

## Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication September 13, 2015

### Important Dates

<b>Sept. 14</b>	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)
<b>Sept. 15</b>	Day 4
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Deadline for returning your Walkathon form for free t-shirt
<b>Sept. 23</b>	NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Open House ~ Belden and Nod Hill, 7:30pm SPED in Library, 7pm/Special Area Teachers in Gym, 7pm
<b>Oct. 5</b>	Open House ~ Cannondale and Ken, 7:30 pm SPED in Library, 7pm/Special Area Teachers in Gym, 7pm
<b>Oct. 7</b>	Walkathon
<b>Oct. 12</b>	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
<b>Oct. 13</b>	NO SCHOOL (Staff Development Day)
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Literacy Night, Parent Meeting, 7pm
<b>Oct. 15</b>	Literacy Day, Parent Meeting, 9:15am
<b>Oct. 20</b>	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Oct. 21</b>	Math Night, Parent Meeting, 7pm
<b>Oct. 22</b>	Math Day, Parent Meeting, 9:15am
<b>Oct. 30</b>	Halloween Parades, Times TBD

### Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us)

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381 x8333

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

### A Note from the PTA President

Welcome all to our first Hot Cider of the Year. Hot Cider will keep you informed about what's going on at Cider Mill School. We will provide you with information, dates and links to everything you need to know. It is very important to me that all parents feel that they are connected to our school community. With that in mind, I hope you will visit our website frequently ([cidermillpta.org](http://cidermillpta.org)), subscribe to our facebook group (Cider Mill Parent Community), and join the PTA! Our first PTA meeting happened this past Tuesday. Thank you to all those who were able to attend! Draft minutes are on our website for all to read at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!agendas-and-minutes/cx7q>. I am excited about the year ahead. I am here to serve you all in my role as President. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me on any parent related issue or idea you have.

Warmly,

Nicola Davies

PTA President

## School News

### Visiting Author ~ This Week

The PTA sponsored Visiting Author Program is taking place this week. Tony Abbott, author of the Secrets of Droon and many other children's novels, will be our Author in residence on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. The children will be listening to his inspiring and informative presentation during the school day. Books will be available to purchase during lunchtime in the cafeteria. Mr. Abbott will sign any book purchased. The following titles are available:

Battle Begins (Underworld Series #1): \$4.99

Firegirl \$7.00

Secrets of Droon #1: \$4.99

Lunchbox Dream (only 20 available): \$9.99

Copernicus Legacy- Forbidden Stone #1: \$6.99

Parents are welcome to attend the presentations which will take place in the Library media center. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday	8:10am-9:10am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Kent
	9:30am-10:30am	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Kent & Belden Hill
	12:15pm-1:15pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Kent & Cannondale
Thursday	8:10am-9:10am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Belden Hill
	9:30am-10:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nod Hill
	12:15pm-1:15pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Nod Hill
Friday	8:10am-9:10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nod Hill & Cannondale
	9:30am-10:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cannondale
	12:15pm-1:15pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Belden Hill

### Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. Shifts are 90 minutes long and there are weekly and biweekly shifts available. If you are interested in signing up, or would like more information, please email Deb DeFeo at [debradefeo@gmail.com](mailto:debradefeo@gmail.com).

### Walkathon ~ Calling All Parents and Cider Mill Children, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

After School on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> we will be making the Walkathon class banners with the art teachers. You do not need to be arty to help out. Meet in the Cafeteria on either day at 1:45pm and help paint the Walkathon banner for your classroom. Children will be dismissed to the Cafeteria at 2pm. Please email Marilyn Garvin at [marilynjarvin@gmail.com](mailto:marilynjarvin@gmail.com) and let her know your classroom teacher and which day you can attend.

We also still need chaperones for the day of the event, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:45am-9:45am. Contact [Gretchen Jeanes](mailto:gfeyd@gmail.com) at [gfeyd@gmail.com](mailto:gfeyd@gmail.com) for more information. Please let her know which class you would like to chaperone for the walk.

## **PTA ~ Open Committee Chair Positions**

The PTA still needs Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs for the following Committees:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Great Books: Each January for eight weeks, interested students participate in a book club. Students read assigned books and then meet during lunch to discuss and exchange their ideas. As Committee Chair you are recruiting other parent volunteers and ensuring they are trained and ready to lead discussions in their own small groups.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade World Languages: Committee Chairs liaise with our four language teachers throughout the year to ensure that their volunteer requirements are met. Language teachers run fun events featuring a food component and Chairs need to recruit volunteers to help serve up food during these events.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night: 4th Grade Dad, Chris Jeanes, has stepped up, but he needs a co-chair to help out. Fun Nights are just that - lots of fun. It is a great reward to see all your hard work in organizing teams, games and parent volunteers in the faces of happy children. This event takes place in February.

To find out more information, or to volunteer to Chair one of these Committees, please contact Tara Snow at [tanda@optonline.net](mailto:tanda@optonline.net).

## **Odyssey of the Mind ~ Team Forming**

Cider Mill is registering to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind Competition this year. This national competition fosters team work and creative thinking to solve problems. An evening meeting will be held soon to provide parents with more information. The date and time are TBD. Visit [www.ctom.org](http://www.ctom.org) for more information about the program.

## **Ongoing Cider Mill News**

### **Bus Barn – Lost and Found Items**

Missing something? Check out the Bus Barn Blogspot at <http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com> for photos of items found on school buses. If you see something that might be yours, please contact Nicola Davies at [nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto:nicoladavies@outlook.com).

## **Box Tops**

Remember to clip your Box Tops! We are collecting Box Tops again this year and the collection box is located in the office. We will be running another Box Top competition soon!

## **Community News**

### **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](mailto:connbates@gmail.com), Clarissa Cannavino at [clarissacannavino@yahoo.com](mailto:clarissacannavino@yahoo.com) and Nicola Davies at

[nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto:nicoladavies@outlook.com). For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/hotcider/ccjp>.

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