

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication October 5, 2014

Important Dates

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| Oct. 6 | Day 5 |
| Oct. 7 | PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria |
| Oct. 8 | All School Walkathon |
| Oct. 13 | NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day) |
| Oct. 14 | NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day) |
| Oct. 15 | Literacy Night, 7pm |
| Oct. 16 | Literacy Day, 9:15am |
| Oct. 22-24 | Book Swap |
| Oct. 22 | Math Night, 7pm |
| Oct. 23 | Math Day, 9:15am |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween Parades, see below for times by grade |
| Nov. 3 | Photo Retake Day |
| Nov. 4 | NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day) |
| Nov. 13 | Turkey Trot, details coming in November |
| Nov. 18 | PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria |
| Nov. 20-26 | Shortened Days, Dismissal at 11:55am |
| Nov. 27-28 | NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break) |

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

Book Swap

Book swap books will be collected at the north side and south side drop-offs from 7-7:45am on October 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Book Swap will be held on Friday, October 24th from 4-5pm in the upper cafeteria. Books should be in good condition and appropriate for Cider Mill age children. Board books will not be accepted.

Halloween Parades ~ Friday, October 31, Bus Circle

Halloween parades will take place at the bus circle on the following schedule:

- 3rd Grade – 10:15 to 10:45am
- 4th Grade – 11:20 to 11:50am
- 5th Grade – 12:30-1:00pm

Details will be coming from your teacher closer to the end of October.

Box Tops

Welcome back to school. Do you have a collection of Box Tops you gathered all summer? 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. We are looking forward to Cider Mill's Box Tops program being a huge success!

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

Your PTA membership supports such programs as Gifts and Grants for teachers, Fun Nights for students, the 5th Grade Yearbook, and student directories. In order for the PTA to continue supporting teachers and students, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

PTA Volunteers Needed

Events sponsored by the Cider Mill PTA enrich our children's education each year. These activities are made possible through the many volunteer hours parents generously donate. Whether you are a new or returning parent, volunteering is a great way to become involved in your child's school life as well as a fun way to meet new friends. The PTA needs your help, please take a moment to volunteer this year! Visit this link and scroll to the bottom to find the PTA Volunteer Form: http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA

Community News

Parent Advisory Board's Parents' Night Out ~ Friday, October 17th

Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshments while you meet and socialize with other parents of children with special needs and 504 plans in the Wilton School district. Find out about the Parent Advisory Board's exciting initiatives for the coming year. Please reply by October 13th if you plan to attend at PABWilton@gmail.com.

Top Inclusion Models

The Top Inclusion Models ("T.I.M."), a high school club, works together to promote the inclusion of ALL students in our schools and community. Club members attend seminars by professionals on topics such as acceptance, empathy, and disability-related topics. Members then act as role models to younger students, teaching them by example to accept and embrace human differences. The T.I.M. club members attend PTA and school-sponsored events such as fun/activity nights and other activities to help include all students. Additionally, parents may arrange in advance

to have a T.I.M. member buddy up with their child during an event. If you would like to take advantage of this valuable resource or would like more information please contact Francesca Monro at fmonro27@gmail.com.

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.

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