please visit: [Cider Mill School Store: Cider-Mill School Store Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Cider-Mill-School-Store-Schedule-signupgenius.com)

5th Grade Fun Night at the YMCA!

Join us for a night of fun and laughter! **April 1 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Wilton YMCA.** Check in begins at 6:00pm and pre-registration is required. No tickets at the door!

Kids will enjoy painting, cotton candy, snacks, swimming, a DJ dance party and more!

Students can be registered here: [5th Grade Fun Night Registration \(google.com\)](http://5th-Grade-Fun-Night-Registration-google.com)

The YMCA waiver can be signed here: [5th Grade Fun Night YMCA Waiver \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

****Volunteers are needed!!****

THIS IS AN S-O-S!!!!!! We are still desperately in need of chaperones for 5th Grade Fun Night, specifically men for the boy's locker rooms. Belden Hill needs 2 male chaperones in the locker room to keep the boys safe from slipping on wet floors and most importantly.... shenanigans. **WITHOUT 2 CHAPERONES, THE Y WILL NOT ALLOW THE KIDS TO SWIM!!!!!!** So, if your husband or partner is willing, please sign him up. Each house only gets 1/2 hour to swim, so the shifts are manageable. 😊

Many thanks!
5th Grade Fun Night Chairs

Those interested can sign up here: [5th Grade Fun Night! 5th Grade Fun Night - Parent Volunteers! \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Wilton Youth Council GoZen! And GoStrengths!

Wilton Youth Council is offering spring sessions of both **GoZen!** and **GoStrengths!** for students in Grades 3-5.

GoZen! is a skill building program that teaches students hands on tools and strategies to effectively identify, understand, and manage worry and anxiety in a fun, engaging and interactive approach.

GoStrengths! is the skills building follow up program taught after GoZen! GoStrengths! is a well-being & resilience program that offers a comprehensive social and emotional learning program focused on teaching 8 vital skills.

To learn more about either of these programs or to register for one the limited spots in these classes, visit <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/go-zen-go-strengths>

I Will Change the World Winners!

Cider Mill PTA Reflections congratulates all participants who submitted artwork in response to this year's theme "**I Will Change the World By...**" Our children are envisioning the changes they want to see and the changes they want to make... Let's support their dreams of a better world!

The following students are distinguished for outstanding work in the arts!

- Visual Arts 1st Place- Advitia Maheshwari
- Visual Arts 2nd Place- Parker Bailey
- Visual Arts 3rd Place- Madeleine Valassis
- Literature 1st Place- Winifred Gulati
- Musical Composition 1st Place- Aurora Gulati
- Musical Composition 2nd Place- Penelope Calo
- Film Production 1st Place- Jiya Praveen
- Film Production 2nd Place- Alex Shiue
- Special Artist/Photography 1st Place- Magnolia Tesler

Special congratulations to the students who also placed at the **CT State Reflections** level and represented Cider Mill School so well!!!! We are so proud!

- 4th Place Visual Arts Intermediate Division- Advitia Maheshwari
- 2nd Place Musical Composition Intermediate Division- Aurora Gulati
- 4th Place Film Production Intermediate Division- Jiya Praveen
- 1st Place Special Artist- Photography Intermediate Division- Magnolia Tesler

These students will be honored at a CT State Reflections Awards Ceremony on May 10th at Fairfield Ludlowe HS.

Join us in wishing **Magnolia Tesler** luck as she competes at the National Level!

Enjoy the beautiful artwork of our students as well as their thoughtful artist statements on this padlet!

<https://padlet.com/reflectionscidermill/oirvx64kkgxd1xde>

Submit any questions or comments to: reflectionscidermill@gmail.com.

Cider Mill Yearbook

Calling all 5th Grade parents - we need some of your photos for the **5th Grade Yearbook** to help make this as memorable as possible. We would love it if you could share with us some pictures of your 5th grader (even better if it also has a bunch of their Cider Mill friends in it)! Examples of specific event pictures we're looking for are:

- First Day of School
- Halloween
- Walkathon
- Wilton town team sports/scouts/band/theater.... or any events that happen around Wilton
- Any future Cider Mill events that are upcoming

Please send all photos to CMyearbookPTA@gmail.com

It would be extremely helpful if you include names of those in the picture, CM house and teacher (if possible). Also, if the images are from a cellphone, please make sure to send as "actual size" to ensure the clarity of the photo is kept.

