

HOT CIDER
CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – September 26, 2021

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

Important Dates

- Sep 28** PHOTO DAY
- Sep 29** CM OPEN HOUSE – CN & NH (North)
- Oct 07** BOE MEETING (7.00 PM)
- Oct 11** NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
- Oct 12** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Professional Development)
- Oct 19** PTA Meeting – 9:15 to 10:15 am, Cafeteria
- Oct 21** BOE Meeting (7:00 PM)

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

I am so excited for our 12th annual Walkathon on October 7th. For those new to our school community, this is our biggest fundraiser of the school year! Please consider supporting the CM PTA by making a donation so we can continue to provide programs for students and fund teacher grant requests. **NEW this year, our students are going to vote in class to donate a portion of the Walkathon proceeds to a charity of their choice: Wilton Food Pantry, Wildlife Conservation Society, or National Recycling Coalition!** However, as of today, we have only raised approximately \$2,000 of our \$15,000 goal. **So please consider donating to our Walkathon here: <https://bit.ly/CMWalkathon>** (For more information on our Walkathon, please see further down in this newsletter.)

Of course, you may be asking, what exactly does the PTA do with this money?! In a typical year, the CM PTA hosts a Visiting Author, in-school enrichment programs (Fifth Graders already enjoyed the “Brain Challenge” on Friday, while in years past we have hosted the Drum Orchestra for Fourth Grade and Forces in Motion for Third Grade), internet safety presentations, the spring Art Show, a Ben’s Bells schoolwide presentation, fun nights for each grade, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, grade specific field days in June, classroom start-up grants for teachers, and more. And we can do even more depending on the success of our Walkathon! In prior years, we have also funded the purchase of the picnic benches on both the North and South sides of the school, indoor sensory paths for two hallways, and the materials needed for our much beloved Fall into Reading program, as well as the installation and maintenance of the Cider Mill Garden.

Finally, please consider joining our PTA by using the MobileArq app or website – this gives you access to the school directory and voting rights at our general meetings. To join, please visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory> and select “Parent Signup.” The code to join is WILTON.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA, and I hope you will consider donating to our Walkathon. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com.

Michelle Krupa
CM PTA President

School News

New Cider Mill Spiritwear on sale now!

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Buy your newly designed Spiritwear in time for Walkathon 2021! 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.

Also, watch out soon for a flash one-day sale with new products!

CM Walkathon

We are so excited to be hosting our Annual Cider Mill Walkathon. I thought it would be helpful to have a simple Q&A to help get in the fun spirit of it all!

This year we will be donating a portion of the proceeds to one of three causes- Wilton Food Pantry, Wildlife Conservation Society, or National Recycling Coalition.

Please consider making your donation here: <https://bit.ly/CMWalkathon>

Q: When is the Walkathon?

A: Thursday, October 7th with a rain date the next day.

Q: Should my child wear something specific for this day?

A: House Colors are encouraged to add to the fun! Kids will be walking as well so comfortable shoes for sure.

Q: How is it decided what cause gets the money?

A: Every Class gets 1 vote- majority wins!

Q: What happens to the remaining money?

A: The CM PTA funds go directly to school programs such as Visiting Author, CM's Got Talent, Outdoor Learning Garden, Fun Nights for each Grade, 5th Grade Yearbook and more!

Please consider making your donation here: <https://bit.ly/CMWalkathon>

Email Alexis at murphy71611@gmail.com with any questions

BoxTops 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

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

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

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are sending out a HUGE plea to all family members interested in becoming a recess/lunch monitor. The hours are 10:30-1:30daily. We would greatly appreciate the support as we are currently 4 monitors short to start the year. If you have interest or questions, please email Jeremy Cross at crossj@wiltonps.org.

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Wilton Special Education PTA - We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts, and grants program and more! Please access our membership through the MobileArq system. Each school in the district has its own registration. SEPTA will be an additional option provided when you join any of the other schools' PTAs. Contact us directly at wiltonsepta@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved and like our [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

SEPTA Board and School Representatives for the 2021-2022:

Cider Mill- Rosalie Witt - rwitt17@gmail.com

Join us for our First SEPTA Meeting on **October 6th, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm**. Please click on the link below to access the meeting via Zoom. We look forward to serving everyone in our community this year!

[SEPTA meeting link](#)

MS. PRESIDENT US PROGRAM

Girls entering grades 4-8 are invited to enroll in the Ms. President US program, which begins October 1st.

[Ms President US](#), a non-partisan, non-profit civics, and leadership program, motivates and prepares girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and know that they can achieve them. By introducing the girls to students and women who are leaders in their community, state, and on a national level, participants learn about the political process. The girls then have a chance to interact with the leaders and engage in activities that help them develop their own leadership skills. Each session is facilitated by high school girls who serve as mentors throughout the program.

Session topics include:

- Civic Leadership / Public Service
- Meet & Greet Local, State, and Federal Leaders
- Women's History and Leadership
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Communications & Media

- State Capitol Visit

The program culminates in a campaign and election whereby participants have the opportunity to create their own campaign (or work on another participant's campaign) and run for Ms President US of Wilton. The sessions will be held either in person or via Zoom (depending upon health and safety guidelines) from 4:15pm-5:45pm on 8 Fridays between October and March. In addition, there is a field trip to the State Capitol, and an Election.

To enroll or learn more, visit <https://www.mspressidentus.org>. Enrollment fee for the program is \$250 and ***scholarships are available***. Space is limited. Enrolled Girl Scouts can earn several patches and badges for participation in the Ms. President US program.

Advance thanks,
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Community News

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. Get all the details at www.wiltonyouth.org and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

Coming soon:

Woodcock Nature Center

Where the Wild Things Run 5K & Kids 1K Fun Run

Sunday, October 3 beginning at 8:30 am

Woodcock Nature Center welcomes runners, hikers and walkers of all ages at its annual **Where the Wild Things Run 5K and Kids Fun Run** on **Sunday, October 3 at 8:30am**. For several decades, this event has highlighted Woodcock's nearly 5 miles of publicly accessible trails and raised money for the center's educational programs.

The popular 5K, which kicks-off at 9 am is 90% trail with a mix of groomed trails, rugged trails and narrow bridges/boardwalks. Walkers are also welcome. The terrain of the 5k will highlight the diversity and beauty of the Woodcock property. A shorter 1K Kids Fun Run geared towards ages 6 and up kicks-off at 8:30 am.

After the Kids Fun Run families are invited to stick around for some unique post-race festivities on the nature center grounds including snacks, music, games, playground fun, nature crafts, and the not-to-be-missed annual live turtle race at 9:15am!

\$35 5K/\$20 Kids Run. Register and details at woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K

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/>

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 OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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