

## Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication

May 29, 2016

### Important Dates

May 30	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
May 31	Day 2
June 1	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, Wilton High School Fujitani Field
June 1	Mini Band, WHS Little Theater, 7pm
June 2	Rain Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, WHS Fujitani Field
June 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Strings, Main Gym, 7pm
June 3	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nod Hill Closing House, 8:15-9:15am
June 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Nod Hill Closing House, 12:30-1:45pm
June 6	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, WHS Fujitani Field
June 7	Rain Date: 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, WHS Fujitani Field
June 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day, WHS Fujitani Field
June 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Belden Hill Closing House, 9-10am
June 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Kent Closing House, 1-2pm
June 9	Rain Date: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day, WHS Fujitani Field
June 9	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nod Hill Celebrations, 8:30 – 10:15am
June 9	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Belden Hill Celebrations, 12:15-2pm
June 9	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cannondale Closing House, 1-2pm
June 10	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cannondale Celebrations, 8:30-10:15am
June 10	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Kent Celebrations, 12:15-2pm
June 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Cannondale Closing House, 1-2pm
June 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Belden Hill Closing House, 10:30-11:30am
June 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Kent Closing House, 10:30-11:30am
June 13	Shortened Day, 11:55am Dismissal
June 14	Shortened Day, 11:55am Dismissal
June 15	Shortened Day, 11:55am Dismissal – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
June 24	Last Day to Pre-Order School Supplies
August 25	Parent Math Night with Dr. Yeap Ban Har, 7pm, WHS Little Theater

### Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [kellym@wiltonps.org](mailto:kellym@wiltonps.org)

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

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### Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe, but this is the final Hot Cider of the school year! There is still so much ahead in the final 12 days of school. Thank you to everyone who supported our first spring book fair. It was an incredible success. Thank you Hillary Morrissy and Amy Palma for your vision, hard work and great book selection!

Field Days make great memories for our students, thank you to every parent who was able to volunteer to help out. I am looking forward to cheering on the tug of war teams in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!

I have had a wonderful year serving as your PTA president. I have enjoyed working with an inspirational, insightful Board of talented parents. I am grateful for the opportunity to do it all over again next year!

Warmly,

Nicola

### School News

#### **Field Days are Here! ~ June 1, 6, 8, Wilton High School Fujitani Field**

Field Days are such a fun way for students to celebrate the end of the year! Students get outside and play games on the field at the high school, and enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow classmates.

Field Days will be held on the following dates:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – June 8 (Rain Date: June 9)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – June 6 (Rain Date: June 7)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – June 1 (Rain Date: June 2)

The famous Turkey Trot (a half-mile walk, jog, or run) will take place at 7:45am, and games start at 8am. Suggestions: Sneakers, sunscreen, and house t-shirts or house color t-shirts.

Please volunteer to help run games, move students from one game to the next, or other jobs - *Field Days cannot happen without volunteers!* Contact your room rep if you have not received information about how to volunteer. Fourth grade parents can sign up to volunteer at <http://vols.pt/kd6JZX>.

#### **Order School Supplies Now to be Ready in the Fall! | Online Ordering Ends June 24**

Online ordering runs through June 24<sup>th</sup>. Orders are ONLY accepted online. To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com)

2. Enter the account number: 83508
3. Choose the appropriate grade level kit – REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
4. Enter your child's first name and last name
5. Add to cart; confirm your order and checkout
6. Your child's kit will be delivered to the classroom

You may check out without an account by entering your email address only.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\* Be sure to keep your receipt as proof of purchase. Questions? Contact Jackie Shaw at [jackielshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:jackielshaw@hotmail.com).

### **The Cider Mill PTA Wants You! A Call for 2016-17 Volunteers**

Volunteering for the PTA is a great way to get involved with the school. Many programs that happen throughout the school year are run by the PTA and we need parent volunteers. There are many positions that have various time commitments and flexibility, so there is a role that will fit your schedule. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions for the 2016-17 school year:

- Handbook
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade World Languages
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade River Study

Please contact Tara Snow at [tanda@optonline.net](mailto:tanda@optonline.net) or at 203-563-0866 if you have any questions or are interested.

