

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication

May 7, 2017

Important Dates

- May 8** Day 4
- May 8** Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation at Middlebrook, 7-8:30pm, Middlebrow Auditorium
- May 8** FAPA Library Show, 6-8pm, Wilton Public Library
- May 9** Belden Hill and Kent Fourth Grade Chorus and Orchestra Concert, 7-8pm, Gym
- May 11** Cannondale and Nod Hill Fourth Grade Chorus and Orchestra Concert, 7-8pm, Gym
- May 11** Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
- May 12** CM Singers to Visit the Greens, 11:30am-12:30pm, Wilton Greens at Cannondale
- May 16** PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria, Officer Turnover Meeting
- May 16** Fifth Grade Chorus, Orchestra, Advanced Strings Concert, 7-8pm, Gym
- May 18** Cannondale and Kent Fourth Grade Field Trip to Putnam Park
- May 18** School Wide Art Show, 5:30-8:00pm
- May 19** Belden Hill and Nod Hill Fourth Grade Field Trip to Putnam Park
- May 19** Kent Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 23** Fifth Grade Band Concert, 7-8pm, Gym
- May 24** Cannondale Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 25** Belden Hill Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 25** Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
- May 26** Nod Hill Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 29** NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- May 30** Spiritwear Sales at lunch in the Cafeteria
- May 31** Digital Learning Plan Parent Forum, 9:30-10:30am, Library Learning Commons
- May 31** Cannondale and Nod Hill Fifth Grade to Visit Middlebrook
- Jun 1** Incoming Third Grade Parent Orientation, 7:30-8:30pm, Cafeteria
- Jun 1** Third Grade Field Day (Rain date June 2nd)
- Jun 1** Belden Hill and Kent Fifth Grade to Visit Middlebrook
- Jun 2** CM Miniband to Visit Ogden House, 11:45am-12:45pm, Ogden House
- Jun 5-9** Summer Book Fair, South Gym
- Jun 5** Fourth Grade Field Day (Rain date June 6th)
- Jun 7** Fourth Grade Parent Orientation for Fifth Grade Band Information Night, 7-8pm, Gym
- Jun 8** Fifth Grade Field Day (Rain date June 9th)
- Jun 8** Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
- Jun 8** Third Grade Strings Combined, All Houses, 7-8pm, Gym
- Jun 9** Nod Hill Fourth Grade Closing House, 8-9am

Jun 13	Cannondale Fourth Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 13	Fifth Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park at Discovery Museum, House TBD
Jun 14	Nod Hill Third Grade Closing House, 12:15-2:15pm
Jun 14	Belden Hill Fourth Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 14	Fifth Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park at Discovery Museum, House TBD
Jun 15	Kent Fourth Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 15	Fifth Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park at Discovery Museum, House TBD
Jun 16	Kent Third Grade Closing House, 12:45-2pm
Jun 16	Belden Hill Third Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 19	Nod Hill Fifth Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:30am
Jun 19	Kent Fifth Grade Celebrations, 12-2pm
Jun 20	Cannondale Fifth Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:30am
Jun 20	Belden Hill Fifth Grade Celebrations, 12-2pm
Jun 21	Cannondale Third Grade Closing House and Living Museum, 10:45-11:45am
Jun 21	SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am
Jun 22	SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am
Jun 22	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Jun 23	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am

Important Phone Numbers

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Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

I want to express my huge thanks and appreciation to the Hospitality Committee for putting on an astonishing range of events last week. Thank you to Annemarie Arronowitz, Holly Barker, Lena Booth, Lisa Finn, Holly Barker, Brooke Kalter, Sharon Prather and Valerie Shukovsky. The teachers and staff are so appreciative of everything that happens during this week. Thank you to all the parents who donated a service, provided a lunch or donated a food item. If I listed you all out I think there would be about 200 names! Everything the PTA does is possible because of the support our community of parents gives to our organization. I have a deep gratitude to everyone who steps up and does what they can to make our school a better place. I am now going to take the opportunity to segue into the fact that we still need a President for next year. The Board will be turning over at our next PTA meeting (on May 16th) and the position of President is currently not filled. It is time for someone new to take the reigns (I will be at Middlebrook heading up

fundraising, but will still be around to ensure a smooth transition). To find out more, please email me.

