

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - January 13, 2019

Cider Mill School is a Community of Learners, ALL committed to being the best we can be.

Important Dates

Jan 14	Day 2
Jan 15	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Jan 15	Cider Mill's Got Talent Submission Forms Due
Jan 18	Dress Like a Rock Star/Reading Rocks Forms & Money Due
Jan 19-	Reading Rocks Reading Period
Feb 2	
Jan 21	NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Day)
Jan 25	3rd Grade Fun Night, 6-7:30pm, Registration Required
Jan 26	5th Grade Fun Night, 8-10pm, Wilton YMCA, Registration Required
Jan 29	4th Grade North (Cannondale & Nod Hill) Chorus & Orchestra Performance, 7-8pm
Jan 30	District Book Club, facilitated by Dr.K.Smith & WYC, 10am, Comstock, Registration Required
Jan 30	4th Grade South (Belsen Hill & Kent) Chorus & Orchestra Performance, 7-8pm
Feb 5	5th Grade Chorus, CM Singers, & Advanced Strings Performance, 7-8pm
Feb 8	4th Grade Fun Night, 6-7:30pm, Registration Required
Feb 12	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Feb 14	EARLY RELEASE (Professional Learning Day), Dismissal at 11:55am
Feb 15	NO SCHOOL (February Break)
Feb 15	Cider Mill's Got Talent Audition Video Due
Feb 18	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
Feb 21	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, Wilton High School Professional Library
Feb 27	3rd Grade South (Belden Hill & Kent) Strings Performance, 1:20-2pm
Feb 27	PTA Pizza & Paint Night, 6-8pm, Registration Required
Feb 28	3rd Grade North (Cannondale & Nod Hill) Strings Performance, 1:20-2pm

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

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We are definitely back into the swing of things!

We want to thank Jane Hamilton and Laura Coutant for chairing our Reflections Art and Creativity Competition. Please take a moment to look at the pieces submitted by our students that are hanging in the hallway by the cafeteria. We will publish a list of winners in our next Hot Cider.

Over the next few weeks we will be having our Class Fun Nights. Please be on the look-out for registration emails and volunteer sign-ups. The dates for the different classes are:

3rd Grade Fun Night - January 25th at CM

5th Grade Fun Night – January 26th at the YMCA

4th Grade Fun Night – February 8th at CM

Thank you to Meg Donahue, Suzanne Lishnoff and Nicole Walberg for chairing our 5th Grade Fun Night and to Claire Anastasia for chairing both 3rd and 4th Grade Fun Nights.

Cider Mill's Got Talent is fast approaching their submission deadline. All video submissions must be in by January 15th. All information about CMGT was sent out again in an email on Friday, January 11th. Please send any questions to CiderMillgt@gmail.com.

Finally, we are having our January meeting this Tuesday, January 15th at 9:15 in the cafeteria. Our February meeting will be on February 12th and we will have Officer Diane MacLean as our guest presenter. She will discuss her role at CM and in the school system and will answer any questions you have for her about school safety or related topics.

Thank you again for all of your support!

Amanda Patania & Carolyn Lyon
PTA Co-Presidents

Budget Spotlight

The Superintendent presented his proposed 2019-2020 school budget to the BoE on Thursday night. The public presentation of the school budget for 2019-2020 will be on January 24th at 7pm at Middlebrook in the auditorium. The BoE/BoF Budget Hearing will be on March 25th at 7:30pm at Middlebrook in the auditorium. All other specific information and other meeting dates can be found on the BoE website.

School News

Cider Mill's Got Talent ~ Submission Forms Due January 15th!

Cider Mill's Got Talent is Coming April 26! Does your child like to showcase their talent? Music. Dancing? Juggling? Magic? Fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/7HcuCG1bs2wF5gWH2> by Jan 15th (video submissions for all forms filled out will be due Feb 15th). No exceptions to submission date will be made!

