

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication September 7, 2014

Important Dates

Sept. 8	Day 2
Sept. 8	Nature's Classroom Field Trip – Cannondale 5 th Grade
Sept. 9	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Sept. 9	Nature's Classroom Field Trip – Kent 5 th Grade
Sept. 15	Nature's Classroom Field Trip – Belden Hill 5 th Grade
Sept. 16	Nature's Classroom Field Trip – Nod Hill 5 th Grade
Sept. 16	Open House – Cannondale/Kent, 7:30pm (SPED 7pm)
Sept. 18	Open House – Belden Hill/Nod Hill, 7:30pm (SPED 7pm)
Sept. 19	Walkathon Pledge Deadline to Receive Free T-Shirt
Sept. 24	Photo Day
Sept. 25	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990

**** Cider Mill Requires Dismissal Notes**

Please remember that Cider Mill requires dismissal notes for children. Except in an emergency, parents are discouraged from calling the office to change a student's dismissal plans.

School News

Cider Mill 5th Annual Walkathon - Get Pledges in by September 19!

Cider Mill will hold its 5th Annual Walkathon on October 8; all students will walk around the Wilton High School track at the same time for one mile. All students should have received pledge forms to collect pledges for the Walkathon, which is held to raise money for the PTA. Last year 90% of students raised pledges, resulting in \$40,000 for the PTA. The PTA gifted this to the library to increase digital media such as e-books, audio books, and e-magazines.

We are aiming for 100% student participation, no matter the size of the pledge! The pledge deadline is October 3, but if you get your pledges in by September 19, you will receive a free Walkathon t-shirt, designed by Cider Mill students Blaze and Peyton Ricco, to wear to the Walkathon. Visit this link to download a pledge form if you have not already received one:

http://www.cidermillschool.org/files/_3cAxY_/0b508b363aa01e0c3745a49013852ec4/walkathon_parent_letter_website.pdf

Cider Mill Photo Day is Wednesday, September 24

Order forms will go home a few days before Photo Day. Please fill them out and return on or before September 24, OR you can order online at www.mylifetouch.com (using picture day ID EJ994860Q0). If you have questions or would like to help out with Photo Day, please contact Shirin Dorne at Dornafar@earthlink.net.

Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. If you are interested in signing up for a shift, or would like more information, please email Deb DeFeo at debradefeo@gmail.com.

PTA Volunteers Needed

Events sponsored by the Cider Mill PTA enrich our children's education each year. These activities are made possible through the many volunteer hours parents generously donate. Whether you are a new or returning parent, volunteering is a great way to become involved in your child's school life as well as a fun way to meet new friends. The PTA needs your help, please take a moment to volunteer this year! Visit this link and scroll to the bottom to find the PTA Volunteer Form:

http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

Your PTA membership supports such programs as Gifts and Grants for teachers, Fun Nights for students, the 5th Grade Yearbook, and student directories. In order for the PTA to continue supporting teachers and students, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Please click [here](#) for the PTA page with membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Community News

Special Town Meeting for the Miller-Driscoll Project

The Miller-Driscoll Building Committee has been working since February 2012 to develop a plan to comprehensively renovate and upgrade Miller-Driscoll School, and to add dedicated pre-school space. Funding for this project will be the subject of a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30pm at the Clune Center. Voting will take place following the meeting. If Tuesday night is not convenient for you, voting will continue on Saturday, September 27th from 9am to 6pm, also at the Clune Center.

Wilton Youth Council - Parenting Book Series – Starts September 30

Back by popular demand, Wilton Youth Council's Parent Connection and Wilton Library will partner with psychologist and Wilton mom, Dr. Susan Bauerfeld, to sponsor a parenting book discussion series. The Parenting Book Series was established to help parents sift through the avalanche of advice that exists in the world of parenting books. In each session, Dr. Bauerfeld will present an overview of a parenting book chosen for its soundness and relevance to the community. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. Reading the book is not required but is encouraged and will likely enhance the discussion. Over the course of the school year, there will be three discussions in the series. All discussions will be hosted by the Wilton Library in the Rimer Room from 10:30 am–12:00 pm. The first session will be on Tuesday, September 30 to discuss the book **Mindset** by Carol Dweck. Admission is free and reservations are recommended. Please register at www.wiltonlibrary.org.

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues.

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