

**Hot Cider**  
**A Cider Mill PTA Publication**

**March 12, 2017**

**Important Dates**

- Mar 13** Day 1  
**Mar 13** Coffee and Conversation with Superintendent, 1pm or 6pm, Middlebrook Media Center  
**Mar 14** PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria  
**Mar 15** TWO HOUR DELAY (Professional Learning)  
**Mar 23** Pizza and Paint Night, 6-8pm, Cider Mill Cafeteria  
**Apr 4** Third Grade Concert, Belden Hill and Kent, 7pm, Cafeteria  
**Apr 5** Third Grade Concert, Cannondale and Nod Hill, 7pm, Cafeteria  
**Apr 10-14** NO SCHOOL (Spring Recess)  
**Apr 19** PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria

**Important Phone Numbers**

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

**Note from the PTA President**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Well it seems winter isn't finished with us yet! For one last chance to get out of the house before the snowmageddon please join me tomorrow (Monday) at the Middlebrook Media Center to hear Superintendent Smith talk through this years Board of Education budget. Bring questions, suggestions and concerns with you. Daytime meeting will start at 1pm, evening meeting will start at 6pm.

Thank you to Kathy Jones for successfully running an amazing 5th grade fun night. I know the kids make lots of great memories on this night. I am so grateful for all the organization and time that so many volunteers put into making all of our events such fun.

Sending out warm thoughts of spring!

Warmly,

Nicola Davies, PTA President

### **School News**

#### **Soup-R-Salad Lunch Buffet for CM Staff - Tuesday, Mar 21, 2017**

To warm up the winter months, we'd like to do something special for the teachers and staff at Cider Mill! The PTA's Hospitality Committee will be hosting a soup and salad lunch buffet and we appreciate your help. We are looking for donations of your favorite soups, salads, drinks and treats - homemade or purchased.

Please follow link below to sign up. You can drop off items at school between 7am-10am or contact us to make arrangements for drop off the night before. Thank you in advance! We're hoping this new event is a hit! <http://signup.com/go/ugLeZf>

#### **Fifth Grade Yearbook! Sports Photos Needed**

If any 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents have photos of their children playing sports, please send them to [gradsof2024@yahoo.com](mailto:gradsof2024@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the yearbook.

#### **Join the Cider Mill PTA Board in 2017-2018!**

Below is a list of open positions for next year's Cider Mill PTA. So many fun and special positions are available and we are looking for volunteers. The PTA is a great way to get involved with the school and with other parents. Many of these programs will not happen if we are not able to find a volunteer. There are opportunities for everyone, no matter how much time you can volunteer. You can find descriptions of many of the roles at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/committee-descriptions> .

The role of President will be open next year. The best part of this role is that the only requirements are time and willingness to fulfill the role and make it your own. It is a great role for someone with an ability to work well with a wide range of people from volunteers to the Principal and Superintendent and a passion for working for the betterment of the school and its community.

Additionally, both the Vice President of Membership and Vice President of Fundraising will be open next year. Other roles that are open:

- 3rd grade Fun Night
- 3rd grade Field Day
- 3rd grade Great Books
- 3rd grade River Study

3rd grade Science Volunteer Coordinator  
3rd grade Room Rep Coordinator  
3rd grade World Language

4th grade Great Books

5th grade River Study  
5th grade Yearbook

Box Tops  
Webmaster  
Reflections  
Children's Enrichment  
Turkey Trot  
Marketing  
Volunteer coordinator

If you have any questions about any of the roles, please contact Tara Snow at [tanda@optonline.net](mailto:tanda@optonline.net) or at 203-563-0866.

### **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'.

### **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!

### **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**

#### **WILL YOU GO TO PROM WITH WEF?**

Why let the kids have all the fun? The Wilton Education Foundation is throwing a Prom...for grown-ups! Ask your steady to be your date, and get out your best prom dresses and tuxedos (retro or modern) on Friday, March 24, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Rolling Hills Country Club. There will be dinner, dancing, a live auction, and lots more fun at an incredible night to remember.

This gala fundraiser will benefit the Wilton Public Schools' Library Learning Commons

Initiative, an effort to completely transform both the physical spaces in the schools where learning is delivered as well as the way students will learn. The ambitious, district-wide project represents a philosophical transformation in the way students will be prepared to harness new technology, learn collaboratively and arm themselves with 21st century skills.

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit the WEF website [www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org).

### **NAMI CAN ~ March 27th at 10am**

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have personal experience with these concerns. Speak freely and be understood. Parents come from Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. Next meeting is Monday, March 27th at 10am at the G&B Cultural Center in Georgetown. For info, contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) or Vanessa at [EliasVanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:EliasVanessa5@gmail.com), or text 203-970-4130. You can also visit <http://www.namisouthwestct.com>.

### **Does your child have a 504 plan? Do you want to learn more about 504s?**

Attorney Bett Gailor from Connecticut Legal Services will give a talk, 504 and Your Child, on Thursday March 30th from 10 AM to 12 noon at Wilton Library Association. If interested, please RSVP at [PABWilton@gmail.com](mailto:PABWilton@gmail.com).

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

Find us on Facebook or visit [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org). We are very pleased to announce that we have launched our new and improved Wilton Youth Council website! We hope you will find it to be helpful in finding out more about our programs, as well as providing you with resources. Check it out at [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org)! Our February WYC Newsletter contains all the events you might be interested in - be sure to sign up if you don't receive it in your inbox: <http://conta.cc/2lvqV6R>.

### **Submit News to Hot Cider**

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at [connbates@gmail.com](mailto:connbates@gmail.com), Clarissa Cannavino at [clarissacannavino@yahoo.com](mailto:clarissacannavino@yahoo.com) and Nicola Davies at [nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto: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 March 26, 2017. The deadline for submissions is March 21, 2017.