

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – October 10, 2022

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

### Important Dates

<b>Oct 10</b>	Columbus Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>Oct 11</b>	Professional Learning – <b>No School</b>
<b>Oct 18</b>	PTA Meeting – 9:15 am
<b>Oct 25</b>	CM Literacy and Math Night – 6.30 pm
<b>Oct 31</b>	CM Halloween Parades - <b>CN &amp; NH</b> (8.45 – 9.00 am) <b>KT &amp; BH</b> (9.30-9.45 am)
<b>Nov 04</b>	Cider Mill Spirit Day
<b>Nov 08</b>	Professional Learning – <b>No School</b>
<b>Nov 09</b>	Photo Retake Day
<b>Nov 15</b>	PTA Meeting – 9:15 am
<b>Nov 17-22</b>	Shortened School Days – 12:00 pm Dismissal
<b>Nov 23-25</b>	Thanksgiving Recess – <b>No School</b>

### From The PTA Presidents

**Dear Cider Mill students and guardians,**

October has gotten off to an amazing start with lots to report on!

School picture day was a great success, with lots of happy smiles for the cameras! A big thank you to **Olga Zargos Traub** and her volunteers for their amazing help that day. If you did not order photos yet, you will receive a printed proof with an order code when all school photos are distributed. We have not received the printed school photos yet. Photo retakes will take place on **November 9**.

**MobileArq Next** is here and ready for you to join! Simply download the new app, **MobileArq Next**, and create your account. All proceeds go into the PTA to fund the wonderful events that are put on for both teachers and students.

Under the leadership of our Fundraising Chair, **Alexis Murphy**, the **Cider Mill Walkathon** was a big success with students making their rounds outside the school to the cheers of parents and onlookers! We raised 78% of our goal with a portion of the funds going to Ronald McDonald House, as voted on by the students!

Donations can still be made for the walkathon at <https://bit.ly/CMWalk2022>

If you drop off or pick up you may have noticed the wonderful games placed on the blacktops by EduMarkings. Complete with Snakes and Ladders, a throwing dart circle and more, our children and those years to come will be provided with recess fun!

A big thank you to all that have supported these wonderful events as well as the work we do! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or comments at [michelleAkrupa@gmail.com](mailto:michelleAkrupa@gmail.com) and [giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com).

Melissa Reynolds and Michelle Krupa CM PTA Co-Presidents

### Helpful Links

#### Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)

CM School

Handbook: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th\\_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit)

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNGLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9dolNY/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/wps\\_covid\\_protocols\\_2022-23\\_school\\_opening.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf)

WPS Back to School Website: [https://www.wiltonps.org/342738\\_2](https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2)

WPS Back to School

Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/revised\\_2022-23\\_district\\_calendar\\_472022.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf)

CM Interactive Calendar: [https://www.wiltonps.org/576928\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3)

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: [https://wiltonps.org/338734\\_2](https://wiltonps.org/338734_2)

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: [https://www.wiltonps.org/575955\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3)

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: [https://wiltonps.org/595543\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/595543_3)

Schoology Information: [https://wiltonps.org/576129\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/576129_3)

Special Bus Assignments: [https://wiltonps.org/579910\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/579910_3)

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

## School News

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### PTA Membership

PTA membership has opened! Joining is a great way to support your child and enhance their school experience. Please consider becoming a member!

Why join the PTA?

The PTA...

- creates a community
- provides important school and community information
- hosts fun, educational programs, and events
- raises money to support the needs of our school community
- allows us to advocate for what's best for our kids, families, and school
- facilitates connections through our family directory

Download the new **MobileArq Next** app to join!

Don't forget the PTA is always looking for great ideas and volunteers. Join us at our next meeting on **October 18 at 9:15 am!**

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## Wilton Special Education PTA

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, news, and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.
- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

## Community News

### Wilton Go Green - Green Speaker Series

#### Entangled and Ingested: Combating Plastic Pollution through Art

Saturday, November 5th, 2022

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Optional Community Sewing: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Wilton Library

Dr. Katharine Owens will share how she uses the arts to communicate about the pervasive problem of plastic pollution. A researcher and artist, Dr. Owens has spent the last year and a half creating a series of forty-six life-sized portraits of animals harmed by marine debris. She creates most of the pieces herself by hand sewing film plastic onto canvas, but the largest pieces (including three life-sized whales) are being co-created with the public.