### **Volunteer for Next Year!**

We are signing up volunteer worker bees for next school year! Could you help in the library, the school store at the Turnover store in town? Do you want to be a room rep or a Walkathon Chaperone? All new for this year, register online right [here](#). There is no paper form this year.

### **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents - Middlebrook School PTA Needs You!!!**

We're making plans for next year, and that means lots of opportunities for parents to support our kids by chairing or joining a committee. Quite a few of our parents, who are long-time volunteers, are moving on to Wilton High School next year, so we have openings for all types of committees. There are many choices so you can find a committee that fits your schedule - some roles are active throughout the year and others only once or twice a year. We're looking to fill many different spots, such as Nominating, 6th Grade Activity Night, and Special Education Coordinator to name a few. We need your help to fill these roles! Please contact Laurie Maggio at [laurie.maggio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurie.maggio@sbcglobal.net) or Laura Rowley at [rowleylg@gmail.com](mailto:rowleylg@gmail.com) for more information about how you can help!

## **Learn More About Wilton's Math Curriculum ~ Thursday, August 25, 7pm, WHS Little Theater**

As part of Wilton's commitment to continuing professional development, Dr. Yeap Ban Har, preeminent expert on Singapore Math, will conduct two days of workshops for K-12 teachers, and present an informative evening presentation for parents. A motivating speaker, Dr. Yeap will discuss mathematics teaching that emphasizes not just knowing how, but also knowing why. For more information, see <http://banhar.blogspot.com>, or email [wojciechowski@wiltonps.org](mailto:wojciechowski@wiltonps.org).

## **Guidance News**

Orientation time is once again in full swing. Cider Mill's School Counselors Lauren Buckley and Dawn Randall worked with 15 third grade students as they reflected on their first year at Cider Mill. The students each wrote about areas or characteristics that highlighted the similarities and differences from Miller Driscoll. Some of these topics included World Language, school store, buses, snacks in the Cafeteria, and field trips, etc. These enthusiastic students then escorted Mrs. Buckley, Ms. Randall, and Assistant Principal Mrs. O'Keefe to the second grade classrooms at Miller Driscoll on May 5 and 6 to share their experiences. The students worked hard preparing for their visits and enjoyed the opportunity to alleviate some of the second graders' concerns.

On May 27 and 31, second grade students visited Cider Mill. Forty-two fifth grade students trained to be tour guides. They shared their Cider Mill experiences with the second graders while showing them around the building. Each fifth grader had a tour schedule and about seven students.

The school counselors from Middlebrook visited Cider Mill on May 23 and spoke with each fifth grade class. Our fifth grade students are looking forward to touring Middlebrook on June 6 and June 8. We are so proud of all of the students who have been involved in our transition programs and wish the fifth graders a happy summer and lots of luck at Middlebrook or their next school!

## **Ongoing Cider Mill News**

### **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](#). There are additional photos here of items in the Lost and Found areas in Kent and Cannondale.

## **Bus Barn – Lost and Found Items**

Missing something? Check out the Bus Barn Blogspot at <http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com> for photos of items found on school buses. If you see something that might be yours, please contact Nicola Davies at [nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto:nicoladavies@outlook.com). To see Lost and Found items at the school, visit the [Cider Mill Parent Community](#) page on Facebook.

### **Community News**

#### **Wilton Youth Council's Programs Touch All Families – and All Schools**

We have lots of ideas about important topics for the next year, but need your input and support. If you are a parent who is concerned about the social and emotional health of our youth, we need you. Wilton Youth Council's board is most in need of a Class Projects coordinator as our lovely volunteer needs to step down after many years of service. We also need general help with marketing, fundraising, updating our website and press. Without parents like you, we can't run our programs. Please consider joining our board as we look ahead to the new academic year. Our final board meeting of the year is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Please email WYC chair at [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com).

#### **Parent Support Group (NAMI)**

Did you know that May is Mental Health Month? With the busy end of the school year, anticipated transitions for the fall, change in routine for the summer, or with college kids coming home - it's a stressful time for many and can really cause things to come to a head. Give yourself some support - somewhere to talk, listen and get ideas. Don't suffer alone. NAMI Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is 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 fourth Monday of every month and the next meeting is Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> (no meetings in July and August) from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com), or Vanessa 203 970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com).