

## Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication March 8, 2015

### Important Dates

Mar. 9	Day 5
Mar. 10	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, CM Library, Budget Presentation by Dr. Kevin Smith
Mar. 13	"Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-Grader?," 7pm, Clune Center
Mar. 18	DELAYED OPENING – School day starts at 9:40am (Professional Development)
Mar. 18	Parent/Principal Book Study – <i>Mind Set</i> , 6:30pm, CM Library
Mar. 19	Wilton Math Standards and the CT Core, 10:30am, Trackside
Mar. 21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night, 8-10pm, YMCA – <b>NEW DATE!</b>
Mar. 31	Deadline to turn in box tops to win no-homework night
April 3	NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
April 7	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
April 7	3rd Grade South Concert - 7pm, Gym
April 8	3rd Grade North Concert – 7pm, Gym
April 13-17	NO SCHOOL (Spring Vacation)

### Important Phone Numbers

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### School News

#### **Dr. Kevin Smith - Budget Presentation ~ Tuesday, March 10, 9:15am, Cider Mill Library**

Superintendent Smith will present the [2015-2016 Proposed Education Budget](#) at the PTA meeting on March 10. This month it is in the library, not the cafeteria. Please come see the presentation; Dr. Smith will be happy to answer your questions.

#### **Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader? ~ Friday, March 13, 7pm, Clune Center**

The Wilton Education Foundation's much anticipated 5<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser overtakes the Clune Center at Wilton High School! Based on the hit TV series, the spirited game show puts Wilton's brightest 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Cider Mill on stage to help local celebrity contestants answer questions derived from the school's challenging curriculum. For the first time, this year we will be having "the battle of the schools." Celebs taking the stage this year include Miller Driscoll Assistant Principal Jeremy Cross, Cider Mill Principal Jennifer Mitchell, Middlebrook Principal

Maria Coleman, and Superintendent Dr. Kevin Smith. They'll be joined by quizmaster emcees, Miller-Driscoll teachers Sal Giaimo and Bryan Ennis. Participating 5<sup>th</sup> graders are:

*Nod Hill:*

Jessica Wu, Rhea Raghavan, Samhita Kakarlapudi, Ava Sexton

*Kent:*

Avery Baumel, Matt Tabet, Dylan Koziol, Sophia Hemschot

*Belden Hill:*

Emily Johnson, Caroline Blessing, Tyler Moody, Abby Morris

*Cannondale:*

Anjo Therattil, Natasha Ring, Michael Soojian, Ria Raniwala

Reserved seating is available at \$25 per seat. General admission is \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door and are on sale now online at [www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org). This event traditionally sells out so get your tickets soon!

**Parent/Principal Book Study: *Mind Set* ~ Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-8pm, Cider Mill Library**

Please join the Cider Mill School Community as we kick off our professional book study on Carol Dweck's book, *Mind Set*. This book has shifted the way many parents and teachers think about ability and achievement, and the way we speak to our young learners. We will begin with a talk from Dr. Susan Bauerfield, who will introduce us to the concept of *Mind Set*, which explores and challenges our ideas around talent, success, praise, self-esteem, and productivity.

Participants will need access to the book and be willing to collaborate with others at two additional times – once virtually (the week of April 20), and again on Tuesday, May 19 from 5:45-6:45 for a face-to-face meeting. We will also have an optional virtual collaboration, for those who can't attend, on May 19. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Michele Kelly at [kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us). Please find additional information about the book on Carol Dweck's website: <http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/index.html>.

**Wilton Math Standards and the CT Core ~ Thursday, March 19, 10:30am, Trackside**

Please join us at Trackside to hear Assistant Superintendent Dr. Chuck Smith discuss math curriculum and how Wilton schools K-12 meet the CT Core math standards.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night Rescheduled! ~ Saturday, March 21, 8-10pm, YMCA**

Due to the snow, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night has been rescheduled to March 21. If your child would like to attend, please email Student Name, House, Teacher, Emergency Number, and Swimming Y/N to [5thgradefunnight@gmail.com](mailto:5thgradefunnight@gmail.com). If you already RSVP'd for the original event on February 21, you only need to RSVP a name and reference that we already have the info.

The cost for Fun Night is \$5 (pay at the door). \*\*Your child must be registered to attend.\*\* The kids will enjoy an evening filled with activities: basketball, matball, dance party, magic shows, swimming, crafts and photobooth! This event is not possible without the help of parents. Please help make it a success. Register to help at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0549afa72daaf49-5thgrade>.

