

**Hot Cider**  
**A Cider Mill PTA Publication**  
**November 20, 2016**

**Important Dates**

<b>Nov 21</b>	Day 1
<b>Nov 21-23</b>	SHORTENED DAYS, Dismissal at 11:55am, Parent Teacher Conferences
<b>Nov 21-22</b>	Book Fair, 7am-3:30pm, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 21</b>	Book Fair, 6pm-8:30pm, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 24-25</b>	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holidays)
<b>Nov 29-Dec 9</b>	Giving Tree
<b>Dec 8</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30pm, WHS Professional Library
<b>Dec 9</b>	2 HOUR DELAY (Professional Learning Day)
<b>Dec 13</b>	PTA Teacher Holiday Brunch
<b>Dec 15</b>	Cider Mill Family Bingo Night
<b>Dec 23</b>	SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am (Holiday Recess)
<b>Dec 26 - Jan 2</b>	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)

**Important Phone Numbers**

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

**Note from the PTA President**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are in the middle of a great time to be a bibliophile at Cider Mill. Last week award winning author Lisa Graff was at school inspiring students with her stories. Thank you to Hillary Morrissy for re-imagining visiting author and turning it into something very memorable for the 5th Grade book club participants. The book fair continues on Monday and Tuesday this week, I want to draw your attention to our evening hours - 6pm to 8.30pm on Monday. This is a new time for this year and made possible because of the dedication of book fair co-chairs Amy Palma, Annemarie Arronowitz and Brooke Kalter and their army of volunteers! I wish everyone safe travels and a relaxing Thanksgiving. See you in December!

Warmly,  
Nicola Davies, PTA President

## School News

### **Cider Mill Book Fair ~ November 21-22, 7am-4:00pm, Cafeteria**

The Cider Mill PTA annual Book Fair is still going on November 21st -22nd. New this year will be an evening sale being held on Monday, November 21st, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with sale days. Please sign up to volunteer at the following link: <http://signup.com/go/nfGxoW>. Please contact Amy Palma at [amypalma@gmail.com](mailto:amypalma@gmail.com), Brooke Kalter at [brookekalter@gmail.com](mailto:brookekalter@gmail.com), or Annemarie Aronowitz at [annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **2016-17 National PTA Reflections Student Art Competition ~ November 17-January 6th**

This year's PTA Reflection Student Art Competition theme is "What Is Your Story?". This is a great opportunity for student artists to REFLECT on the theme – CREATE art – BE RECOGNIZED! Entries will be displayed at the Wilton Library in January. First place winners will move forward to the state level.

Students are encouraged to submit original pieces of art in one or more of the following categories:

Visual Arts  
Photography  
Dance Choreography  
Literature  
Film Production  
Musical Composition

For entry forms and rules, please visit the CT PTA Reflections website:

<http://www.ctpta.org/reflections-program>

Students can place their entries in the blue bin in the main office starting Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for submission is Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Jane Hamilton ([janehamilton15@mac.com](mailto:janehamilton15@mac.com)) or Emily Galligan ([emgrill@yahoo.com](mailto:emgrill@yahoo.com)).

### **Family Bingo Night – Thursday, December 15th**

Please join us for the first Cider-Mill Family Bingo Night on Thursday December 15th in the Cider-Mill Cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:30pm and games will begin promptly at 7pm.

Entrance fee is \$5 per person which includes admission fee plus game cards for nine rounds of Bingo. There will be additional game cards and refreshments available for purchase. All family members are welcome. This is not a drop-off event! To reserve your seats please follow this link to download the flyer: [http://media.wix.com/ugd/9e37ae\\_cd5607d24264475a9fc45a84289bf48f.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/9e37ae_cd5607d24264475a9fc45a84289bf48f.pdf). Please note cafeteria seating is limited – do not delay! We hope to see you there!

### **Junior Great Books ~ Sign-up By December 16th**

Reading is more fun when you do it with friends! Join a Junior Great Books book club! Junior Great Books is back, and registration has begun! This is a wonderful program for students who love to read at Cider Mill! It is an opportunity for your child to be part of a peer literature group and to read and discuss short stories from all over the world. It is for readers of all levels!

