

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – October 24, 2022

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

### Important Dates

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| <b>Oct 25</b>    | CM Literacy and Math Night – 6.30 pm   |
| <b>Oct 31</b>    | CM Halloween Parades - <b>CN &amp; NH</b> (8.45 – 9.00 am) <b>KT &amp; BH</b> (9.30-9.45 am) |
| <b>Nov 04</b>    | Cider Mill Spirit Day  |
| <b>Nov 04</b>    | Turkey Trot  |
| <b>Nov 08</b>    | Professional Learning – <b>No School</b>   |
| <b>Nov 09</b>    | Photo Retake Day   |
| <b>Nov 15</b>    | PTA Meeting – 9:15 am  |
| <b>Nov 17-22</b> | Shortened School Days – 12:00 pm Dismissal   |
| <b>Nov 17-23</b> | Scholastic PTA Book Fair   |
| <b>Nov 23-25</b> | Thanksgiving Recess – <b>No School</b>   |
| <b>Dec 02</b>    | CM Spirit Day  |
| <b>Dec 02</b>    | CM Ice Skating Party – SoNo House (6.45 pm)  |

### From The PTA Presidents

#### Dear Cider Mill students and guardians

We've had a such an exciting and busy start to the school year, yet we still have so much more coming up in the next couple weeks!"

The week of Oct 17th was Zero Waste Week. This program is designed to significantly reduce the amount of waste that would otherwise be sent to landfills or for incineration. Activities took place in the cafeteria throughout the week to educate students on composting, food donations, recycling, and environmental conservation practices. Thank you to the Green Team Co-Chairs Tammy Thornton and Denise Reznik and all the parents that volunteered. Please remember that emails from the district were sent during the week containing information about what families can do to support Zero Waste initiatives at home as well!

Cider Mill is getting ready to host its 47th Annual Jim Cook Turkey Trot on Friday, November 4th! This year we are returning to our traditional format with the students following a course on the fields to the north of the school and high school track. All students will participate during school. As always, all funds collected will benefit Wilton families in need. Donations will go towards purchasing turkeys and other offerings for Wilton Social Services to distribute to families. Please visit <https://www.cidermillpta.org/turkeytrot> for more information or to donate. And please mark your calendars to come cheer the kids on or to help volunteer! More information on volunteering will be sent out shortly.

Photos from our September Photo Day should be arriving home in your child's backpack! Retakes will be taken on November 9th.

Finally, don't forget that our school Halloween Parades are Monday, October 31st in the Cider Mill Bus Loop! Cannondale and Nod Hill will be from 8:45-9:00, and Kent and Belden Hill will be from 9:30-9:45. The Middlebrook Band will also be there to provide music for the event!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to [MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com](mailto:MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com) and [Giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:Giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com).

### Helpful Links

## Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)

CM School

Handbook: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_f0M9w06gZRHnJLuF6Th\\_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06gZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit)

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNGLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINy/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/wps\\_covid\\_protocols\\_2022-23\\_school\\_opening.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf)

WPS Back to School Website: [https://www.wiltonps.org/342738\\_2](https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2)

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Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/revised\\_2022-23\\_district\\_calendar\\_472022.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf)

CM Interactive Calendar: [https://www.wiltonps.org/576928\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3)

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: [https://wiltonps.org/338734\\_2](https://wiltonps.org/338734_2)

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: [https://www.wiltonps.org/575955\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3)

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: [https://wiltonps.org/595543\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/595543_3)

Schoology Information: [https://wiltonps.org/576129\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/576129_3)

Special Bus Assignments: [https://wiltonps.org/579910\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/579910_3)

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

## School News

### PTA Membership

PTA membership has opened! Joining is a great way to support your child and enhance their school experience. Please consider becoming a member!

Why join the PTA?

The PTA...

- creates a community
- provides important school and community information
- hosts fun, educational programs, and events

- raises money to support the needs of our school community
- allows us to advocate for what's best for our kids, families, and school
- facilitates connections through our family directory

Download the new **MobileArq Next** app to join!

Don't forget the PTA is always looking for great ideas and volunteers.

