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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 19, 2019

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

Important Dates

May 20	Day 2
May 20	Incoming 3rd Graders Parent Orientation, 7-8pm
May 21	5th grade Band Concert, Gym, 7-8pm
May 23	5th Grade Chorus/Cider Mill Singers/Orchestra/Advanced Strings, Gym, 7-8pm
May 27	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
May 30	3rd Grade Strings Concert All Houses, Gym, 7-8pm
May 31	Nod Hill 3rd Grade Closing House, 1:15-2pm
Jun 3	3rd Grade Field Day
Jun 3-7	CM Spring Book Fair, South Gym, 7:30am-4pm
Jun 4	4th Grade Field Day
Jun 5	5th Grade Field Day
Jun 6	Nod Hill 4th Grade Closing House, 8-9am
Jun 6	Kent 3rd Grade Closing House, 11:30am-12:30pm
Jun 7	Kent 4th Grade Closing House, 10:45-11:45am
Jun 10	Belden Hill 3rd Grade Closing House, 1:15-2pm
Jun 10	Cannondale 4th Grade Closing House, 1:15-2pm
Jun 11	Belden Hill 5th Grade Celebrations, 8-9am
Jun 11	Cannondale 5th Grade Celebrations, 9-10am
Jun 12	Kent 5th Grade Celebrations, 8-9am
Jun 12	Nod Hill 5th Grade Celebrations, 9-10am
Jun 12	Belden Hill 4th Grade Closing House, 10:30-11:30am
Jun 13	SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am)
Jun 13	Cannondale 3rd Grade Closing House, 8-9am
Jun 14	SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am)
Jun 17	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am)

Important Phone Numbers

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

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We had our last PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday May 14th and voted in our new Executive Board for next year. Thank you to those who have served this year on the Board and welcome to new faces for next year.

The Executive Board for CM PTA 2019-2020 is:

Co-President: Carolyn Lyon
Co-President: Meghan Russo
Vice President - Fundraising: Amanda Patania
Vice President - Membership: Julie Fowler
Secretary: Jennifer Lee
Treasurer: Manisha Patel
Parent-at-Large: Ritu Malik

We want to thank our Hospitality Committee, Sabeth Albert, Amanda Mitchell, and Lena Booth, for an awesome Staff Appreciation Week and for coordinating the donations and setting up the events for our staff.

Good luck to our 5th graders Trisha Prabhu and Preeti Vijay who are competing in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals this week. We hope you and the rest of your Middlebrook team have an amazing time.

Our Spring Book Fair starts the week of June 3rd, it'll be a great opportunity to stock up on some summer reading books.

You can buy your school supplies for next year via Edukit <https://www.edukitinc.com/schools/1717/Cider%20Mill%20School%20Wilton%20,%20CT>

The kits are delivered straight to your child's desk in time for Meet the Teacher. This is a PTA fundraiser and we appreciate your support.

We are looking forward to all of the end-of-year activities like Field Day, Closing Houses and 5th Grade Celebrations.

Carolyn Lyon and Amanda Patania
CM PTA Co-Presidents

School News

Field Days

Field Days are just around the corner! If you haven't already, mark your calendars as follows:

- June 3rd – 3rd Grade Field Day
- June 4th – 4th Grade Field Day
- June 5th – 5th Grade Field Day

Children should wear their CM Spiritwear T-shirts to their respective Field Day. If you need one, shirts can be ordered via the CM PTA website - <https://www.cidermillpta.org/spiritwear>. Children will also need to bring a water bottle (water bottles should be labeled with child's name).

Volunteers will be needed to support each of the Field Days. Be on the lookout for information on how to sign up.

Cider Mill Spring Book Fair

The Cider Mill Spring Book Fair is June 3rd - 7th from 7:30-4pm in the South Gym. We can't run the fair without the generous time of our volunteers. Please go to sign up Genius to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48aea92aa31-spring> Invite your friends to volunteer with you - make it fun and catch up! We need help with the initial set up and attendants throughout the event. Lots of time slots and opportunities to help.

Wilton United Summer Fun 2019 - Grades 3-5 (children who have completed Grades 3, 4, 5)

Come join us for some summer fun at Miller-Driscoll taught by WPS teachers. Try it out for a week or more. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Location: Miller-Driscoll School

Time: 9:30-12:30, Monday-Thursday

Cost: \$200/week *includes a Summer Fun t-shirt

Use this link to see what programs are being offered: https://docs.google.com/a/wiltonps.org/document/d/1KOPaIELhwOhsvdcVWXEhdAESuxQjS-kiZo6nqBOdDi/edit?usp=drive_web

We will miss you!

The end of School year is approaching and our district is already preparing for the coming School year. If you are planning on leaving the Wilton School district please email our School Secretary, Debbie Cowic, at cowicd@wiltonps.org by the end of June.

5th Grade Parents – Consider Middlebrook’s Project Adventure Next Year!

Interested in volunteering at Middlebrook next year? Project adventure is one of the few opportunities for parents to volunteer and help students literally reach new heights.

Project Adventure is part of Middlebrook’s physical education curriculum and offers students a chance to climb, swing, and belay on outdoor and indoor rope courses. Adults are needed to belay students and encourage them to face (and crush) rope course challenges. All volunteers are required to complete a belay training course and obtain certification (Rock Climb Fairfield works great). All volunteers must also complete the school required background check.

For more information please contact Renee Rafferty raffertyrenee@gmail.com or Margo Silvian margosilvian@me.com.

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.

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 ~ 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.

Community News

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN)

Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Do you ever feel like your child is harder to parent than other children? Do you worry about how your child's behavior effects the family? Do you think your child or family needs a therapist, but you don't know where to start? Ever wonder how others manage in similar situations? Are you married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? If you say yes to any of these -- 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 on May 20th from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton.

For more info, Beth at 203-984-0123, beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa at 203 970-4130, eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

The Wilton Education Foundation Get Smart Run for Education 5K

Come run for a great cause! The Get Smart for Wilton 5K presented by our community partners in support of the Wilton Education Foundation is scheduled for **Sunday, May 26th at 9:00 AM**. This family-friendly charity event is a chip-timed race on a USATF certified course and attracted runners of all levels, from elite racers to beginners, raising visibility and funds to support the Wilton Public Schools.

A fun, active way to kick off the spring holiday weekend, the event draws everyone from strollers to casual joggers, serious runners to marathoners, all excited be a part of this superb community-wide event. The energy at the race is palpable, as families, neighbors and classmates cheer one another on, enjoying the shared camaraderie.

The fundraiser's 5K route starts and ends at the Wilton High School track, featuring Cider Mill and Wilton High School prominently along the course. About 300 runners participate each year, making for a high-spirited and celebratory atmosphere. High school athletes join elite local runners, teachers, seniors, and moms and dads running with their kids and sometimes pushing jogging strollers, for the run.

Cash prizes are given to the top three male and female runners, and awards go to the top three runners in each division. Pre-registered participants receive a T-shirt. Runners of all ability levels are always welcome and proceeds from the race support enrichment opportunities for Wilton public school students.

For More information and to register, visit: <https://wiltoneducationfoundation.org/events-programs/get-smart-for-wilton-5k>

Wilton Children's Theater Summerstage Registration

Wilton Children's Theater 2019 Summerstage show is ANYTHING GOES! This summer production is open to rising 7th-10th graders, the program runs June 24th- July 12.

Visit our website at <http://www.wiltonchildrenstheater.org/> for information about registration. And be sure to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our events!

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