

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication
September 11, 2016

Important Dates

Sept 12	Day 5
Sept 12	Cannondale/Kent Open House, Special Areas 6:30-7pm, Gym, 7-8pm, Classrooms
Sept 13	Photo Day
Sept 13	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Sept 13	Belden Hill/Nod Hill Open House, Special Areas 6:30-7pm, Gym, 7-8pm, Classrooms
Sept 21	Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting, 9am and 7pm, Cafeteria
Sept 22	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Sept 28	Literacy/Math Night, 7pm, Cafeteria
Sept 29	Literacy/Math Day, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Oct 3	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)
Oct 10	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
Oct 11	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Oct 12	NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
Oct 13	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Oct 18	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Oct 19	Walkathon, Details to Come
Oct 20	PTA Meeting, 7pm, Wilton Library
Oct 27	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Oct 31	Halloween Parades, Details to Come

Important Phone Numbers

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Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome all to our first Hot Cider of the Year. Hot Cider is the PTA newsletter that keeps you informed about what's going on at Cider Mill School. It provides you with information, dates and links to everything you need to know. It is very important to me that all parents feel that they are connected to our school community. With that in mind, I hope you will visit our website www.cidermillpta.org, subscribe to our facebook group [Cider Mill Parent Community](#), and join the PTA! wilton.mobilearq.com. Our first PTA meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, September 13th. Here is a link to the meeting agenda http://media.wix.com/ugd/9e37ae_cedefff05312466c969c90d77ca28ba9.pdf and the 2016-2017 budget http://media.wix.com/ugd/9e37ae_204e82125f5e4a4c857da78bf32ccb19.pdf

So much work and organization goes on in the PTA before school resumes. I want to thank Jackie Couch & Jackie Shaw and all their School Supplies volunteers; Annemarie Aronowitz & Amanda Mitchell on Spiritwear; Jen Wulff on the directory; Lisa Finn on volunteer coordination, membership and back to school breakfast for the teachers; The room rep coordinators Meire Mouracade, Evelyn Drew and Lara Flannigan for organizing the PTA Room Reps for each teacher.

I am here to serve you all in my role as President. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me on any parent related issue or idea you have. See you next week at Open House!

Warmly, Nicola Davies PTA President

School News

Photo day ~ Tuesday, September 13!

There is still time to order a photo package. Go to mylifetouch.com and use school ID: EJ216004Q0 Select from many package options and earn discount points through "My Family Rewards" program. Miller Driscoll also uses Lifetouch so your purchases will combine for additional points! Prefer a paper order form? Ask your child's teacher to send one home on Monday. Have questions? Email Megan Morris at mcmeg.morris@gmail.com

Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting ~September 21st

The Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting will be held on September 21st at 9am and 7pm in the Cider Mill Cafeteria. This national competition fosters team work and creative thinking to solve problems. The meeting will provide parents with information on all aspects of this unique program. 2016-17 is Cider Mill's second year of participation, we will have a veteran coach in attendance who can talk to her experience in this program. Odyssey of the Mind needs parent volunteers to coach and co-coach this student led program. Visit www.ctom.org for more information about the program.

Join the Cider Mill PTA!

Cider Mill PTA is a powerful network of parents and teachers whose mission is to make 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 children's education. It shows that you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It isn't a commitment to volunteer for anything! It doesn't 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, getting to know your school and administrators, having a voice and being heard at the school and school 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, walk-a-thon, book fair, spirit wear, library volunteer, school supplies, Hot Cider newsletter, etc.

Membership sign-up 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 follow this link wilton.mobilearq.com, code is 'wilton'.

Cider Mill PTA Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to run the following committees. We warmly invite all parents to consider these positions, none require a time commitment during the working day. If you are interested in finding out more. Please contact Tara Snow tanda@optonline.net

5th Grade Fun Night

Seeking two or three 5th grade parents to co-chair fun event in February. The event is held on a Saturday evening at the Wilton YMCA. You will work with the YMCA to coordinate on a date; you will organize a schedule of events that the children rotate through (in previous years this has been swimming, ball games, crafts, magic show, photobooth, disco); provide snacks and recruit volunteers to help during the event.

Pizza & Paint Chair

Seeking one or two parents from any grade to work with art teacher Caroline Duggan to organize an evening of painting with refreshments. You will coordinate the purchasing of supplies, help with set up on the day, advertise the event in Hot Cider / Facebook and handle parent registration. This event began last year with an evening painting Van Gogh's Sunflowers.

Landscaping / School Beautification Committee

Seeking green fingered parents to form a committee that will manage and possibly develop the landscaping in front of the school (by the bus loop). This could be done during weekends.

Lost & 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 and 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 rewarding the CM PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell for assistance at amandaNmitchell@gmail.com

School Spiritwear

Show your school spirit! Please visit the CM PTA website at www.cidermillpta.org to order your school clothing. Students are encouraged to wear their Spiritwear clothing for various days & events during the year. Proceeds benefit the CM PTA.

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](#).

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/hotcider/ccjp>. Content may be edited at the discretion of the Hot Cider staff. In an effort to keep Hot Cider timely and concise, your article may be published only twice. Please consider publication dates carefully. Your understanding is appreciated. The next issue of Hot Cider will be published September 25, 2016. The deadline for submissions is September 20, 2016.