

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – February 14, 2021

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

Important Dates

Feb 22 Day 1
Apr 2 NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
Apr 5-9 NO SCHOOL (Spring Recess)

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you all are enjoying the break! Although, the snow this past week seemed to give us a bit of an early break.

The CM PTA is so excited to bring a virtual assembly, Tim Hannig's Pro-Kids Show, to the CM community! On Thursday, March 18th the students will experience an interactive virtual assembly in their classroom, followed by a completely different family show that evening at 6:30. The day and evening shows are filled with magic, comedy, puppeteering, and positive messaging. One of our awesome teachers attended this assembly with their child and couldn't say enough about how fun and entertaining it was. More information to come as the date gets closer, but check out Pro-Kids website for a sneak peek. [Home - Tim Hannig's Pro-Kids Show \(pkshow.com\)](http://pkshow.com) Mark your calendars...we hope you can join us!

We are unable to host our traditional CM PTA Soup and Salad event this year but wanted to make certain we did something to show our teachers how much they are appreciated. On Tuesday, March 16th the CM PTA Hospitality Committee will be hosting a winter warm up event by having Bumble & Brew in the bus loop for our amazing teachers and staff. They will be treated to coffee, tea, espresso drinks and sweet treats! If you have any questions, please contact Sabeth Albert sab16@optonline.net

The CM PTA Yearbook Committee is hard at work creating an incredible book of memories for our 5th graders. The teachers are doing a great job of taking photos, but we need help from our parent community as well. From time to time you will see posts on the CM Parent Community page, and requests through Room Reps, for photos...please take some time to share. Since parents are not allowed inside the school this year it has been much more difficult to capture photos of our 5th graders. We're hoping to create a keepsake that will remind them of their very different, but still amazing, last year at CM. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Carvajal jencrav@hotmail.com or Dana Quick danaisquick@yahoo.com

Reading Rocks began on February 1st with an all school dance party, and all the kids looked amazing for Rock Star Day!! The reading period is February 6 through February 20th, and all pledges were due by February 12th to be eligible for the iPad and Kindles. There are fun participation prizes for all students! The house in Cider Mill with the highest percentage participation will receive a school store favorite: squish balls! If you have any questions please contact Jen Carvajal jencrav@hotmail.com or Kiki Cross kcross106@gmail.com

The PTA is beginning to look towards next year to help facilitate a smooth transition into the new school year. With that being said, 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, Treasurer and Hospitality. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, President at meghan.russo13@gmail.com, Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair amanda_Patania@yahoo.com and/or Alex Frisbee, Nominating Chair alex.frisbee.pta@gmail.com

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 9th at 10am via Zoom.

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

Meghan Russo
CM PTA President

School News

RECESS AIDE OPPURTUNITY

If you are interested in being a hired aide Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri from 10.30=1.30 you can apply at : <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> and please contact Lauren Catalano directly at catalanol@wiltonps.org. The children will not be wearing masks outside; therefore, you must be comfortable with this scenario and participate in helping the children remain physically distant. Aides will lead the children in physically distant games while also supervising chat circles and walks. We know there is a lot to think through and make sense of. If your schedule allows for it, please consider taking on this role. If you know someone who would fit the role of a recess aide, please share this note and encourage them apply and contact Lauren as soon as possible.
<https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources>

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ~ OPEN POSITIONS

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources Coordinator Erika Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

Ongoing School News

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS!

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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVBgqRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform>

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

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

Wilton Soccer Association (WSA) ~ Spring Opportunities 2021 - Registration is Open Intramural, Travel/Development Travel, TOPSoccer, Junior Ref, Volunteers

We believe strongly in a healthy and welcoming community and competitive soccer program that provides opportunities for everyone, from kids just starting out no matter their age, to more experienced players. WSA's mission is to positively contribute to the growth of children and our community by reinforcing values such as sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity and respect for others through a range of fun and high quality soccer experiences. WSA is non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and part of the Wilton community for 40+ years. #onetownoneteam

Information: [LINK](#)

Registration: <https://www.wiltonsoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=744259>

Questions: info@wiltonsoccer.info

Wilton Girls Youth Lacrosse ~ Registration Open Until March 8th

The goal of the Wilton Lacrosse Association (WLA) is to foster passion for the sport of Lacrosse in Wilton's youth. Wilton has one of the oldest and most storied youth lacrosse programs in Connecticut.

As a town we take pride in the sport, our athletes, and the tradition and legacy we've built over many years. The WLA strives to create a nurturing and positive environment where children can learn the sport and excel based upon their skill level and commitment to pursuing higher levels of play if interested. Towards this goal, the WLA Girls Youth Lacrosse Committee will offer three different types of girls youth lacrosse programs; Intramurals for grade 1-2, House League for grades 3-4 and Travel for grades 5-8. Please be sure to read the program descriptions under the "Girls Youth" menu tab above. For planning purposes please review both the summary information below, as well as the respective program descriptions located under the "Girls Youth" menu of the website. There you will find additional information on the various programs including dates, frequency of programming and breaks and holiday information. DIRECT LINKS TO REGISTRATION PROGRAMS:

(please review the individual program pages first before registering. Those pages are in a drop down menu from the left of the page under Spring Program Info or use the links under Program Information and Fee Schedule Below.

Girls Spring 2021 Intramural - Grades 1 & 2: <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=1:296412>

Girls Spring 2021 House - Grades 3 & 4: <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=1:296413>

Girls Spring 2021 Travel - Grades 5 through 8: <http://assn.la/Reg/?r=1:296414>

Lend a helping hand to The Turnover Shop!

Did you know that our most generous donor is a local nonprofit - The Turnover Shop?

They have provided long-standing support for our PTA's and other local organizations. Operating costs have increased during covid and they were shut down for several months. They need our help more than ever. **Please help those that helped us!**

Volunteer: Regular commitment of one or two WEEKDAY am (10-1) or afternoon (1-4) shifts a month (Ex. Third Friday a, of every month).

Donate: Items and Clothing.

Shop: Its hidden treasures.

Spread the word: About this fabulous wilton treasure!

Join Wilton Go Green's Do One thing Campaign

Join our campaign designed to help our community connect with one another on a different level. We aim to let each other see what our friends and family are doing around simple changes we are making to help foster more sustainable behaviors. These efforts can be made in different areas of our lives and spread positivity by showing us that we all can make a difference.

Join the campaign by visiting our "[Do One Thing](#)" webpage to view all different types of action perhaps you are already taking and then consider a new action to try for 2021. We are sharing images and stories through social media pages, website and newsletters.

[Zero Waste Schools](#)

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Join us! Support our families, students and staff! Open positions for next year include President, Secretary and Committee Chairs!

We are excited to present new programs coming early this Spring 2021: (details to follow)

For students:

[Sensory Integration Art Experience Classes](#), free for SEPTA member families

[Social Hangouts](#), Cooperative Play Groups, Facilitated by trained BCBA's from the Hangout Spot, free for SEPTA member families

April's Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Month Committee needs Volunteers!

Join us to find out more: Two ways to Join here! Mobile App to join all PTA's and Paypal link to join SEPTA only <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>

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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