

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - November 25, 2018

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

Important Dates

Nov 26	Day 6
Dec 13	Bingo Night, 6-8pm, Cafeteria
Dec 21	Reading Rocks Forms Go Home (Details to Follow)
Dec 24-31	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)
Jan 1	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)
Jan 2	School Resumes
Jan 4	Reading Rocks Kick-Off! (Details to Follow)

Important Phone Numbers

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

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

I hope everyone has had a relaxing break and is ready to get back to school.

Thanks to our Hospitality ladies for a memorable Veterans Day Breakfast which was well received by all the Veterans that attended.

Our Fall Book Fair was a great success that could not have been achieved without our wonderful chairs Lara Paschalidis, Sarah Antonson and Robin Law, and all the volunteers that helped them.

Bingo Night sign up has already been sent out; check your emails from Cider Mill PTA for information.

Coming soon will be applications for Cider Mill's Got Talent - watch this space!

Thanks for everything that you do!

Amanda Patania & Carolyn Lyon
Cider Mill PTA Co-Presidents

School News

CM Participating in Crayola ColorCycle Program

Cider Mill is now participating in Crayola's ColorCycle program. All you need to do is bring in your used/dried markers, dry erase markers and highlighters (all brands will be accepted) to school and drop them off in the collection box by the art rooms or in the LLC. We ship them off to Crayola where they recycle them.

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 or Carolyn Lyon, carolynlyon@optonline.net if interested in any of these positions.

The Importance of Student Well-Being and Play in Schools with Michael Hynes, Ed. D.

Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Hynes is visiting Wilton on Tues., Nov. 27, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Wilton High School's Clune Center.

Don't miss this thought-provoking discussion of societal trends in education, how we measure success, the importance of recess and free play, and the risks of over-scheduling. Dr. Hynes recently visited Finland and will also share what he learned about the Finnish philosophy and approach to education. Dr. Hynes is the Superintendent of Schools of the Patchogue-Medford school district in New York. He is a public-school advocate who has built enthusiasm in his community for the importance of play and recess in schools and yoga and mindfulness in the classroom. You are sure to leave inspired by the possibilities! ** Please be advised, a video crew will be present to record the discussion in connection with the production of a documentary film featuring the themes of childhood and play. A section of the theatre will be reserved for those who do not wish to be filmed. **

Admission is free. Registration is recommended at www.MichaelHynesWilton.eventbrite.com. Please contact Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com with questions.

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

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

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 (Please add 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

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 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.

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 if you have any questions.

Community News

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 , Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com .

Movie Night! Free Screening of “Swim Team” ~ Friday, November 30th

Bring the kids for a free screening of “Swim Team” on Friday, November 30th @ 7 pm in The Little Theater at Wilton High School. This important documentary explores the theme of inclusion in sports and is being co-sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, SPED*NET Wilton, Swim Angelfish, and Wilton SEPTA. Discussion panel to follow featuring the director, Lara Stolman, Coach Mike, and Swim Angelfish co-founder, Ailene Tisser. Please RSVP through Eventbrite as seating is limited. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swim-team-tickets-51738584499?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

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 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. Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com.

Wilton SEPTA~ December 12th @ 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 December 12th @ 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 on Wednesdays alternating morning, see dates and times below.

12/12 @ 9:15 am
1/9 @ 9:15 am
2/13@9:15 am
3/6 @ 9:15 am
4/10 @ 9:15 am
5/8 @ 9:15 am

For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact wiltonsepta@gmail.com .

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