The program begins in January and groups meet once a week during your child's lunch and recess period (for about eight weeks). Although the program starts in January, registration is now! The registration form can be found at the following link: [https://www.edline.net/files/\\_WPLda\\_/51083da79b77296a3745a49013852ec4/jgb\\_Sign\\_up\\_final.pdf](https://www.edline.net/files/_WPLda_/51083da79b77296a3745a49013852ec4/jgb_Sign_up_final.pdf) The registration deadline is Friday December 16th.

Questions? For more information, contact:

Third Grade: Denise Worst - [deniseworst@yahoo.com](mailto:deniseworst@yahoo.com)

Fourth Grade: Annemarie Aronowitz - [annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com)

Fifth Grade: Lauren Gibbons - [slaterglassibbons@mac.com](mailto:slaterglassibbons@mac.com)

### **Buy Name Labels at Mabel's Labels**

Last year, over 300 sweatshirts, 100 winter hats, 50 pairs of gloves, 50 lunch boxes, and 10 winter jackets were left in our Lost Property areas at school. The overwhelming majority had no owner information marked in them. To raise funds and reduce this immense amount of loss, we have teamed up with Mabel's Labels to run a fundraiser. Mabel's Labels adhere to your child's clothing and will not come off in the wash. You will get your missing property back and Cider Mill will earn money! Please visit [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com). Click on 'Support a Fundraiser.' We are listed as Cider Mill School (Wilton). Cider Mill will receive a 20% donation based on the cost of your order. Thank you!

### **Shutterfly and Tiny Prints: Fundraiser for Cider Mill**

Holiday card season is almost here. If you chose to buy your cards through Shutterfly or Tiny Prints, Cider Mill will benefit by receiving 13% of your purchase. Please use this link: <http://cidermill.shutterflystorefront.com/>.

### **Ongoing Cider Mill News**

#### **Join the Cider Mill PTA!**

The Cider Mill PTA is a powerful network of parents and teachers whose mission is to make every 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 child's education. It shows you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It is not a commitment to volunteer for anything!

It does not 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, get to know your school and administrators, have a voice and be heard at the school and 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, Walkathon, Book Fair, Spiritwear, library volunteers, and the Hot Cider newsletter.

Membership signup 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 visit this link: <http://wilton.mobilearq.com> and use code 'wilton'.

### **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](#).

### **Lost and 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 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](mailto:amandaNmitchell@gmail.com).

### **School Spiritwear**

Show your school spirit! Please visit the Cider Mill PTA website at [www.cidermillpta.org](http://www.cidermillpta.org) to order your school clothing. Students are encouraged to wear their Spiritwear clothing for various days and events during the year. Proceeds benefit the Cider Mill PTA. Please contact Annemarie Aronowitz at [annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com) or Amanda Mitchell at [amandaNmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:amandaNmitchell@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Community News**

#### **NAMI CAN ~ November 28th and December 19th, 10am-11:30am**

Are you stressed about the upcoming holidays? Do you worry about needing to hide or explain your child's behavior to extended family and friends? Does the break in routine and hectic time cause behavioral changes in your child? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these

concerns. Our meetings are a place to speak freely and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. Our next meetings are Mondays November 28th and December 19th from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: 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)

**Privileged and Pressured: The Risks of Growing Up in an Affluent Community” with Dr. Suniya Luthar ~ Presentation Available Online**

Privileged and Pressured: The Risks of Growing Up in an Affluent Community” with Dr. Suniya Luthar was standing room only in the WHS Little Theater on October 21st. We are thrilled to be able to share Dr. Luthar's presentation slides. Please especially note the last few slides, which weren't covered in the talk, but may be helpful! Also, there have been many who have asked for follow up on the topics/concerns/issues raised in Luthar's presentation. Please know that we are working on a few different approaches and the first event will be held in January. Details available soon. Link to slides here:

[http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/VeF7Q/00ee5d1782829a263745a49013852ec4/Privileged\\_and\\_Pressured.pdf](http://www.wilton.k12.ct.us/files/VeF7Q/00ee5d1782829a263745a49013852ec4/Privileged_and_Pressured.pdf)

**Wilton Youth Council (WYC) ~ Upcoming Events**

Find us on Facebook or visit [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org).

**Submit News to Hot Cider**

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