

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication October 19, 2014

Important Dates

Oct. 20	Day 5
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. 4	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Nov. 7	Photo Retake 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

Photo Retake Day

Photo retake day is November 7, 2014. Please note the date in the last Hot Cider was incorrect. More details to come in November.

Focus Group Meeting with Superintendent Dr. Kevin Smith ~ Wednesday, November 12, 7pm

A message from Dr. Kevin Smith:

As part of my entry into the Wilton community, I would like to conduct focus groups with parents from each school building. The purpose of these focus groups is to gather your perceptions about our individual schools as well as the school district in general. I have asked each of our PTA presidents to facilitate the scheduling of these meetings. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. Focus group sizes have been capped at 12. We will plan multiple focus groups at each building to accommodate all interested.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Smith

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. Please contact Ginna Yerrall at gmdar@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Halloween Parades ~ Friday, October 31st, 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

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.

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!"

Community News

2nd Annual WHS Fundraiser

Please support your WHS PTSA with our second annual ornament fundraiser. Show your Warrior pride with these custom made ornaments. Delivery will be just in time for the holidays. The last day for the order is November 3rd. Please click the link for further information. <http://goo.gl/uhN2SF>

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](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues).

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