

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 22, 2022

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

### Important Dates

<b>May 24</b>	Grade 5 Band and Cider Mill Jazz Ensemble – 7:00 PM
<b>May 24</b>	Wilton Hall of Fame - 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
<b>May 31</b>	Grade 2 Parent/Guardian Orientation – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, School Cafeteria
<b>June 2</b>	Grade 3 Strings Combined – 7:00 PM
<b>June 3</b>	CM Spirit Day! - Wear House Colors
<b>June 6</b>	Grade 3 Team Fun Day
<b>June 7</b>	Grade 4 Team Fun Day
<b>June 7</b>	Grade 3 Strings South Concert – 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
<b>June 8</b>	Grade 5 Team Fun Day
<b>June 9</b>	BOE Meeting 7.00 PM WHA Library
<b>June 14</b>	Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony (BH and KT)
<b>June 15</b>	Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony (CN and NH)
<b>June 17</b>	Shortened Day
<b>June 20</b>	Shortened Day
<b>June 21</b>	Shortened Day
<b>June 23</b>	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM WHS Professional Library and Zoom

### From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all the families who supported our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** last week! And a huge thank you to **Danielle Bottinger**, our amazing Book Fair Chair, for all her tireless work yet again, and to all the parent volunteers who helped staff the fair! We truly could not have accomplished this without all your help!

At our last PTA meeting of the school year, we voted in two new members to our Cider Mill PTA Executive Board - please welcome **Melissa Reynolds as Co-President and Valerie Incao as Secretary!** And a huge thank you to our outgoing Executive Board members - **Marissa Rosado and Alissa Brady**, as well as our outgoing Board of Directors members - **Amanda Patania and Rosalie Witt!!** We are still in need of a Parent-At-Large (our last remaining open Executive Board position), as well as tons of committee chairs. If you would like more information on any openings, please contact me or our nominating committee at [CMNominating@gmail.com](mailto:CMNominating@gmail.com).

Finally, at our last PTA meeting, we also enjoyed a presentation by **Ms. Peterson (Cannondale 3rd Grade Teacher)** on a grant request for **EduMarkings** for both the North and South side playground blacktops. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing school community, the PTA approved contributing \$11,000 towards this project (in conjunction with another private grant already received by Dr. Falcone), with hopes of it being completed over the summer or at the beginning of the school year. To get a glimpse of examples of what is to come, please visit: <https://edumarkingplaygrounddesigns.com/playground-designs/>

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or issues at [MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com](mailto:MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com).

Michelle Krupa  
CM PTA President

### School News

#### OPEN PTA POSITIONS

The Cider Mill PTA are looking to fill positions listed below for the next school year. If you have any interest or need more information, please email [CMNominating@gmail.com](mailto:CMNominating@gmail.com)

These programs **CANNOT run without volunteers**, and we really need parents to help out!

#### Executive boards positions-

**Parent at Large**, attends Board of Ed meeting either in person or watches at home and reports back any relevant news to PTA. This can easily be done but someone who also works.

**PTA committee positions-**

- Art Committee
- School Supplies
- Children’s Enrichment
- Fun Night 3rd, 4th and 5th grade
- Hospitality Co-chairs to work alongside our current chair.
- Library volunteer chair
- Lost and Found
- Laminating
- 3rd grade Room Rep Coordinator
- School photos
- Spirit wear
- Turkey Trot
- Volunteer coordinator
- Visiting Author
- Garden Committee

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**Cider Mill Reflections**

On Tuesday evening, May 10th, the **Connecticut State PTA** held a Reflections Awards Ceremony at Fairfield Ludlowe High School. 4 Cider Mill students were honored as State winners:

- Magnolia Tesler, 1st Place, Photography/ Special Artist**
- Jiya Praveen, 4th Place, Film Production**
- Aurora Gulati, 2nd Place, Musical Composition**
- Advitia Maheshwari, 4th Place, Visual Arts**

We are so proud of their wonderful work and representation of Cider Mill! You can view their submissions, and those of all of our Cider Mill participants and winners, on our padlet: <https://padlet.com/reflectionscidermill/oirvx64kkqxd1xde>. Their artwork and creativity are truly inspiring!

For students ready to start thinking of next year's project, the **PTA Reflections theme for 2022-2023 is "Show Your Voice!"**

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**CIDER MILL SCHOOL STORE IS OPEN!**

The Cider Mill School Store is opening this week! It will be open **Wednesdays during lunch in the cafeteria!**

The school store offers school related items and fidgets for the students! The students should come with cash or change, but there is no way to take any other form of payment. There are mechanical pencils, erasers, assorted pens, and even different fidgets! All items will be in increments of \$0.25 with nothing more than \$2. Then, students in Math Club run the inventory of the items: counting the number of items, figuring out how many items sold, and then discovering the profits which get filtered back into the school store. We appreciate exact change or small bills!