Thank you for your help!

Green Team Zero Waste

Save the Date to *spark your green* at **Fairfield County's largest Zero Waste Faire – Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 11 am - 4 pm** at the Miller-Driscoll School, 217 Wolfpit Road, Wilton.

Activities for eco-friendly learning and living will be available for the entire family. Take away one or thousands of ideas on indoor and outdoor sustainable living for your family, your community, and our planet. Electric Vehicle showcase!

FREE recycling drop-off: mattresses, e-waste, household items, textiles and more! Learn more at <https://wiltongogreen.org/zero-waste-faire-sustainable-living-expo-2022/>.



[Zero Waste Schools](#)

Wilton Special Education PTA

April is Kindness, Diversity, Inclusion Awareness Month

April is Kindness, Inclusion, and Diversity Awareness Month, and Wilton SEPTA is holding family, community, and school events throughout the month.

March 29th - Sensory Friendly Pizza Making night at Parlor restaurant, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
[Register here](#)

March 29th - In Partnership with WPS

Join our Technology leaders as they present digital tools that include features to help all learners better navigate and access content and curriculum.

[Access For All Learners Flyer.pdf](#)

Access the Workshop by using the following links:

Tuesday, March 29th, 11-12 am for Grades K-5

Link to join Webinar - <https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/92944440533>

April 7th - Dress Like a Bee Day

We are once again partnering with **Good Morning Wilton** to hold a “Bee Kind” Day! Children are encouraged to “Dress Like a Bee.” Send us a photo and tell us what it means to “Be Kind.” Winners will be selected at random and will be featured and announced the week of April 25th in **Good Morning Wilton!** Send submissions at wiltonSEPTA@gmail.com by April 11th!

April 7th The inspirational and incredibly talented local Norwalk Street artist and author **FiveFingaz** will visit Miller- Driscoll to create an art mural with students! Stay tuned for school announcements and behind-the-scenes photos!

More on the artist: <https://lovemorethanever.com/>

April 27th 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sensory Friendly Fire Station Tour

Details for the event are forthcoming

Community Partners: Dine for SEPTA

We will be releasing a list of local restaurants that are Community Partners. Through the month of April if you dine/take out on certain days, the owners will donate process to our organization.

Inclusive Practices Mentor Training Programs: ongoing

Wilton SEPTA is sponsoring Inclusive Practices Mentorship Training to our school and community organizations through *The National Mentoring Coalition* (NDMC) <https://ndmc.pyd.org/certification/> in partnership with *Partners for Youth with Disabilities*, (PYD) <https://www.pyd.org/>.

Topics Covered in the course:

- Introduction to disability, ableism, and inclusion
- Understanding disability rights and the ADA
- Developing an inclusion statement
- Creating inclusive programs, activities, and events
- Tips for inclusive communication
- Principles of inclusive marketing
- Introduction to autism
- Supporting positive behavior in youth with disabilities
- The intersection of disability, gender, and sexuality
- Understanding Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Current Training opportunities still open to Highschool students, staff, and community members

Email: wiltonsepta@gmail.com for more information

RULER WEBINAR

RULER: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, & Regulating Emotions

Webinar Recording Now Available!

Visit: <https://www.wiltoneyouth.org/past-webinars>

In this webinar Wilton Public Schools staff educate parents about RULER, a program of evidence-based tools and social-emotional learning practices from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Teachers across the district have been trained in these practices and RULER tools are already being used with students in grades K-5 to help students recognize and regulate emotions. Implementation at the secondary level is in progress.

What is RULER?

RULER is an evidenced based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that supports the entire school community in:

- Understanding the value of emotions
- Building the skills of emotional intelligence
- Creating and maintaining a positive school climate

In this webinar, you will learn about the four core tools and how we can implement these tools at home:

- Building a family charter
- Mood Meter - emotion vocabulary
- Meta Moment for emotion regulation
- Blueprint for problem solving

Who are the presenters?

- Elena White, Miller-Driscoll School Counselor
- Jennifer Ringelheim, Cider Mill 3rd Grade Teacher, Co-Chair District SEL Committee

Find the recording, slides, and links to associated materials at Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

SPIRIT WEAR

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, Walkathon, field days and more. Get one before they sell out!

