

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - November 12th, 2017

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

## Important Dates

<b>Nov 13</b>	Day 2
<b>Nov 14</b>	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Nov 14</b>	Photo Retake & 5th grade Photo Day
<b>Nov 16-21</b>	Book Fair
<b>Nov 16-21</b>	EARLY DISMISSALS @ 11.55am (Conferences)
<b>Nov 23-24</b>	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Recess)
<b>Nov 30-Dec 1</b>	Visiting Author Lauren Tarshis
<b>Dec 8</b>	2 Hour Delayed Opening (Prof. Learning)
<b>Dec 14</b>	Bingo Night
<b>Dec 25-29</b>	Holiday Recess
<b>Jan 1</b>	New Years Day- School Closed

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [fallonk@wiltonps.org](mailto:fallonk@wiltonps.org)

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

## From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual Turkey Trot! The children had a great time chasing our Turkey around the course and we raised just under \$5,500 for Wilton Social Services. Also, another thank you to all that helped with the Veterans Breakfast and the children who decorated stars that decorated the hallways.

Starting Thursday the 16th until the 21st, the school has shortened days to accommodate the parent teacher conferences. Dismissal will be 11:55 a.m for these days as well as the 22nd.

During these afternoons come and visit the Book Fair, there will be a great selection to choose from. There are also evening hours on Monday the 20th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Lost and Found will also be on display during these days. Please, please come and check for your lost items while at your teacher conference!

Our monthly PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 14th at 9:15a.m** in the cafeteria. Heather Priest, who has started both the Miller Driscoll and Middlebrook Zero Waste Initiative, will be attending to give a brief overview on how Cider Mill will be joining the program.

Thanks for everything you do.

Amanda Patania and Annemarie Aronowitz  
PTA Co-Presidents

## School News

### Join the PTA ~ We Need Your Support!

Please join the Cider Mill PTA! Over 300 families and teachers have joined the PTA so far this year. Thank you for your support! And, while we would love for you to get involved, you do not have to volunteer! Your membership and donation dollars fund valuable programs at Cider Mill, including: Visiting Author, 5th Grade Year Book, Field Days, Student Enrichment Programs, Fun Nights, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Gifts and Grants, Hospitality, Book Fair, Reflections, and many more.

PLUS, when you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our online directory!

Visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code “wilton” to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you’re feeling generous! (Please add [support@mobilearq.com](mailto:support@mobilearq.com) to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link).

## Book Fair

The CM PTA will be hosting its annual Fall Book Fair on the following dates and times-

Thursday, November 16 10am - 3:30pm  
Friday, November 17 7am - 3:30pm  
Monday, November 20 7am - 3:30pm and 6pm-8 pm  
Tuesday, November 21 7am - 3:30pm

Please visit <http://signup.com/go/zhFqRTj> to volunteer for this event.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link above to see the SignUps.
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com).

Note: [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. Please feel free to contact Cider Mill Book Fair co chairs Melissa Pennucci at [melpooch@gmail.com](mailto:melpooch@gmail.com), Sarah McCall at [sarahlynnmccall@yhao.com](mailto:sarahlynnmccall@yhao.com) & Eileen Allers [eileen.allers@mac.com](mailto:eileen.allers@mac.com).

## Visiting Author: Laura Tarshis

Cider Mill School is excited to host Lauren Tarshis for our 2017 author visit. She will be at our school on **November 30th and December 1st.**

She is the author of the New York Times bestselling **I Survived** series. Each of these historical fiction books focuses on an iconic event from history, and tells the story through the eyes of a child who was there. The theme of the series is resilience: how human beings can struggle through even the most difficult experiences and somehow not simply survive but heal — and ultimately thrive. Her presentation takes students deep into her research and writing process and reveals her own personal story of coping with reading struggles when she was young.

Check out her website: <http://www.laurentarshis.com/>

*\*\*\*Books will be available for purchase at the school book fair - November 16th-21st, and then again at lunch time on November 27th-30th\*\**

## Volunteer at the Cider Mill Library Learning Commons!

The Cider Mill Library is in need of volunteers to help fill in vacancies in our volunteer schedule. The shifts are an hour and a half every other week or weekly. The volunteers are very valuable to keep the library functioning smoothly by check out books to students. If you are interested in volunteering,

Please contact Jen Fila at [jennfila5@gmail.com](mailto:jennfila5@gmail.com) or Jackie Couch at [jackie.couch13@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.couch13@gmail.com) for more information.

## Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

Wilton Youth Council 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](http://wiltonyouth.org)** for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

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](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com). Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at [sumapiyer@gmail.com](mailto:sumapiyer@gmail.com).

## Ongoing School News

### 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](#)

## **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 [amandaNmitchell@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net) if you have any questions.

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