Date of show: April 26th, 2019 6:00pm-8:30pm Required Rehearsals: April 24th 4:30pm-8:00pm and April 25th 4:30pm-8:00pm (divided in sections, but please save both dates and times). If you have any questions email the team at cidermillgt@gmail.com

"Reading Rocks!" Pledge Forms and DRESS LIKE A ROCKSTAR DAY THIS FRIDAY!!!

Wilton Education Foundation's (WEF's) very successful "Reading Rocks!" program is back for its 8th year! "Reading Rocks!" is a fun, non-competitive Read-A-Thon type fundraiser for students in Pre-K to 5th grades. Over the seven years of this event, "Reading Rocks!" has raised more than \$275,000 for our Wilton Public Schools!! This year, with your support, we hope to attain 100% student participation. Reading Rocks! pledge forms have been sent home with students and children may now begin setting their reading goals! **All pledges are due THIS Friday which students can celebrate by dressing up like a ROCKSTAR!!** Not only does this program help students celebrate literacy, but there are great prizes too, including an iPad*, Kindle Fires and more!! *win an iPad or a gift card of equivalent value to the Apple Store. For questions please contact Kiki Cross at kcross106@gmail.com or Jen Carvajal at jencarv@hotmail.com. Many thanks to the Stroup family for generously sponsoring "Reading Rocks!".

3rd Grade Fun Night ~ January 25th

3rd Grade Fun Night is about to happen! This year it will be on Friday, January 25th from 6:00-7:30 pm at Cider Mill in the gym. It's a free event hosted by Westchester Circus Arts who will perform as well as teach a few circus tricks. The kids will also be treated to popcorn and cotton candy! Space is limited and reserved for just the kiddos so no parents or siblings please. More information will be sent home soon.

For the night to be a success we need lots of volunteers! If you are interested please email claire.anastasia@gmail.com or sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a4aa2ea3f85-funnight1> by January 14th. Volunteers must have completed the background check.

5th Grade Yearbook Ad

Did you know every 5th grade student receives a copy of the Cider Mill 5th Grade Yearbook? This book is packed full of photographs and memories that capture the spirit of our 5th graders. The Cider Mill PTA funds the yearbook and your ads help offset the cost of producing the book. We invite you to place an ad in the 2018-2019 yearbook. Last year over 150 ads were placed. The children will treasure the words you add to this keepsake book. Please click on the link below to fill out the form and make payment.

<https://goo.gl/forms/oUTfoSDcjucpsbNu1>

Thank you!
5th Grade Yearbook Committee

District Book club facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and WYC ~ Wednesday, January 30th, 10am, Comstock Community Center

We are pleased to announce a new district-wide parent book clubs on one of our favorite books, *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success*, by Julie Lythcott-Haimes. Heard about the book and been wanting to read it? Have you read it and would love to discuss? Now is your chance! Space is limited to 20 people, and registration is required. Now is the time to start reading! The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and Wilton Youth Council. Book Club is for parents with children in grade K-5th.

Free; register at [RaiseAnAdultWiltonKto5.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raise-an-adult-wilton-pto-5th-grade-2018-2019-tickets-3525441212)

Sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton School PTA/PTSAs.

A Community Conversation: CHARTING THE COURSE

Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services invite you to a special 3-part series to explore the purpose of education, the importance of childhood and our community's opportunity to chart the best course for our children. The series began in November with a screening of *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America's Achievement Culture*. It continues with a screening of documentary *Beyond Measure: What Counts Can't Be Counted*, and concludes with a Community Conversation on February 25.

Beyond Measure: What Counts Can't Be Counted

Middlebrook School Auditorium

Monday, February 4

Two opportunities to participate!

