

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication December 14, 2014

Important Dates

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| Dec. 15 | Day 1 |
| Dec. 23 | Shortened Day (11:55am dismissal) |
| Dec. 24-Jan. 4 | No School (Holiday break) |
| Jan. 5 | School Resumes |
| Jan. 13 | PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria |
| Jan. 16 | 4 th Grade Fun Night, details below |
| Jan. 19 | No School, MLK Jr. Day |
| Jan. 30 | 3 rd Grade Fun Night, details to come |

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381 x8333
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

4th Grade Fun Night!

Fourth Grade Fun Night is Friday, January 16th from 7-9pm. Drop your child off for a fun night of activities. To register, email Janine Sullivan at janinesull@gmail.com with your child's first and last name, teacher, and an emergency contact number. Registration deadline is January 12th. Cider Mill parent volunteers are needed! Please indicate on your email if you would like to help.

The 2014-2015 PTA Reflections contest is underway!

The theme this year is "The World Would be a Better Place If..." All talented writers, musicians, dancers, artists and photographers from our schools have the opportunity to compete for state level judging. This is a fantastic way for young artists to gain recognition! Look for posters on bulletin boards around school and the blue project collection bin outside the main office. The submission period is from December 15th - January 7th. For more information, rules and an entry form, visit <http://www.ctpta.org/News/Reflections-Documents.html>. Any questions? Contact: Kathie Mandel, kathmandel@gmail.com.

Junior Great Books

Reading is more fun when you do it with friends! Join a Junior Great Books club! Junior Great Books is back and registration for the program has begun. This is an opportunity for your child to be a part of a book group and discuss literature from all over the world. Groups begin in January and meet once a week during your

child's lunch and recess period (for about eight weeks). Check the school's virtual backpack on edline for the registration form. Please mail your form and \$20 to your grade level contact (mailing address on form). The registration deadline is Friday, December 19th.

Questions? Contact:

3rd grade: Lauren Gibbons, slaterglass@mac.com

4th grade: Lorien Saumier, lsaumier@yahoo.com

5th grade: Haylee Shipman, hayship@gmail.com

Cider Mill Spiritwear

The holidays are coming up and Cider Mill Spiritwear is a great gift! Our flannel pants and hoodies are especially comfy for lounging around during the holidays. And don't forget, every student will want their house t-shirt for Field Day in the spring. Don't wait! 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)

Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Fun Nights, 5th Grade Apple Core Yearbook, Summer Reads Books, Hot Cider Newsletter, Book Swap, Turkey Trot, School Store, River Study and Children's Enrichment Performances 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!"

Box Tops

Do you have a collection of Box Tops? Be sure to send them into school and place them in the bright blue drop-off box located in the main office. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them in, Cider Mill earns cash that can be used for anything the school needs. Look for Box Tops on thousands of products including Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Community News

Wilton Education Foundation gifts made easy...

HONOR AN EDUCATOR

This holiday season take the opportunity to let an educator know they have made a difference in your student's life. To acknowledge Wilton public school's exceptional instructors, the Wilton Education Foundation is delighted to promote the "Honor an Educator" program. Make a donation in honor of an outstanding educator to

commend their innovation, inspiration and excellence, and WEF will present them with a certificate of recognition.

What better way to express your appreciation for our amazing educators? Better still, all proceeds are gifted back to Wilton public schools. To obtain additional details or to nominate an educator to receive the award, please contact the program chair, Debby Rowland at dtrowland@aol.com

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Create a lasting impression for someone special by purchasing a personalized brick in support of the Wilton Education Foundation (WEF). The next time you enter a Wilton Public School, look down. You will see a custom brick walkway adorned with personalized bricks honoring our students, teachers, coaches, teams, clubs, alumni, family members and special groups in our community. You are invited to be a part of this project by contributing an engraved brick, which will remain a permanent part of the Wilton schools.

Funds raised from the sale of engraved bricks will be utilized by WEF to support district-wide projects specifically, technology projects, professional development scholarships, and funds to enhance arts and music in the Wilton Public Schools. For more information please contact the program chair, Kate Filaski at katefilaski@gmail.com

Wilton Youth Council/Parent Connection~Parenting Book Series

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. In each session, 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.

There are two sessions remaining in the series: January 13th and March 24th. Both discussions will be hosted by the Wilton Library in the Rimer Room from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. The book for January 13th is *It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens* by Danah Boyd.

Admission is free and reservations are recommended. Please register at www.wiltonlibrary.org.

Wilton Community Activities

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

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link:

[http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider Mill School/7518483491238890706/Cider Mill PTA/Hot Cider Current Issues.](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues)

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