### **The Race is On! Which Classes will Win No-Homework Nights? ~ Deadline Tuesday, March 31**

The Box Tops for Education program will give Cider Mill ten cents for each box top we turn in – that’s an unrestricted gift to our school for the needs of our students! From now until March 31, each student should bring in as many box tops as possible from participating products, such as Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Box tops will be collected in classrooms.

On April 1, the class from each house that has the most box tops will win a no-homework night! See <http://www.boxtops4education.com> for the full list of participating products, and start clipping those box tops!

### **Do You Have Photos FROM KENT from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day 2014?**

The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures from last year’s Fourth Grade Field Day – ESPECIALLY FROM KENT. We need photos from Kent or cannot include the event in the yearbook. Do you have some you could contribute? Please email Nicola Davies at [nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto:nicoladavies@outlook.com) to find out how.

### **Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed**

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. Ninety-minute shifts are available weekly or biweekly, and training is provided. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Deb DeFeo at [debra.defeo@gmail.com](mailto:debra.defeo@gmail.com).

### **News from Guidance**

Helping Hands, Cider Mill’s new Student Leadership Team, has been busy! There are 19 students from all grades and houses who are working hard with an Adult Team to promote a more positive school climate. The students have come together to create a video, a banner, and posters. They also created their own charter and will be helping to look at data, which comes out of a voluntary survey taken in March by students, parents, and faculty. We are hoping to get the survey results back in late March/early April; part of the team will then present the data to the faculty. Smaller projects will be created to make Cider Mill a more positive learning environment for all and the team will be asking other students to contribute their time, talents, and ideas. Cider Mill is working with the Center for School Climate and Learning. Please let School Counselor Dawn Randall know if you have any questions (x 4257 or [randalld@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:randalld@wilton.k12.ct.us)).

## Ongoing Cider Mill News

### **Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale**

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days in May. Be prepared by buying your shirt now. Please plan ahead - we currently have full stock on hand, but if we sell out of an item, it will take up to six weeks for your order to be fulfilled. The order form can be found at [http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider\\_Mill\\_School/7518483491238890706/Cider\\_Mill\\_PTA/Spiritwear](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear). We also still have a limited amount of vintage Cider Mill Spiritwear - Gray Heather Hoodies (YXL) and Pink Hoodies (YXL). All items \$10. See photo [here](#), or view it under "Spiritwear" in PTA section of Edline. Contact Jamie Lee at [jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **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, 5th 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

### **504 & Your Child ~ Wednesday, March 11, 10am -12pm, Wilton Library**

Attorney Bett Gailor, from Connecticut Legal Services, will explain the parameters of a 504 and the services your child could receive under a 504 plan. Free seminar. Please RSVP to [pabwilton@gmail.com](mailto:pabwilton@gmail.com). Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Board: Special Services and 504.

### **Wilton High School Flip Flop Fundraiser ~ Deadline to order is Thursday, March 12**

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!!! Is the cold weather getting to you? Are you ready for spring? Back by popular demand, the WHS PTSA is once again selling flip-flops and slides. Orders will be ready for pick up around the second week of May. All profits support your PTSA. Click this link to print out an order form and get further details. Thank you! <http://goo.gl/8QtBQN>

### **Parent Connection - Parenting Book Series ~ Tuesday, March 24, 10:30am-12pm, Wilton Library Rimer Room**

Wilton Youth Council's Parent Connection and Wilton Library are partnering with psychologist and Wilton mom, Dr. Susan Bauerfeld, to sponsor a parenting book discussion series. The Parenting Book Series was established to help parents sift through the avalanche of advice that exists in the world of parenting books. Dr. Bauerfeld will present an overview of a parenting book chosen for its soundness and relevance to the community. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. Reading the book is not required but is encouraged and

will likely enhance the discussion. The last session remaining in the series is on March 24 and will be hosted by the Wilton Library in the Rimer Room from 10:30 am–12:00 pm. The book being discussed is: *Mindful Parenting: Simple and Powerful Solutions for Raising Creative, Engaged, Happy Kids in Today's Hectic World* by Kristen Race, Ph.D. Admission is free and reservations are recommended. Please register at [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org).

**How to Raise Kids Who Do the Right Thing ~ Wednesday, April 1, 7pm, Greens Farms Academy Choral Room, 35 Beachside Avenue, Westport**

As part of the Eyes Wide Open Speaker Series, “How to Raise Kids Who Do the Right Thing” will be presented by the Greens Farms Academy Parents’ Association and is open to the public. Dr. Michele Borba will talk to parents about developing skills that can help their child learn to say no, solve problems more amicably, think before acting, and consider the needs of others. For more information and to RSVP, visit [gfacademy.org/eyeswideopen](http://gfacademy.org/eyeswideopen).

**Wilton Community Activities**

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

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