10:00 AM Screening: [BeyondMeasureWiltonAM.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-measure-wilton-am-tickets-3525441212)

7:00 PM Screening: [BeyondMeasureWiltonPM.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-measure-wilton-pm-tickets-3525441212)

Register for the next screening below, and consider reading the companion book between now and then. (beyondmeasurefilm.com/beyond-measure-book/)

Save the date for the finale to the series, a Community Conversation. Join us on **Monday, February 25 at 7:00 PM** to share your ideas, hopes and concerns. Location and registration link to come. *Race to Nowhere* is available to rent on Amazon Prime, iTunes, YouTube and Google Play. Consider reading *Beyond Measure*.

PTA Committee Chairs Needed ~ We Need You!

The PTA is still in need of chairs for the important Committees listed below.

Nominating - Most of the work has been done for this school year. Easy position to complete from home.

Turnover Shop - They donate a huge amount of money to your school's PTA (last year \$45,000). The commitment is only 3 1/2 hours, once a month.

Please contact Amanda Patania, amanda_patania@yahoo.com or Carolyn Lyon, carolynlyon@optonline.net if interested in any of these positions.

Ongoing School News

Join the PTA ~ We Need Your Support!

Join the PTA and gain access to our Mobile Directory! Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join here, and use the code - 'wilton' https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html
Parents please update your profiles to include email and cell phone numbers! One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time! Questions? Email our Directory Chair

Jennifer Wulff jen@presto.org (Please add support@mobilearg.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.)

CM Participating in Crayola ColorCycle Program

Cider Mill is now participating in Crayola's ColorCycle program. All you need to do is bring in your used/dried markers, dry erase markers and highlighters (all brands will be accepted) to school and drop them off in the collection box by the art rooms or in the LLC. We ship them off to Crayola where they recycle them.

Get Your CM Spiritwear

Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts) can be purchased at any time throughout the year on the Cider Mill PTA site: cidermillpta.org , Your order will be delivered to your student's class within two days.

Cider Mill School Store

We are looking for parent volunteers to work in the Cider Mill School Store! The School Store is open during lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you're interested in helping out, please email CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com to get onto our email volunteer list and to find out how to sign up for shifts throughout the school year!

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has 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](#)

Stop and Shop Rewards Program

CIDER MILL SCHOOL – (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

To participate:

- Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

To earn points:

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2018 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill

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 amandaNmitchell@gmail.com.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Community News

Mindful Parenting: How to Make It Out in One Piece with Tracey Masella, LCSW

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

10:00 AM -11:30 AM @ Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Free; registration recommended - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road, Weston

Free; registration recommended - www.westonpubliclibrary.org, click on Calendar

One of WYC's most popular presenters, Tracey Masella, returns this week! Join us in the morning in Wilton or the evening in Weston for Tracey's special blend of humor and expert advice.

Parenting isn't what it used to be! The pressures in our community make mindful parenting a challenge. This interactive presentation will discuss what it means to be a mindful parent. Tracey will provide useful information on establishing a family frame, setting reasonable and attainable expectations and goals for your children, managing anxiety (both yours and your children's), and finding a supportive group of fellow parents in your community. This program is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

Sponsored by: Silver Hill Hospital, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services, Weston Youth Services, Weston Library

NAMI - CAN ~Monday, January 28th, 10-11: 30am, G&B cultural Center

Are you stressed about the upcoming holidays? Do you worry about needing to hide or explain your child's behavior to extended family and friends? Does the break in routine and hectic time cause behavioral changes in your child? 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.

Next meeting is on Monday, January 28th from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com , Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com .

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Click [here](#) for an overview of this year's events!

Looking to Get Involved?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com.

Wilton SEPTA~ Accepting Memberships

Please join Wilton Public School's Special Education Parent Teacher Association! Membership is \$15 individual/family and \$10 WPS staff. Visit WiltonSEPTA web site for more information, including our missions statement, goals and objectives, links to meeting schedules, minutes and membership info.: www.wiltonsepta.org

Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 9:15 am in the Zellner Gallery. Executive Board / Chair/ Volunteer Positions available. For questions and inquiries contact us at wiltonsepta@gmail.com
Thanks so much! Looking forward to a great 2019!

Submit News to Hot Cider

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