Not interested in the school directory but still want to support the PTA?

Here are two ways you can join without signing up via MobileArq:

- 1 - Send in a check made out to Cider Mill PTA
- 2 - Pay via PayPal to [CMptaPayPal19@gmail.com](mailto:CMptaPayPal19@gmail.com)

Dues are \$20 Individual / \$30 Family

Please note "Membership" in the memo / comments section

Thank YOU for your support!

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### **CIDER MILL SPIRIT WEAR**

**NEW Cider Mill Spirit Wear** is available for purchase *for a limited time only!*

*Online store is open only until October 31st!* Delivery of items should be in early December

<https://catoonahink.com/cidermill/shop/home>

[CM Spirit Wear Flyer](#)

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### **ICE SKATING PARTY**

Friday, December 2nd, 6:45pm - Cider Mill Ice Skating Party at SONO Ice House

Link to Buy: <https://bit.ly/CMIce2022>

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### **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE FUN NIGHT**

**Save the date:** Evening of Friday, January 20th: 4th Grade Fun Night and 5th Grade Fun Night at Cider Mill. It will be a Laser Light Show like nothing you have ever seen before!! More information to follow.

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### **Wilton Special Education PTA**

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, news, and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.
- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

**TOUCH A TRUCK OR TREAT**

Join Wilton SEPTA and Wilton's First Responders in a sensory-friendly afternoon of Halloween fun! Meet Real First Responders, Tour a Police Car, Ambulance and Fire Truck. Get a Halloween Treat Bag and more!  
[RSVP here](#)

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**Wilton Go Green - Green Speaker Series**

**Entangled and Ingested: Combating Plastic Pollution through Art**  
**Saturday, November 5th, 2022**  
**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
Optional Community Sewing: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Wilton Library

Dr. Katharine Owens will share how she uses the arts to communicate about the pervasive problem of plastic pollution. A researcher and artist, Dr. Owens has spent the last year and a half creating a series of forty-six life-sized portraits of animals harmed by marine debris. She creates most of the pieces herself by hand sewing film plastic onto canvas, but the largest pieces (including three life-sized whales) are being co-created with the public.

After the presentation you can choose to stay and put your sewing skills to work and help stitch one of Dr. Owen's pieces.

[REGISTER with the Wilton Library to attend](#)

**ABOUT DR KAT OWENS:**

Dr. Katharine Owens is a Professor in the Department of Politics, Economics, and International Studies and Director of the University Interdisciplinary Studies program at the University of Hartford. Her work has been supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Stevens Initiative, the National Geographic Society, the Fulbright Nehru program, and the Connecticut Office of the Arts. She is an interdisciplinary scholar who seeks to merge science, policy, and the arts.

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**Wilton Land Trust**

The Wilton Land Trust is full of great fall fun!

**WLCT Fall Programs**

- 1. Sunset Lantern Walk**  
Sunday, Nov 06, at 4:00pm  
Link: <http://www.wiltonlandtrust.org/sunset-lantern-walk/>

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**MUSIC ON THE HILL**

Music on the Hill's after school music programs for kids are now open for registration!

Community Children's Chorus is open to all children in grades 3 through 8 who love to sing! Singers will sing music from a variety of genres and cultures to build music reading and singing skills, such as vocal production and breath support, all while building confidence and having fun!

Chorus meets Wednesdays, September 14 - December 14, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. A performance schedule will be available later in the season.

Music EXPLO is open to all children in grades 1 through 5 who love to make music! In Music EXPLO, children will learn West African drumming while building rhythm skills, teamwork, and cooperation! A love of singing is not required for this class where children will learn about music, culture, and geography in a fun and supportive environment with other music-loving kids.

Music EXPLO meets Thursdays, September 15 – November 17, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

All classes meet at Music on the Hill, 531 Danbury Road, in Wilton.

These programs are offered without tuition charge! Families are asked to join with a \$35 family membership, if able. For more information and to register, visit <https://musiconthehillCT.org> . These programs sponsored in part by Fairfield County Bank.

<https://musiconthehillCT.org/music-for-kids>

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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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