Warmly,

Nicola Davies, PTA President

School News

PTA Meeting ~ Tuesday May 16th, 9:15am ~ Officer Turnover Meeting

May 16th is the Turnover meeting of the Cider Mill PTA. AT this meeting a slate of officers for the 2017-18 School year will be presented. The nominations are as follows:

President - Open

Treasurer - Lisa Finn

Secretary - Carolyn Lyon

VP Membership - Annemarie Arronowitz,

VP Fundraising - Open

Parent at Large - Kim Hall

Please Volunteer to Help Hang Art for Cider Mill Art Show

As the Annual Art Show at Cider Mill is quickly approaching on May 18, the Art Department is in need of parent volunteers. Volunteers will help mount, hang and display beautiful artwork created by the budding artists of Cider Mill. Volunteers can come at anytime during the day and stay for as long as you want! If this is something you are interested in, please contact Cider Mill's Art Department, using the email addresses listed below.

Caroline Duggan, dugganc@wiltonps.org

Michael Galullo, galullom@wiltonps.org

Michele Montanaro, montanarom@wiltonps.org

Field Day

Field day dates can be found above. Spirit wear shirts are not required, but many kids wear them on field day. Spiritwear will be sold in the Cafeteria during lunch on Tuesday, May 30th. T-shirts are \$15, either cash or check made out to Cider Mill PTA are accepted.

Room reps will be sending out requests for volunteers for field day on or after May 8th. The success of field day is dependent on parent volunteers...hope to see you there!

2017-2018 School Supply Kits on Sale Now!!

Order Cider Mill School Supplies Now to be Ready in the Fall!

Orders are ONLY accepted online. Order by June 30th for Best Pricing and Free Shipping!

To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to our school page <https://www.edukitinc.com/page.asp?id=15&schoolid=1717>
2. Choose the appropriate grade level kit - REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
3. Submit your order!!

THAT'S IT!!! SUPER EASY, SUPER CONVENIENT! Your child's kit will be delivered to the classroom just in time for Meet the Teacher Day!

IMPORTANT Be sure to keep your receipt as proof of purchase. Check your SPAM folder!!

Questions? Contact Jackie Couch at jackie.couch13@gmail.com

New this year! Cider Mill PTA is expanding our school supply donation program within Wilton, and surrounding communities. We have partnered with Wilton Social Services and local organizations in Bridgeport and Norwalk. Please consider making a donation towards providing school supplies to students in need. The PTA will work directly with Wilton Social Services and local community organizations in Norwalk and Bridgeport to select, purchase and distribute the much needed items.

Donations can be made when purchasing your kits online. Thank you for your support!

Join the Cider Mill PTA Board in 2017-2018!

Below is a list of open positions for next year's Cider Mill PTA. So many fun and special positions are available and we are looking for volunteers. The PTA is a great way to get involved with the school and with other parents. Many of these programs will not happen if we are not able to find a volunteer. There are opportunities for everyone, no matter how much time you can volunteer. You can find descriptions of many of the roles at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/committee-descriptions> .

The role of President will be open next year. The best part of this role is that the only requirements are time and willingness to fulfill the role and make it your own. It is a great role for someone with an ability to work well with a wide range of people from volunteers to the Principal and Superintendent and a passion for working for the betterment of the school and

its community.

Additionally, the Vice President of Fundraising will be open next year. Other roles that are open:

3rd grade Fun Night

3rd grade Great Books

4th grade Great Books

4th grade Field Day

5th grade Fun Night

5th grade Field Day

5th 5th grade River Study

Marketing

If you have any questions about any of the roles, please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at 203-563-0866.

*****Attention 5th Grade Parents*****

Middlebrook PTA Volunteer Opportunities

Next year begins the big adventure known as middle school, and 6th grade parent orientation is tomorrow, May 8th! Middlebrook PTA is looking for volunteers to support our student enrichment and social programming – it can't be done without you!

There are many ways to help, and there is sure to be a committee to engage your interests.

Currently, we need volunteers to co-chair these committees: Science & Engineering Fair, Reflections Arts & Literature Competition, Nominating, and 6th Grade Fun Night!!! I know so many of you have talents to share!

Please contact Middlebrook's PTA President, Laura Rowley, at rowleylg@gmail.com.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Join the Cider Mill PTA!

The Cider Mill PTA is a powerful network of parents and teachers whose mission is to make every child's potential a reality, by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We want you as a member! Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your child's education. It shows you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It is not a commitment to volunteer for anything!