Please remember to include your child's name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

BoxTops for Education

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

3 easy steps to get started

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.

Online shopping or Curbside Pick-up? Just forward your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

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

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

Community News

Wilton Youth Council

Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend, brought to you by **Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force**, will have two designated weekends bookending this summer!

Choose whichever works best for you! They will be **Saturday, June 4th - Sunday, June 5th** and again **Saturday, September 17th - Sunday, September 18th**.

Wilton Youth Field Hockey

Spring Clinics:

Registration is now open for spring clinics on Sundays, beginning April 3. Clinics will be held on the Stadium Turf:

- Grades K-4 from 5-6pm
- Grades 5-8 from 6-7:30pm

Clinics will be held on April 3, 10, 24, May 1, 15, 22, June 5. June 12 will be a makeup day. Register on the WYFH website at <http://www.wyfh.net/>

Summer Games:

Again, this summer, we'll be offering free pickup games twice weekly over the summer. We're hoping to offer play from 5-7:30 on Monday and Thursday evenings but are awaiting field confirmation.

Pre-Season Camp:

Each summer we offer a pre-season camp for players entering grades 5-8. While we await field confirmation, camp is *tentatively* scheduled for August 15-19 from 5:30-8pm

Tryouts for 7th & 8th Graders:

In grades 7 & 8, WYFH holds tryouts. We'll have a spot for all players that would like to participate in our program, but at this grade level we set teams based on player skill level. All players that opt to try out for the "A Team" must sign a commitment letter to the WYFH program and are expected to attend all practices and games throughout the season. Tryout dates are *tentatively* set for 5-8pm on August 24, 25 & 26.

WOODCOCK NATURE CENTER SPRING BREAK!

School's Out, Nature's In!

Spend your spring break outdoors at Woodcock Nature Center.

April 18-21, Monday-Thursday

(Also running April 11-14, M-Th for Ridgefield/Redding break)

K-5th Grade, 9am - 3pm

\$80 per day

Children will explore vernal pools, search for amphibians, stomp in the mud, and scoop in the swamp! Each day will include exploration, hands-on activities, animal presentations, and crafts with our professional naturalists. This program is outdoors, and groups go out in the drizzle and rain. Each group will have a sheltered home base with patio heaters and a fire on cold days.

Registration open March 16 at 10 am at woodcocknaturecenter.org/spring-break-enrichment

WOODCOCK NATURE CENTER - SUMMER CAMP

An unforgettable summer camp adventure awaits at Woodcock Nature Center! Have fun and make friends while exploring Woodcock's 150-acre preserve as experienced environmental educators teach conservation and awareness of our natural environment through animal encounters, nature crafts, hiking, kayaking on our pond, wilderness skills and so much more. Summer camp runs June 20 - August 19. PreK - Grade 8. *Nature is for everyone! Scholarships are available. * Woodcock is also hiring camp counselors! Visit www.woodcocknaturecenter.org for more information.

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WILTON HIGH SCHOOL CLUB: Team STEAM

Do you have a child who is interested in STEM and/or Arts?! Check this out from our very own Wilton HS Club called Team STEAM!

We (Team STEAM) are a group of Wilton high school students who want to help bring STEAM (STEM +Art) education to young kids (aged 6-10 years). In partnership with a local startup called 3DuxDesign, our program will teach little engineers the basics of the engineering design process in a fun, creative, and hands-on manner! The program is free, and the other is a \$20 cost which includes an engineering kit. We also accept donations of \$20 which will go to fund a kit and 4 classes for an underprivileged child who cannot afford to pay.

(Note: All payments go towards purchasing kits for children and all high schoolers participating are volunteers)

Team STEAM's mission is to work with young minds and cultivate their passion for engineering and artistic thinking.

* To Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/MB1h3GRmcGMX13z18>

*To Buy a Kit: https://www.3duxdesign.com/products/steam-club-maker-kit?fbclid=IwAR1xAfwH14JEz9UwjsF03MbPnrFyawOK9X9sLwAe1YpB_goRqiYHfTluYis.

Please contact Keerthi Vijay at 23vijayk@wiltonps.org with any questions!

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.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. For more information contact: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Submit News to Hot Cider

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