

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication February 22, 2015

Important Dates

- Feb. 23** Day 4
Feb. 25 SPED – Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Coffee, 9:30am-10:30am, Cafeteria
Mar. 10 PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Mar. 13 Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader, 7pm, Clune Center
Mar. 18 DELAYED OPENING – School Day Starts at 9:40am (Professional Development)
Mar. 19 Wilton Math Standards and the CT Core, 10:30am, Trackside

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us
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School News

Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader? ~Friday, March 13th at 7:00pm

The Wilton Education Foundation's much-anticipated 5th annual fundraiser overtakes the Clune Center at Wilton High School! Based on the hit TV series, the spirited game show puts Wilton's brightest 5th graders from Cider Mill on stage to help local celebrity contestants answer questions derived from the school's challenging curriculum. For the first time, this year we will be having "the battle of the schools." Celebs taking the stage this year include Miller Driscoll Assistant Principal Jeremy Cross, Cider Mill Principal Jennifer Mitchell, Middlebrook Principal Maria Coleman, and Superintendent Dr. Kevin Smith. They'll be joined by quizmaster emcees, Miller-Driscoll teachers Sal Giaimo and Bryan Ennis.

Participating 5th graders are:

Nod Hill:

Jessica Wu, Rhea Raghavan, Samhita Kakarlapudi, Ava Sexton

Kent:

Avery Baumel, Matt Tabet, Dylan Koziol, Sophia Hemschot

Belden Hill:

Emily Johnson, Caroline Blessing, Tyler Moody, Abby Morris

Cannondale:

Anjo Therattil, Natasha Ring, Michael Soojian, Ria Raniwala

Reserved seating is available at \$25 per seat. General admission is \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or online starting February 23rd at www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org. This event traditionally sells out so get your tickets soon!

Wilton Math Standards and the CT Core ~ March 19th, 10:30am, Trackside

Please join us at Trackside to hear Assistant Superintendent Dr. Chuck Smith discuss math curriculum and how Wilton schools K-12 meet the CT Core math standards.

Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale at Music Performances

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days in May. Be prepared by buying your shirt now at the Music performances. Bring your cash and checks (sorry, no credit cards). Please plan ahead - we currently have full stock on hand, but if we sell out of an item, it will take up to six weeks for your order to be fulfilled.

Do You Have Photos from Fourth Grade Field Day 2014?

The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures from last year's Fourth Grade Field Day. Do you have some you could contribute? Please email Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com to find out how.

News from Guidance

In 5th grade Nod Hill and Cannondale, the students are learning about **stress management strategies**. Here are some of what we discuss on how to handle anxiety: Take deep breaths, Do something they love (read, play games, watch TV/movies) to help take their minds off of their worry, Exercise, Draw, Write, Talk to someone, Hang out with friends, Turn their negative thoughts into positive ones, Relax their bodies and Visualize themselves in a Safe Place.

Please let me know if you would like some more ideas. Dawn Randall, School Counselor, x 4257

Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. Ninety-minute shifts are available weekly or biweekly, and training is provided. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Deb DeFeo at debra.defeo@gmail.com.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill Spiritwear

Special Offer - Get yours now! We have a limited amount of vintage Cider Mill Spiritwear. All items \$10. Gray Heather Hoodies (YXL and YM), Pink Hoodies (YXL), and Pink/Green/Yellow Flannel Pants (YL). See photo [here](#), or view it under "Spiritwear" in PTA section of Edline. Send an email to jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com to submit your order. And don't forget, all students will want their House t-shirts for Field Day in the spring. Don't wait! The order form can be found at http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/75184834912388907_06/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Box Tops

Do you have a collection of Box Tops? Be sure to send them into school and place them in the bright blue drop-off box located in the main office. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them in, Cider Mill earns cash that can be used for anything the school needs. Look for Box Tops on thousands of products including Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Community News

Wilton High School Flip Flop Fundraiser

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!!! Is the cold weather getting to you? Are you ready for spring? Back by popular demand, the WHS PTSA is once again selling flip-flops and slides. The deadline to order is March 12th. Orders will be ready for pick up around the second week of May. All profits support your PTSA. Click the link below to print out an order form and get further details. Thank you!

<http://goo.gl/8QtBQN>

Feel like you have no one to talk with about your child's challenging behavior?

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents and primary caregivers of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free to the public, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. NAMI-CAN support groups reassure parents and family members that they are not alone. The Wilton NAMI-CAN support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next meeting is Monday, February 23rd from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, contact: Sheryl at SherylKayne@Gmail.com or Lisa 203-858-7491. Also visit <http://www.namisouthwestct.com>

Understanding School Refusal Behavior

What do you do when your child says, "I can't - or I won't - go to school today"? It might be a stomach or headache or illness that suddenly appears. It's not easy knowing how to react and what action to take.

A panel of experts, including Wilton Youth Services and Kids in Crisis that work with children of all ages, will shed some light and understanding on this growing issue. Please join us on **February 23, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, at the G & B Cultural Center (former school building), 49 New Street, Wilton, CT. Seating is limited, registration for this free program is recommended by contacting Sheryl at SherylKayne@Gmail.com or Lisa 203-858-7491. The evening's program and conversations are brought to you by NAMI-CAN (National Alliance on Mental Illness-Child and Adolescent Network) of Wilton. Also visit <http://www.namisouthwestct.com>

Wilton Community Activities

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

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