Parents and guardians! To volunteer at the school store, please visit: [Cider Mill School Store: Cider-Mill School Store Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/sign-up-for-cider-mill-school-store)

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**WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL GoZen! AND GoStrengths!**

Wilton Youth Council is offering spring sessions of both **GoZen!** and **GoStrengths!** for students in Grades 3-5.

**GoZen!** is a skill building program that teaches students hands on tools and strategies to effectively identify, understand, and manage worry and anxiety in a fun, engaging and interactive approach.

**GoStrengths!** is the skills building follow up program taught after GoZen! GoStrengths! is a well-being & resilience program that offers a comprehensive social and emotional learning program focused on teaching 8 vital skills.

To learn more about either of these programs or to register for one the limited spots in these classes, visit <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/go-zen-go-strengths>

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## GREEN TEAM ZERO WASTE

Save the Date to *spark your green* at **Fairfield County's largest Zero Waste Faire – Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 11 am - 4 pm** at the Miller-Driscoll School, 217 Wolfpit Road, Wilton.

Activities for eco-friendly learning and living will be available for the entire family. Take away one or thousands of ideas on indoor and outdoor sustainable living for your family, your community, and our planet. Electric Vehicle showcase!

FREE recycling drop-off: mattresses, e-waste, household items, textiles and more! Learn more at <https://wiltongogreen.org/zero-waste-faire-sustainable-living-expo-2022/>.



[Zero Waste Schools](#)

## HARRA Awards

Earlier this spring, 95 students in grades K-7 participated in the **Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HARRA) Recycling Billboard Contest**. The theme this year was "Recycle Your Food Scraps! Compost."

On **Thursday, April 28th**, HARRA hosted their virtual regional awards ceremony and six Wilton students placed at the regional level! First Selectwoman **Lynne Vanderslice** was on the zoom call to congratulate each winner. Our six regional winners' artwork have the opportunity to display their work at Town Hall.

All students who placed at the town level will be recognized with a place ribbon provided to their art teacher.

Congratulations to all our students who placed at the local and regional levels! The winners are now posted on the [HARRA website](#). [Click here](#) to view a slideshow of our students' artwork.

### Kindergarten

**1st - Emie Ferguson - Regional Honorable Mention**

### First Grade

**1st - Rafferty Smith - Regional 1st Place**

2nd - Caroline Flick

3rd - Cecilia McNeal

### Second Grade

**1st - Disha Avadhani - Regional 2nd Place**

2nd - Arnav Vasamsetty

3rd - Maddie Ferguson

### Third Grade

1st - Alexandra Zaharatos

2nd - Kayla Yovine

3rd - Sean Morelli

### Fourth Grade

**1st - Julia Zubarev - Regional 2nd Place**

2nd - Sara Kozikowski

3rd - Ava DiDonato

### Fifth Grade

1st - Alexander Doughman

2nd - Avery Galligan

3rd - Anakiel Bumagat

### Sixth Grade

**1st - Alyssa Bi - Regional 1st Place**

**Seventh Grade**  
**1st - Shruti Kothandaraman - Regional 3rd Place**  
2nd - Leo Capener

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## **WILTON SEPTA**

### **Inclusive Practices Mentor Training Programs: ongoing**

Wilton SEPTA is sponsoring Inclusive Practices Mentorship Training to our school and community organizations through *The National Mentoring Coalition* (NDMC) <https://ndmc.pyd.org/certification/> in partnership with *Partners for Youth with Disabilities*, (PYD) <https://www.pyd.org/>.

#### **Topics Covered in the course:**

- Introduction to disability, ableism, and inclusion
- Understanding disability rights and the ADA
- Developing an inclusion statement
- Creating inclusive programs, activities, and events
- Tips for inclusive communication
- Principles of inclusive marketing
- Introduction to autism
- Supporting positive behavior in youth with disabilities
- The intersection of disability, gender, and sexuality
- Understanding Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Current Training opportunities still open to Highschool students, staff, and community members  
Email: [wiltonsepta@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonsepta@gmail.com) for more information

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## **RULER WEBINAR**

### **RULER: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, & Regulating Emotions**

Webinar Recording Now Available!

Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

In this webinar Wilton Public Schools staff educate parents about RULER, a program of evidence-based tools and social-emotional learning practices from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Teachers across the district have been trained in these practices and RULER tools are already being used with students in grades K-5 to help students recognize and regulate emotions. Implementation at the secondary level is in progress.

#### **What is RULER?**

RULER is an evidenced based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that supports the entire school community in:

- Understanding the value of emotions
- Building the skills of emotional intelligence
- Creating and maintaining a positive school climate

In this webinar, you will learn about the four core tools and how we can implement these tools at home:

- Building a family charter
- Mood Meter - emotion vocabulary
- Meta Moment for emotion regulation
- Blueprint for problem solving

#### **Who are the presenters?**

- Elena White, Miller-Driscoll School Counselor
- Jennifer Ringelheim, Cider Mill 3rd Grade Teacher, Co-Chair District SEL Committee

Find the recording, slides, and links to associated materials at Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

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## **SPIRIT WEAR**

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, Walkathon, field days and more. Get one before they sell out!

Please remember to include your child's name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

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### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

#### **3 easy steps to get started**

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

**Online shopping or Curbside Pick-up?** Just forward your receipt to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com)

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: [anorful@gmail.com](mailto:anorful@gmail.com)

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### **ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE**

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

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## Community News

### **WILTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Wilton Education Foundation (WEF) is a non-profit organization committed to working closely with the Wilton School District to foster creative approaches to education by supporting district-wide projects that have a broad impact on academic and enrichment learning. Join us at one of our upcoming meetings to hear from the WEF board and Superintendent Kevin Smith about upcoming events and district updates. All are welcome! Save these important, upcoming dates:

- May 29, 2022: Get Smart for Wilton 5K, WHS Stadium Track
- June 22, 2022: End of Year Sunset Celebration, Ambler Farm

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### **WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend**, brought to you by **Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force**, will have two designated weekends bookending this summer!

Choose whichever works best for you! They will be **Saturday, June 4th - Sunday, June 5th** and again **Saturday, September 17th - Sunday, September 18th**.

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### **WILTON YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY**

#### **Summer Games:**

Again, this summer, we'll be offering free pickup games twice weekly over the summer. We're hoping to offer play from 5-7:30 on Monday and Thursday evenings but are awaiting field confirmation.

#### **Pre-Season Camp:**

Each summer we offer a pre-season camp for players entering grades 5-8. While we await field confirmation, camp is *tentatively* scheduled for August 15-19 from 5:30-8pm

#### **Tryouts for 7th & 8th Graders:**

In grades 7 & 8, WYFH holds tryouts. We'll have a spot for all players that would like to participate in our program, but at this grade level we set teams based on player skill level. All players that opt to try out for the "A Team" must sign a



commitment letter to the WYFH program and are expected to attend all practices and games throughout the season. Tryout dates are tentatively set for 5-8pm on August 24, 25 & 26.

Register on the WYFH website at <http://www.wyfh.net/>

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**WILTON HIGH SCHOOL CLUB: Team STEAM**

Do you have a child who is interested in STEM and/or Arts?! Check this out from our very own Wilton HS Club called Team STEAM!

We (Team STEAM) are a group of Wilton high school students who want to help bring STEAM (STEM +Art) education to young kids (aged 6-10 years). In partnership with a local startup called 3DuxDesign, our program will teach little engineers the basics of the engineering design process in a fun, creative, and hands-on manner! The program is free, and the other is a \$20 cost which includes an engineering kit. We also accept donations of \$20 which will go to fund a kit and 4 classes for an underprivileged child who cannot afford to pay.

(Note: All payments go towards purchasing kits for children and all high schoolers participating are volunteers)

Team STEAM's mission is to work with young minds and cultivate their passion for engineering and artistic thinking.

\* To Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/MB1h3GRmcGMX13z18>

\*To Buy a Kit: [https://www.3duxdesign.com/products/steam-club-maker-kit?fbclid=IwAR1xAfwH14JEz9UwjsF03MbPnrFyawOK9X9sLwAe1YpB\\_goRqiYHfTluYis](https://www.3duxdesign.com/products/steam-club-maker-kit?fbclid=IwAR1xAfwH14JEz9UwjsF03MbPnrFyawOK9X9sLwAe1YpB_goRqiYHfTluYis).

Please contact Keerthi Vijay at [23vijayk@wiltonps.org](mailto:23vijayk@wiltonps.org) with any questions!

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**IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS**

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

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**NAMI-CAN WILTON**

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-Covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling.

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.

Our meetings are held virtually over zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. For more information contact: Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com)

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