

HOT CIDER
CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – October 10, 2021

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

Important Dates

- Oct 11** NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
- Oct 12** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Professional Development)
- Oct 19** PTA Meeting – 9:15 to 10:15 am
- Oct 21** BOE Meeting (7:00 PM)
- Oct 29** Halloween Parades, Schedules TBA
- Nov 2** PD Day – No School
- Nov 4** BOE Meeting (7:00 PM)
- Nov 5** CM Spirit Day! Wear house colors

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

I want to thank all the Cider Mill families for supporting our 12th annual Walkathon. We raised **\$13,285** for this year's programming and events for the kids, families, and staff at Cider Mill!

We will also be making a donation to the kids' elected cause, the **Wildlife Conservation Society!** We are still about \$1,700 short of our fundraising goal for the year, so if you would still like to support our programming and donate to our fundraiser, please use this link: <http://bit.ly/CMWalkathon>.

I also wanted to give a huge shout out to **Alexis Murphy** for chairing the Walkathon and making it a big success! And also a big thank you to the team of volunteers who helped on the big day as well! Hopefully all the children had fun walking with their classmates and celebrating our school - there is nothing quite like fog machines, bubble-makers, blasting music, and a little dancing at 8 a.m. to make a school day a little more fun!

I would like to say thank you to our amazing administration and staff for not only going along with the craziness, but believing in us and our mission. I know I say it often, but we truly have the best families and staff here at Cider Mill!

Finally, thank you to **Melissa Prusak** for working with Lifetouch and our administration to coordinate Photo Day for the kids and staff! And thank you to our parent volunteers as well! Retakes will be offered on **November 17th**.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com.

Michelle Krupa

CM PTA President

School News

New Cider Mill Spiritwear on sale now!

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](http://cidermillpta.com)

Buy your newly designed Spiritwear! Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, field days and more. Get one before they sell out.

Please remember to include your child's name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

Also, watch out soon for a flash one-day sale with new products.

BoxTops for Education

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

3 easy steps to get started

- 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.

Online shopping or Curbside Pick up? Just forward your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

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

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are sending out a HUGE plea to all family members interested in becoming a recess/lunch monitor. The hours are 10:30-1:30daily. We would greatly appreciate the support as we are currently 4 monitors short to start the year. If you have interest or questions, please email Jeremy Cross at crossj@wiltonps.org.

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Wilton Special Education PTA - We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts, and grants program and more! Please access our membership through the MobileArq system. Each school in the district has its own registration. SEPTA will be an additional option provided when you join any of the other schools' PTAs. Contact us directly at wiltonsepta@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved and like our [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

SEPTA Board and School Representatives for the 2021-2022:

Cider Mill- Rosalie Witt - rwitt17@gmail.com

MS. PRESIDENT US PROGRAM

Girls entering grades 4-8 are invited to enroll in the Ms. President US program.

Ms President US, a non-partisan, non-profit civics, and leadership program, motivates and prepares girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and know that they can achieve them. By introducing the girls to students and women who are leaders in their community, state, and on a national level, participants learn about the political process. The girls then have a chance to interact with the

leaders and engage in activities that help them develop their own leadership skills. Each session is facilitated by high school girls who serve as mentors throughout the program.

Session topics include:

- Civic Leadership / Public Service
- Meet & Greet Local, State, and Federal Leaders
- Women’s History and Leadership
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Communications & Media
- State Capitol Visit

The program culminates in a campaign and election whereby participants have the opportunity to create their own campaign (or work on another participant's campaign) and run for Ms President US of Wilton. The sessions will be held either in person or via Zoom (depending upon health and safety guidelines) from 4:15pm-5:45pm on 8 Fridays between October and March. In addition, there is a field trip to the State Capitol, and an Election.

To enroll or learn more, visit <https://www.mspressidentus.org>. Enrollment fee for the program is \$250 and ***scholarships are available***. Space is limited. Enrolled Girl Scouts can earn several patches and badges for participation in the Ms. President US program.

Advance thanks,
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Community News

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. Get all the details at www.wiltonyouth.org and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

Improve Your Academics!

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

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

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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