

**Hot Cider**  
**A Cider Mill PTA Publication**  
**November 6, 2016**

**Important Dates**

<b>Nov 7-8</b>	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Days)
<b>Nov 9</b>	Turkey Trot, 3rd Grade 7:50am-8:20am; 4th Grade 8:30am-9:10am; 5th Grade 9:10am-9:40am, Parents Welcome to Cheer on the Kids!
<b>Nov 9</b>	Parent Meeting: The New K-5 Progress Reports, 7pm, Cider Mill
<b>Nov 10</b>	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
<b>Nov 11</b>	Veteran's Day Remembrance Assemblies
<b>Nov 15</b>	PTA Meeting 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 17</b>	Book Fair, 10am-3:30pm, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 17-23</b>	SHORTENED DAYS, Dismissal at 11:55am, Parent Teacher Conferences
<b>Nov 18-22</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 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,

Last week the 3rd graders enjoyed a native american assembly, sponsored by the PTA and presented by Clint Chartier. The children were spellbound by his stories and his collection of animal pelts! Excitement is building for the upcoming author visit from Lisa Graff. The PTA held our first ever 5th Grade book club to coincide with her visit. Thank you Hillary Morrissey, Amy Palma and Brooke Kalter for bringing such a brilliant idea to our school. Visiting author is entirely funded by the PTA and made possible by the generosity of our parents.

Finally I want to draw you attention to a presentation on Wednesday evening which is covering changes to progress reports. Both the content and timing of report cards is changing. Progress reports will be sent home in January, not November ahead of conferences as in previous years. To learn more about the changes I urge you to attend Wednesday's evening meeting at Cider Mill, or our next PTA meeting on November 15th. The presentation will be led by the Humanities and Math/Science coordinators.

Warmly,  
Nicola Davies, PTA President

### **School News**

#### **41st Annual Turkey Trot ~ Wednesday, November 9**

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 to wear sneakers and dress warmly! 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. The rain date is November 10. Participation donation fee is optional (additional donations welcome). Please return donations to your child's teacher. The Turkey Trot form can be found in the Virtual Backpack on Edline. Cash or checks, made payable to Cider Mill Activity Fund, will be accepted.

#### **Cider Mill Book Fair ~ November 17-22, 7am-3:30pm, Cafeteria**

The Cider Mill PTA will be holding its annual Book Fair this November 17th -22nd with a set-up day on November 16th. 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 set-up day along with our four 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)).

### **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 [amandaNmittchell@gmail.com](mailto:amandaNmittchell@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.

### **Community News**

#### **Wilton Fire and Police Departments to Hold Election Day Open House for Children with Special Needs ~ November 8th, 1pm-2:30pm**

Wilton's Fire and Police Departments are holding an open house, sponsored by the Parent's Advisory Board (PAB), for children with special needs on Tuesday November 8 between 1 and 2:30 PM. The purpose of this event is to introduce the town's first responders to the children in a calm, safe and fun environment and to enhance understanding of emergency response among the children themselves. Interested parents should 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).

### **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 November 20, 2016. The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2016.