After the presentation you can choose to stay and put your sewing skills to work and help stitch one of Dr. Owen's pieces.

[REGISTER with the Wilton Library to attend](#)

#### ABOUT DR KAT OWENS:

[Dr. Katharine Owens](#) is a Professor in the Department of Politics, Economics, and International Studies and Director of the University Interdisciplinary Studies program at the University of Hartford. Her work has been supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Stevens Initiative, the National Geographic Society, the Fulbright Nehru program, and the Connecticut Office of the Arts. She is an interdisciplinary scholar who seeks to merge science, policy, and the arts.

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## Wilton Land Trust

The Wilton Land Trust is full of great fall fun!

### [WLCT Fall Programs](#)

#### 1. Stewardship Sunday Series (volunteer opportunity)

This Sunday, Oct. 02, at 1:30 PM - planting native wildflowers in a meadow

Link: <http://www.wiltonlandtrust.org/2022-fall-stewardship-sundays/>

#### 2. eBird Birding Workshop:

Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7:30am

Link: <http://www.wiltonlandtrust.org/ebird-workshop/>

#### 3. Poetry in the Preserve:

Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2:00pm

Link: <http://www.wiltonlandtrust.org/poetry-in-the-preserve-1/>

**4. Books and a Blanket: Halloween!!!**

Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10:00am

Link: <http://www.wiltonlandtrust.org/books-and-a-blanket-oct-2022/>

**5. Sunset Lantern Walk**

Sunday, Nov 06, at 4:00pm

Link: <http://www.wiltonlandtrust.org/sunset-lantern-walk/>

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**WOODCOCK NATURE CENTER**

**Where the Wild Things Run 5K & Kids Fun Run**

**Sunday, October 16**

Kids Fun Run at 9:30 am and 5K at 10 am

Runners, hikers, and walkers of all ages welcome! For several decades this event has highlighted Woodcock’s nearly 5 miles of publicly accessible trails and raised money for the center’s educational programs. The 5K is 90% trail with a mix of groomed trails, rugged trails and narrow bridges and boardwalks. A shorter 1K Kids Fun Run geared towards ages 6 and up is guided by a Woodcock team member. The race ends in a Woodcock-style, post-race party with live music, food, fun, and the not-to-be-missed annual Woodcock live turtle race!

\$40 per 5K participant. \$25 per Fun Run racer.

Learn more at [woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K](http://woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K)

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**MUSIC ON THE HILL**

Music on the Hill’s after school music programs for kids are now open for registration!

Community Children's Chorus is open to all children in grades 3 through 8 who love to sing! Singers will sing music from a variety of genres and cultures to build music reading and singing skills, such as vocal production and breath support, all while building confidence and having fun!

Chorus meets Wednesdays, September 14 - December 14, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. A performance schedule will be available later in the season.

Music EXPLO is open to all children in grades 1 through 5 who love to make music! In Music EXPLO, children will learn West African drumming while building rhythm skills, teamwork, and cooperation! A love of singing is not required for this class where children will learn about music, culture, and geography in a fun and supportive environment with other music-loving kids.

Music EXPLO meets Thursdays, September 15 – November 17, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

All classes meet at Music on the Hill, 531 Danbury Road, in Wilton.

These programs are offered without tuition charge! Families are asked to join with a \$35 family membership, if able. For more information and to register, visit <https://musiconthehillCT.org> . These programs sponsored in part by Fairfield County Bank.

<https://musiconthehillCT.org/music-for-kids>

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## **NAMI-CAN WILTON**

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-Covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling.

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.

Our meetings are held virtually over zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. For more information contact: Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com)

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

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