

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication

October 9, 2016

Important Dates

Oct 10	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
Oct 11	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Oct 12	NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
Oct 13	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Oct 18	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Oct 19	Walkathon, 7:45am, Wilton High School Track
Oct 20	PTA Meeting, 7pm, Wilton Library
Oct 27	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Oct 31	Halloween Parades, 3 rd Grade – 9:30-9:45am, 4 th Grade – 10:00-10:15am, 5 th Grade – 10:30-10:45am, Bus Loop Circle
Nov 7	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Nov 8	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Nov 10	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Remembrance Assemblies

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,
We are looking forward to our 7th annual Walkathon on October 19th. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Walkathon so far. We are currently at over 70% participation. Nod Hill have the highest participation rate of the four houses, can anyone catch them up to win no homework night for their house? It's not too late to send in your pledge form, see below for further details.

There is a new face in the front office. Karen Fallon joined the Cider Mill family this last week, be sure to say hello as she passes you your ID sticker when you enter school.

Our next PTA meeting will be held twice - as well as the regular daytime meeting, we are trialing an evening meeting in the Rimmer Room at Wilton Library on Thursday October

20th. All are welcome to attend to find out more about how the PTA supports Cider Mill School.

Warmly,

Nicola Davies, PTA President

School News

Cider Mill Walkathon ~ October 19, 7:45am, Wilton High School Track

On October 19, our 7th Annual Walkathon will take place on the High School track. All Cider Mill students will walk, dance and sing their way around the track four times. Pledge forms went home for parents to pledge money in support of the Walkathon, with all monies going to support your child's PTA. Additional copies of the pledge form can be downloaded from our PTA website, www.cidermillpta.org. *The deadline has been extended – if you turn in your form by October 14, you will receive a free t-shirt!*

Buy Name Labels at Mabel's Labels

Last year, over 300 sweatshirts, 100 winter hats, 50 pairs of gloves, 50 lunch boxes, and 10 winter jackets were left in our Lost Property areas at school. The overwhelming majority had no owner information marked in them. To raise funds and reduce this immense amount of loss, we have teamed up with Mabel's Labels to run a fundraiser. Mabel's Labels adhere to your child's clothing and will not come off in the wash. You will get your missing property back and Cider Mill will earn money! Please visit www.mabelslabels.com. Click on 'Support a Fundraiser.' We are listed as Cider Mill School (Wilton). Cider Mill will receive a 20% donation based on the cost of your order. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed for Landscaping/ School Beautification Committee

We are seeking volunteers to run the Landscaping/School Beautification Committee. Seeking green-fingered parents to form a committee that will manage and possibly develop the landscaping in front of the school (by the bus loop). This could be done over weekends. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net.

Cider Mill Library Learning Commons ~ Try Out a Shift!

The Cider Mill Library is in need of volunteers to help fill vacancies in the volunteer schedule. Volunteers work a 90-minute shift in the library every week, or every two weeks. They check out books for students, shelve books, and help students find books. Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to try out a shift to see how the library operates, please contact Jen Fila at jennfila5@gmail.com, or Jackie Couch at jackie.couch13@gmail.com for more information.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Join the Cider Mill PTA!

The Cider Mill PTA is a powerful network of parents and teachers whose mission is to make every child's potential a reality, by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We want you as a member! Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your child's education. It shows you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It is not a commitment to volunteer for anything!

It does not mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it). It is a way to stay connected with our school community, get to know your school and administrators, have a voice and be heard at the school and district level. Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support, and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store, Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World Language Celebrations, Walkathon, Book Fair, Spiritwear, library volunteers, and the Hot Cider newsletter.

Membership signup is ONLY online. Joining gives you instant access to the Cider Mill directory of parent and student information. You can download the MobileArq app at the Apple Store or Google Play Store, or visit this link: <http://www.wilton.mobilearq.com>, and use code 'wilton'.

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has set up a group on Facebook called Cider Mill Parent Community. It is a place where the PTA can communicate to parents, and also where parents can communicate with one another. Please check it out by clicking here: [Cider Mill Parent Community](#).

Lost and Found

There are two L&F locations in Cider Mill. One is at the doorway where you go to the playground, on the high school side (Cannondale). The other is by the front door on the far side of the bus loop (Kent). You or your child can check these locations for lost items. At the end of each season, the unclaimed items are donated to the Turnover Shop with proceeds going to the Cider Mill PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell with questions, at amandaNmittchell@gmail.com.

School Spiritwear

Show your school spirit! Please visit the Cider Mill PTA website at www.cidermillpta.org to order your school clothing. Students are encouraged to wear their Spiritwear clothing for various days and events during the year. Proceeds benefit the Cider Mill PTA.

Community News

Wilton Youth Council (WYC) ~ Upcoming Events

You can find the WYC on Facebook or by visiting www.wiltonyouth.org. The WYC has the following upcoming programs:

Dr. Suniya Luthar: Privileged and Pressured ~ October 21, 10am, WHS Little Theater

Suniya Luthar, Ph.D. is a Foundation Professor of Psychology at Arizona State University and Professor Emerita of Columbia University's Teachers College. While she was on the faculty at Yale University, Dr. Luthar conducted a groundbreaking study of students in Westport finding that affluent teenagers have the elevated levels of anxiety and depression that most people associate with children in poverty. Dr. Luthar will explain this phenomenon to parents and school staff, and educate us on strategies to foster strength and resilience in our youth. She will also touch on her more recent research on motherhood and the challenges facing mothers of adolescents today. Don't miss this important event! As school will be in session, please arrive early to allow time for parking and security at Wilton High School.

NAMI Support Group for Parents ~ October 24, 10-11:30am, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton

School is back in session and for many children, so is the academic and social stress that can cause behavioral changes. 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. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. Our next meeting is October 24, from 10-11:30am, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

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