

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – August 30, 2020

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

Important Dates

Wilton Schools - Remote Learning Only the Week of August 31st

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| Aug 31 | First Day of School & SHORTENED DAY (7:20am-11:55am) |
| Aug 31 | Day 1 |
| Sept 7 | NO SCHOOL (Labor Day) |
| Sept 8 | CM PTA Meeting, 10am, Virtual |
| Sept 10 | Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, see www.wiltonps.org for details |
| Sept 15 | Virtual Open House, 6-7pm |
| Sept 24 | Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, see www.wiltonps.org for details |
| Sept 28 | NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur) |

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to returning and new families to Cider Mill for the 2020-2021 school year. I know, and understand, that this has been a very challenging time for all of us. I have rewritten this message many times as I find it difficult to address the unprecedented events we are all experiencing. At Cider Mill we are very fortunate to have such a strong community of parent volunteers, staff, teachers and administrators who have been working tirelessly to ensure our students have a safe, positive and productive environment to begin the year in.

The mission of the Cider Mill PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by supporting and promoting our students' health, well-being, and educational success; working in close connection with Cider Mill's teachers and administration. The Cider Mill PTA works toward this goal by providing programs that enrich and enhance each child's educational experience at Cider Mill School, as well as providing educational programs for parents, teachers and the community.

We are asking for your support to help us make this a successful year:

1. Join the PTA using the MobileArq app – this gives you access to the school directory and membership to the PTA. MobileArq is in the process of being updated for the 2020/2021 school year. We will send out additional information on how to join once the update is complete.
2. Purchase Spiritwear with your child's house on the t-shirt that can be used for Spirit Days and Field Days. Information will follow shortly on how to order Spiritwear for your child.
3. Attend PTA meetings – a great way to get information about what is happening at Cider Mill and ask questions. Meetings are usually the 2nd Tuesdays of the month in the cafeteria. However, we will begin the year by holding our meetings virtually. Please be on the lookout for an email that includes a Zoom link a few days prior to the meeting. Our first meeting is September 8th at 10am.
4. Become a parent volunteer. We love our volunteers and are so thankful for the time, expertise and commitment that they offer to our school community. If interested in volunteering, please use the link provided to see the many opportunities still available <https://www.cidermillpta.org/volunteer>

Every 2 weeks, you will receive the Hot Cider newsletter from the PTA that will include a calendar, detailed information about upcoming PTA and school events, links for volunteer sign-up and community events. Please take the time to read this newsletter. We also encourage you to use our Cider Mill PTA website www.cidermillpta.org and the school's website www.wiltonps.org for school information. For more parent focused questions, please check out the Cider Mill Parent Community Facebook page.

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

Meghan Russo
CM PTA President

School News

VIRTUAL HELP DESK ~ Monday through Friday, 7:30am-5pm through end of September
Contact the [Virtual Help Desk](#)

PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP

Calling all volunteers. The positions listed below are the most urgent. Additional open positions can be found at the PTA website on the Volunteer tab, www.cidermillpta.org. If interested, contact Amanda Patania and Alex Frisbee at CMnominating@gmail.com.

- Co-President
- VP Membership
- 5th Grade Yearbook Committee
- Boxtops

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!

BIG, exciting change to Box Tops for Education this year! Box Tops has gone digital! This is a MUCH easier way to earn money for Cider Mill School! To donate box tops, follow the steps below.

1. Download the Box Top (BTFE) app on your smart phone
2. Buy products with the Box Top logo
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your store receipt
4. The app automatically gives Cider Mill credit for the participating products you purchased!

The app is really easy to use and it saves so much clipping and counting time. Any clipped Box Tops you have been saving may be turned into the Box Tops box in the main office. These will be counted and submitted "the old fashioned way." Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

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 SEPTA

Join us to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more! If you haven't yet registered or renewed your membership to SEPTA, please click here and join us today: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

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