It does not mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it). It is a way to stay connected with our school community, get to know your school

and administrators, have a voice and be heard at the school and district level. Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support, and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun Nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store, Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World Language Celebrations, Walkathon, Book Fair, Spiritwear, library volunteers, and the Hot Cider newsletter.

Membership signup is ONLY online. Joining gives you instant access to the Cider Mill directory of parent and student information. You can download the MobileArq app at the Apple Store or Google Play Store, or visit this link: <http://wilton.mobilearq.com> and use code 'wilton'.

Buy Name Labels at Mabel's Labels

Last year, over 300 sweatshirts, 100 winter hats, 50 pairs of gloves, 50 lunch boxes, and 10 winter jackets were left in our Lost Property areas at school. The overwhelming majority had no owner information marked in them. To raise funds and reduce this immense amount of loss, we have teamed up with Mabel's Labels to run a fundraiser. Mabel's Labels adhere to your child's clothing and will not come off in the wash. You will get your missing property back and Cider Mill will earn money! Please visit www.mabelslabels.com. Click on 'Support a Fundraiser.' We are listed as Cider Mill School (Wilton). Cider Mill will receive a 20% donation based on the cost of your order. Thank you!

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has set up 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](#).

Lost and Found

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 amandaNmittchell@gmail.com.

School Spiritwear

Show your school spirit! Please visit the Cider Mill PTA website at www.cidermillpta.org to order your school clothing. Students are encouraged to wear their Spiritwear clothing for various

days and events during the year. Proceeds benefit the Cider Mill PTA. Please contact Annemarie Aronowitz at annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com or Amanda Mitchell at amandanmitchell@gmail.com with any questions.

Community News

You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me: A One-Man Performance by Michael Fowlin, PhD

Monday, May 8, 2017 10:00-11:00 am

Wilton High School's Little Theater

Dr. Michael Fowlin presented his one-man performance, "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me," to the entire Wilton High School student body as part of the December activity period. He uses many of his gifts – humor, performance art, poetry, storytelling, psychology, theatrical monologues, and his personal journey – to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance, towards all people. He was so well received by students that we are bringing him back for a parent presentation. Many students expressed interest in having their parents hear his message. Open to all parents.

Please contact Kim Zemo at zemok@wiltonps.org with questions. Program begins promptly 10:00 am. Please allow extra time for parking and security.

Sponsored by: Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Schools PTAs/PTSA, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services

Wilton High School's Spring Musical The Pajama Game ~ May 18th-20th

Tickets are currently on sale for Wilton High School's spring musical, The Pajama Game. Touted as "dynamic, joyous, and refreshing with an original theme reinforced by a sense of tradition", this is a show for all ages.....conceived in the fifties but still relevant today. Performances are in the Clune Auditorium May 18, 19 and 20th. Contact the link below or wiltonhighschool.org for more information and tickets.

<https://tickets.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=9a4b642ecd45672ffb5a84e467c595&vqitq=0e7b78a4-e517-48b7-a801-85982bdc0d43&vqitp=2a59d4a9-929a-454c-8985-8b933692ae75&vqitts=1493058055&vqitc=vendini&vqite=itl&vqitrt=Safetynet&vqith=7b7319e07c13edf489618a864624dfb3>

NAMI CAN ~ March 27th at 10am

Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Worry about how your child's behavior effects the family, especially their siblings? Wonder how others manage in similar situations? Married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? Have a therapist for your child, but not sure it's working? You are not alone.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next meeting is Monday, May 22nd from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

Get Smart 5K Race to Support Wilton Education Foundation ~ May 28, Wilton High School Track

Join us on Sunday, May 28th for Wilton's Get Smart5k to support the Wilton Education Foundation. Start and finish at WHS track. To guarantee a t-shirt, register early: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/28708>.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC) ~ Upcoming Events

Find us on Facebook or visit www.wiltonyouth.org. We are very pleased to announce that we have launched our new and improved Wilton Youth Council website! We hope you will find it to be helpful in finding out more about our programs, as well as providing you with resources. Check it out at www.wiltonyouth.org! Our February WYC Newsletter contains all the events you might be interested in - be sure to sign up if you don't receive it in your inbox: <http://conta.cc/2lvqV6R>.

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