

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - January 15th, 2018

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

Important Dates

Jan 15	Cider Mill's Got Talent Videos Due
Jan 16	Day 1
Jan 23	4th Grade North Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 7pm-8pm
Jan 24	4th Grade South Chorus & Orchestra Concert, 7pm-8pm
Jan 24	Wilton Youth Council Event (<i>information below</i>)
Jan 26	3rd Grade Fun Night, 7pm-8:30pm (<i>snow date Feb 2</i>)
Jan 31	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/CM Singers/Advanced Strings Concert, 7pm-8.30pm (<i>please note: this event was previously scheduled for Jan 30th</i>)
Feb 1	5th Grade Band Concert -7pm
Feb 2	Dress Like a Rockstar Day- Reading Rocks! pledges Due
Feb 7	5th Grade Band Performance
Feb 9	4th Grade Fun Night, 7pm-8.30pm
Feb 13	PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9.15am-10.45am
Feb 16	February Recess
Feb 19	NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)

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

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry to the Reflections event. The competition winners are displayed in the Wilton Library and definitely worth going to see. A huge thanks to Jane Hamilton and Laura Coutant for their dedication that made this a success.

Third grade parents, if you haven't signed up your child for Fun Night please do so soon! Lots of fun events are planned and your children are sure to have a great time.

There are a few Board of Education meetings coming up to discuss the budget. These are worth attending/watching.

- Thursday, January 18, 7pm BOE Regular Meeting/Superintendent Presents Budget
- Thursday, January 25, 7pm, Middlebrook Auditorium, Open Public Hearing
- Thursday, February 22, 7pm, BOE Regular Meeting/Final Discussion and Approval of Budget
- Monday, March 26, Time and Place TBD, BOE/BOF Public Hearing

Reading Rocks forms are still being collected, send them in and get your kids reading!

Amanda Patania & Annemarie Aronowitz
PTA Co-Presidents

School News

Join The PTA

Please join the Cider Mill PTA! Over 300 families and teachers have joined the PTA so far this year. Thank you for your support! And, while we would love for you to get involved, you do not have to volunteer! Your membership and donation dollars fund valuable programs at Cider Mill, including: Visiting Author, 5th Grade Year Book, Field Days, Student Enrichment Programs, Fun Nights, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Gifts and Grants, Hospitality, Book Fair, Reflections, and many more.

PLUS, when you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our online directory!

Visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you're feeling generous!

(Please add support@mobilearq.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link).

Reading Rocks!

Wilton Education Foundation's (WEF's) very successful "Reading Rocks!" program is back for its 7th year! "Reading Rocks!" is a fun, non-competitive Read-A-Thon fundraiser for students in Pre-K to 5th grades. Over the six years of this event, "Reading Rocks!" has raised more than \$240,000 for our Wilton Public Schools!!! This year, with your support, we hope to attain 100% student participation. Not only does this program help students celebrate literacy, but there are great prizes too, including an iPad*, Kindle Fires and more!! *win an iPad or a gift card of equivalent value to the Apple Store. For questions please contact Kiki Cross at kcross106@gmail.com or Jen Carvajal at jencarv@hotmail.com.

Reading Rocks! reading period is from February 3rd till February 17th.

Many thanks to the Stroup family for generously sponsoring "Reading Rocks!"

5th Grade Art Project

Cider Mill Art Department requests families to send in newspapers for a 5th grade paper mache art project. Newspapers can be dropped off outside of the art rooms in the recycled items boxes.

Cider Mill Reflections Finalists

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2017-2018 Reflections Competition. We received many wonderful entries and were very impressed with the students' creative interpretations of this year's theme, "Within Reach." We would like to congratulate all the students on their submissions and extend special congratulations to the finalists listed below. The first place entries will be sent on to the State Competition in the coming weeks.

All Cider Mill photography and visual arts entries, along with those from the other Wilton Schools, are currently on display in the Children's Room at the Library until Wednesday, January 17th. We encourage all Cider Mill students to view the display and support their fellow students.

Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's Reflections Competition and best of luck to the students continuing on to the State Competition. We look forward many more imaginative entries next year!

Jane Hamilton and Laurie Coutant

PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1- Sanjana Ganti, The Spectacular Sunset
- 2- Sahana Bhagavatula, The Bright Side
- 3- Shruti Kothandaraman, Shoot for the Fruit

VISUAL ARTS

- 1- Noah van den Heuvel, Within Reach of Friends
- 2- Lia Friedman, Kaleidoscope

3- Anshika Saagi, Saving the Earth is Within our Reach

LITERATURE

1- Mick Hamilton, From Then to Now to Beyond

2- Sadie Kreter, Harper

3- Scarlett DiCamillo, The Talent Show

MUSIC

1- Eddie Musser, Dreams Within Reach

2- Enzo Calo, Relaxing Bunny

Ongoing School News

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](#)

Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill

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.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Volunteer at the Cider Mill Library Learning Commons!

The Cider Mill Library is in need of volunteers to help fill in vacancies in our volunteer schedule. The shifts are an hour and a half every other week or weekly. The volunteers are very valuable to keep the library functioning smoothly by check out books to students. If you are interested in volunteering, Please contact Jen Fila at jennfila5@gmail.com or Jackie Couch at jackie.couch13@gmail.com for more information.

Community News

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Over-parenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success

TED TALK SCREENING - Wednesday, January 24, 2018

10:00-11:30 a.m. @ Weston Library

Registration recommended - www.westonpubliclibrary.org, click on Calendar

7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Wilton Library

Registration recommended - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

Appropriate for Parents of Children of all ages.

By loading kids with high expectations and micromanaging their lives at every turn, parents aren't actually helping. Join us to view Julie Lythcott-Haims' thought-provoking **TED Talk** on parental expectations and unconditional love. The video will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Tracey Masella, LCSW, of Silver Hill Hospital. Tracey will help us understand how to stop over-parenting and help our children develop resilience. We

will discuss how to create a safe and effective family frame in which children learn to manage their lives effectively.

BOOK DISCUSSION - Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wilton Library, Rimer Room

Registration required - Registration is now open - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334.

Minimum 15 registrants required for each session.

Appropriate for Parents of Children of all ages.

Ellen Brezovsky, LCSW, of Silver Hill Hospital will facilitate a **book discussion**. In *How to Raise an Adult* Julie Lythcott-Haims draws on research, on conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and on her own insights as a mother and as a student dean to highlight the ways in which over-parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. Lythcott-Haims offers practical alternative strategies that underline the importance of allowing children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and inner determination necessary for success.

Wilton Youth Council promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. **Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org** for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at sumapiyer@gmail.com.

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