

Hot Cider

A Cider Mill PTA Publication

November 2, 2014

Important Dates

Nov. 3	Day 7
Nov. 4	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Nov. 7	Photo Retake Day
Nov. 13	Turkey Trot
Nov. 18	PTA Meeting, 9:15, Cafeteria
Nov. 18	Focus Group Meeting with Dr. Smith, 7pm
Nov. 20-26	Shortened Days (11:55a.m. dismissal)/ Parent Conferences
Nov. 20-25	Book Fair
Nov. 27-28	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

Volunteers Needed - Photocopying

Cider Mill teachers are looking for volunteers to help with photocopying. Please contact Lisa Smith at mksmith2@optonline.net if you can help. Thank you!

Photo Retake Day ~ Friday, November 7

Photo Retake Day is this Friday, November 7. If you are getting retakes, please send your child in with the original photos, to give to the photographer. For questions, please contact Shirin Dorne at dornafar@earthlink.net.

39th Annual Turkey Trot ~ Thursday, November 13

Cider Mill's Turkey Trot was started by then PE teacher Jim Cook in 1975! The goal was and is to help Wilton families in need during the holidays. The PE Department, with assistance from the PTA, continues this long tradition in which all students walk, run or jog for one half mile. Don't forget sneakers! Rain date is November 14. We are asking each student to voluntarily donate a minimum of \$2.00. Funds collected will purchase turkeys and gift cards for Wilton Social Services to distribute to families in December.

- Participation fee donation is optional (additional donations welcome).

- Please return donations to your child's teacher.

- Cash or checks, made payable to Cider Mill Activity Fund, will be accepted.

Fifth grade will run 8-8:45am, 3rd grade 9-9:45am, and 4th grade 10-10:45am. For a registration form, please visit the Virtual Backpack on Edline, under "For Parents."

Focus Group Meeting with Superintendent Smith ~ Tuesday, November 18, 7pm

As part of Dr. Smith's entry into the Wilton community, he will conduct focus groups with parents from each school building. The purpose of these focus groups is to gather your perceptions about our individual schools as well as the school district in general. If you are interested in participating from Cider Mill, please contact Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. Focus group sizes have been capped at 12. We will plan multiple focus groups at each building to accommodate all interested.

The Book Fair is Back! ~ Set-Up is Wednesday, November 19

The 2014 Book Fair is fast approaching. Proceeds will support reading programs at Cider Mill. Set-Up Day is November 19. Sale Days are November 20, 21, 24 and 25. We need volunteers! If you are interested, we've set up a website where you can sign up for hour long shifts – as many as you'd like:

- Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/client/invitation/293719f868aed62e7785eaa6ea27eae47a1e9d27/936505/false-%21936505/false/false>
- Enter your email address – You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot
- Sign up! Choose your spots – VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation, and reminders. Easy!
- Please note the addition of Friday, November 21 hours from 6-8pm, when we'll be running a scavenger hunt and other fun activities. Any questions? Please email Chandra Ring at cring226@hotmail.com or Ronni Sayewitz at keithandronni@yahoo.com.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Box Tops

Do you have a collection of Box Tops? Be sure to send them into school and place them in the bright blue drop-off box located in the main office. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them in, Cider Mill earns cash that can be used for anything the school needs. Look for Box Tops on thousands of products including Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Community News

2nd Annual WHS Fundraiser ~ Last Day to Order is Monday, November 3

Please support your WHS PTSA with our second annual ornament fundraiser. Show your Warrior pride with these custom made ornaments. Delivery will be just in time for the holidays. The last day for the order is November 3rd. Please click the link for further information: <http://goo.gl/uhN2SF>.

Special Education Transition Services Seminar ~ Wednesday, November 5, 10am-12pm, Wilton Library

The Parent Advisory Board of the Wilton Public Schools is hosting a seminar on transition services. Transition is the process of preparing your child for the move from secondary (or high school) education, to higher education, employment and independent living. If your child receives special education services, this seminar will provide valuable information for you and your child. Speaker Bill Bannish is an educational consultant specializing in transition services at SERC, the State Education Resource Center, www.ctserc.org. He has many years of experience in designing transition plans and consulting for a variety of organizations. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to PABWilton@gmail.com.

Wilton Youth Council/Parent Connection - Plug-In To Your Kids: A Calm, Connected Approach to Managing Media ~ Tuesday, November 11, 10-11:30am, Rimer Room, Wilton Library

Dr. Susan Bauerfeld will present "Plug-in to Your Kids: A Calm, Connected Approach to Managing Media." Most parents did not grow up in media saturated environments like we have today. This workshop will consist of: (1) an educational presentation about the neurobiological mechanisms underlying anxiety and how they adversely impact most parents' approach to media use and (2) time/tools for each participant to begin working on their own family media management plan. The focus will be on how to develop perspectives and skills that teach and model self-regulation as well as foster the development of effective media management strategies. No charge. Co-sponsored by Wilton Youth Council/Parent Connection and the Wilton Library. Registration strongly encouraged. Please register at <http://www.wiltonlibrary.org>.

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link:

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