

## Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication May 17, 2015

### Important Dates

May 18	TechNEXT, 5:30-7:30pm, Wilton High School Little Theater
May 18	Online Ordering Starts for Next Year's School Supplies
May 19	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus/ Orchestra/ Cider Mill Singers/ Advanced Strings Performance, 7pm, Gym
May 20	Mindset Meeting, 6-7pm, Cider Mill Library *RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 19
May 21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Performance, 7pm, Gym
May 25	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
May 27	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Strings Performance, 7pm, Gym
June 1	Moving Up/Celebrations for Belden Hill/Kent 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
June 2	Moving Up/Celebrations for Cannondale/Nod Hill 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders
June 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 10	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 12-16	Shortened Day Schedule: School dismisses at 11:55am
June 16	Last Day of School

### Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us)  
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381  
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

### School News

#### **TechNEXT: Tech Expo 6.0 Rebooted ~ Monday, May 18, 5:30-7:30pm, Wilton High School Little Theater**

Parents across all grades are invited to TechNEXT. The evening is a celebration of advanced technology in use by teachers and students at school and at home. Previously known as TechEXPO, this year's event has adopted a new format to deliver on-stage TED-style live presentations. Wilton students, teachers and parents will participate with videos, skits, music and demonstrations. "This is a celebration and a demonstration of forward-looking uses of technology in the community," stated Mathew Hepfer, Director of Technology for Wilton Public Schools.

#### **Order School Supplies Now to be Ready in the Fall! ~ Ordering Period: May 18 - June 21**

Again this year, Cider Mill will be using the convenient services of SchoolKidz and their Teacher-Tailored back to school supply kit program. Why fight long lines trying to find every single requested item on your child's supply list? Let us do the shopping for you! Orders are ONLY accepted online. To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

- Go to [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com)
- Enter the account number: 83508
- Choose the appropriate grade level kit – REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
- Enter your child's first name and last name
- Add to cart; confirm your order and checkout
- Find your child's kit in the classroom on Meet the Teacher Day in August

You may check out without an account by entering your email address only. Please be sure to keep your receipt as proof of purchase. Questions? Contact Jackie Shaw at [jackielshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:jackielshaw@hotmail.com).

### **Parent/Principal Book Study: Mindset ~ May 20, 6-7pm, Cider Mill Library**

This is the third of three meetings about Carol Dweck's book *Mindset*. This meeting was originally scheduled for May 19 but has been rescheduled to May 20. *Mindset* has shifted the way many parents and teachers think about ability and achievement, and the way we speak to our young learners. It explores and challenges our ideas around talent, success, praise, self-esteem, and productivity. Please find additional information on Carol Dweck's

website: <http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/index.html>. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Michele Kelly at [kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us).

### **For 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Celebrations ~ Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2**

*Celebrations* is an hour-long ceremony celebrating our students through the eyes of our guidance counselors, our PE, Art, Music, World Language and Library Media teachers. It is filled with videos, pictures and music as we share the creativity and wonderful achievements of our students. The last part of the ceremony is our *Moving Up*. Fifth graders receive certificates of achievement and shake the hands of all homeroom teachers they have had along the way. It is a lovely opportunity to be honored with the applause of their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade housemates and their teachers. This year we are trying something new by inviting 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to join us for *Celebrations* as well as *Closing House* in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Due to the gymnasium occupancy, we are limited to three tickets per family, which will be sent home within the next week. If you cannot use the tickets, please return them to the school office so we can redistribute them if needed. We hope you can join us at the following times as we say *adieu* to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students *Moving Up* to Middlebrook School:

- **Belden Hill 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Monday, June 1, 8:30 – 9:30am *Celebrations* in the Main Gym with Closing House to follow in classrooms until 10:15am
- **Kent 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Monday, June 1, 12:15pm Closing House in the classrooms with *Celebrations* from 1-2pm in the Main Gym

- **Cannondale 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tuesday, June 2, 8:30 – 9:30am *Celebrations* in the Main Gym with Closing House to follow in classrooms until 10:15am
- **Nod Hill 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tuesday, June 2, 12:15pm Closing House in the classrooms with *Celebrations* from 1-2pm in the Main Gym

**Field Days: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ June 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ June 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ~ June 8, 8am - 12pm**

They did it! Come help our students celebrate finishing another (or their first) great year at Cider Mill. It's one of the most fun days of the year – your child's Field Day. Each grade has its own day when the students get outside and play games (including the ever popular Tug of War) on the football field at the high school, rejoicing in the start of summer and each other's company! We need parents to run the games, and if we have enough volunteers, we will also have parents leading the students from game to game. Rain dates are: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade June 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade June 11, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade June 9.

For 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, please contact Leigh Heffernan ([llarson351@aol.com](mailto:llarson351@aol.com)) to volunteer. For 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, look for an email from your room rep this week for volunteer opportunities. It is a really happy day, a few hour commitment, and a great chance to see your child and friends having fun at school.

**Interested in Being Involved in the Cider Mill PTA Next Year?**

We have great opportunities for you if you would like to be involved in the Cider Mill PTA next year. The PTA encompasses many different areas of the children's experience, education, social, and arts involvement. Following are programs in need of people to run them: Junior Great Books (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science Coordinator, Reflections Arts Program, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night, Lost and Found, and PTA Treasurer.

We have program chairs from this year whose children are moving to Middlebrook, but who can train you so the transition is easy. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Sarah Beach ([sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com](mailto:sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com)) or Nicola Davies ([nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto:nicoladavies@outlook.com)). Many thanks!

**Current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Get Involved at Middlebrook!**

The Middlebrook PTA is looking for enthusiastic parents for next year's PTA! Open positions are: Secretary, Parent at Large, Book Fair Co-Chair (one co-chair is already assigned), Directory Sales, Hospitality, Fundraising, Reflections, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social (two co-chairs needed), 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night (two co-chairs needed), Team Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and Weekly Messenger/Website. For job descriptions and more information, please contact Laurie Maggio at [laurie.maggio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurie.maggio@sbcglobal.net) and/or Kristin Fasano at [kristinfasano@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinfasano@yahoo.com).

**Notify Cider Mill if Your Child is Leaving the Wilton School District**

If your child will be leaving the District at the end of the school year, please contact Debbie Cowic at [cowicd@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:cowicd@wilton.k12.ct.us) to fill out a withdrawal form.

### **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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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!"

### **Community News**

#### **Warrior Spirit Wear Fundraiser for Class of 2017 and Class of 2018**

Help support the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 and get your Warrior spirit wear now! These classic tops are perfect for summer and a great way to show your Warrior pride at the end of the school year! You can use this link to access the order form <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sIPaX6wGDIdrUrw-CkrvzSJaCSMxpRFoQbxW0d77Mo/pub>. Sales for the gear will start May 5, 2015 and end on May 22, 2015. You can email your forms directly to [wiltonclassof17@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonclassof17@gmail.com) or have your student drop them off in the main office. Pick up will be May 30, 2015 from 10am until 2pm at the high school. Go Warriors!

#### **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](mailto:connbates@gmail.com), Clarissa Cannavino at [clarissacannavino@yahoo.com](mailto:clarissacannavino@yahoo.com), and Lisa Smith at [mlsmith2@optonline.net](mailto:mlsmith2@optonline.net). For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: [http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider\\_Mill\\_School/7518483491238890706/Cider\\_Mill\\_PTA/Hot\\_Cider\\_Current\\_Issues](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues).

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