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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – April 25, 2021

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

Important Dates

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| Apr 26 | Day 1 |
| Apr 28 | MB PTA Spiritwear Store Closes at 9pm, See From the PTA President for details |
| Apr 30 | Rocks Due to School for Kindness Rocks Program |
| May 6 | PTA Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge, 6:30pm, See From the PTA President for details |
| May 31 | NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day) |
| Jun 10 | SHORTENED DAY |
| Jun 11 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND SHORTENED DAY |

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

On Friday, April 16th at 7pm the CM PTA hosted a virtual Trivia Night by local company Rock, Paper and Scissors. Families had great fun playing along together. Congratulations to the Scanlon family on being the trivia night winners, and thank you to everyone who supported the event. Special thank you to Amanda Patania for organizing the event!

The Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee is looking forward to Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 3-7). In previous years the committee has held a Bagged Lunch event and Luncheon for our wonderful Teachers and Staff, and Cider Mill families usually generously provide these lunches and luncheon items. However, given the situation this year, and the fact that we are still unable to accept food donations from families, we have to adjust accordingly. We are hoping to host celebratory and special events throughout the week, including food truck appearances and delicious treats for our teachers and staff. To make these memorable experiences happen the PTA is reaching out to Cider Mill families to request monetary contributions. Any money collected will be allocated to Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week events, as the Hospitality budget does not cover the cost. We greatly appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of our parent community! If you have questions please contact Sabeth Albert at sab16@optonline.net Please click on the following link to donate: <https://www.cidermillpta.org/teacherstaffappreciation>

The CM PTA has been working with Ms. Bird and the Art Department to roll out the Kindness Rock Program. Students will be painting rocks during art class. Once the rocks are painted the student will have an opportunity to do an act of kindness with their rocks. Please have your student collect 1 or 2 rocks to paint, they should be around the size of the palm of your hand. Please have them washed, stored in a sandwich baggie and brought into school prior to April 30th.

On Thursday, May 6th at 6:30pm the CM PTA will be hosting a virtual Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge. One of our amazing parents, Jennifer Scanlan, will be hosting this super fun explosion cake challenge. Jen will be walking you through the steps while you attempt to "Nail It!" in your own kitchen. Please see flyer for the event, as well as the signup. Space will be limited to 50 families, sign up today! [Cider Mill Nailed It May 2021.pdf](#) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4BACA92EA1F58-cmptaspring>

As our 5th graders prepare for their transition to Middlebrook the MB PTA is offering 5th grade families the opportunity to check out the Middlebrook PTA Spiritwear sale, in collaboration with Signature Style at <http://www.signaturestyleshop.com/mbs/> Store is open until Wednesday, April 28th at 9pm! Get your gear today!

The PTA is beginning to look towards next year. Many of our Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs will be leaving CM in the Fall, which requires us to fill many open positions. A few of these positions include Fundraising, Parent at Large and Hospitality. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, President at meghan.russo13@gmail.com, Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair amanda_Patania@yahoo.com and/or Alex Frisbee, Nominating Chair alex.frisbee.pta@gmail.com

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 10am via Zoom.

Thank you for your continued support! Please reach out if you have any questions or comments at meghan.russo13@gmail.com.

Meghan Russo
CM PTA President

School News

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ~ OPEN POSITIONS

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources Coordinator Erika Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

Ongoing School News

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS!

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students.

Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbgqRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The PTA has 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.

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

CIDER MILL SCHOOL (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

To participate: Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

To earn points:

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2019-2020 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

BOX TOPS HAVE GONE DIGITAL!

No more clipping Box Tops! Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production. The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

3 easy steps...

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.

3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS

With the start of school, we'd also like to send a Zero Waste quick refresher for all, it's YES to using reusable containers, bags, silverware, and ice packs; purchasing bulk snacks to sort into reusable containers, packing realistic portions and taking home uneaten food (or compost!) It's AVOID disposable paper or plastic bags; Individually-packaged snacks; non-reusable food wrap; disposable ice packs, utensils, or drink containers (juice boxes or pouches); and plastic straws.

Community News

True Warriors Challenger baseball is back!

Any individual with an intellectual or physical challenge can participate.

Player sign up: <https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170731&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

Buddy signup: <https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170732&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

Lend a helping hand to The Turnover Shop!

Did you know that our most generous donor is a local nonprofit - The Turnover Shop?

They have provided long-standing support for our PTA's and other local organizations. Operating costs have increased during covid and they were shut down for several months. They need our help more than ever. **Please help those that helped us!**

Volunteer: Regular commitment of one or two WEEKDAY am (10-1) or afternoon (1-4) shifts a month (Ex. Third Friday a, of every month).

Donate: Items and Clothing.

Shop: Its hidden treasures.

Spread the word: About this fabulous wilton treasure!

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Join us! Support our families, students and staff! Open positions for next year include President, Secretary and Committee Chairs!

We are excited to present new programs coming early this Spring 2021: (details to follow)

For students:

[Sensory Integration Art Experience Classes](#), free for SEPTA member families

[Social Hangouts](#), Cooperative Play Groups, Facilitated by trained BCBA's from the Hangout Spot, free for SEPTA member families

April's Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Month Committee needs Volunteers!

Join us to find out more: Two ways to Join here! Mobile App to join all PTA's and Paypal link to join SEPTA only <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>

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 OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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