

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - March 11th, 2018

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

Important Dates

- Mar 12** Day 3
- Mar 12-16** "Inclusion/Disability Awareness Month", Cider Mill Library Activity Stations, signup below
- Mar 13** PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15am
- Mar 16** 2 Hour Delayed Opening
- Mar 20** CM PTA Hospitality -Soup & Salad Staff Event, signup below
- Mar 21** CM Pizza and Paint Night -SOLD OUT!
- Mar 30** NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
- Apr 2** Cider Mill's International Arts Festival, Orchestras perform, 7-8:30pm
- Apr 3** 3rd Grade South (Belden & Kent) Performance, 7-8pm
- Apr 4** 3rd Grade North (Nod & Cannondale) Performance, 7-8pm
- Apr 9-13** Schools Closed for Spring Break
- Apr 17** PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15am
- Apr 18** "Your Child's Cyberlife"- Parent Workshop, Location TBD, Morning & Evening session
- Apr 19** Dress Like A Super Hero Day!
- Apr 27** Cider Mill's Got Talent Show, **Middlebrook Auditorium, 6pm-8:30pm**

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Firstly, huge congratulations to Edward Musser who scored 1st place for Music Composition in the CT PTA State Reflections Competition. He now moves onto the National Competition, well done Eddie!

Fifth Grade Fun Night was on Saturday March 10th, many thanks to Jackie Couch, Susan Price and all the volunteers on the night for making this event such a success.

There is a budget discussion with Superintendent Kevin Smith on Wednesday March 14th at 9:30am in the Miller Driscoll Cafeteria. This is a perfect time to ask questions about the budget and educate yourself with information before the next hearing on March 26th. Please allow yourself ample time to check in at the front desk. Kevin Smith will also be at the Wilton High School Professional Library at 6:30pm for those that cannot make morning meetings.

On Tuesday March 20th our Hospitality team are organizing a Soup-N-Salad buffet. The teachers really enjoy this event and any donations are appreciated. See below on how to donate.

We are also still searching for volunteers for the Pizza and Paint night. The night itself is sold out, but we need help to make things run smoothly. If you are interested please email Carol Faherty at carolmfaherty@gmail.com. You still get to paint and your fee for the parent volunteer will be waived!

Our next PTA meeting is March 13th at 9:15am in the Cider Mill Cafeteria, everyone is welcome to join us.

Thank you for everything you do.

Amanda Patania and Annemarie Aronowitz
PTA Co-Presidents

Ongoing School News

Cider Mill PTA

It is never too late to become a volunteer for the Cider Mill PTA. We have a position that can work with your schedule. The PTA is a great way to get to know people in the community and the school. Please check out all the open positions for next School year-

School-wide positions

Treasurer in training	Parent At Large	Nominations	Book Fair	Co-Chair Spiritwear
Hospitality	Laminating	School Photos	Zero Waste Committee	Co-Chair School Supplies

3rd Grade Positions

3rd grade Field Day	3rd grade Fun Night	3rd grade River Study	3rd grade Science Coordinator	3rd grade World Languages
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4th Grade Positions

4th grade Field Day	4th grade Fun Night
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5th Grade Positions

5th grade Year Book	5th grade River Study
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Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net if you are interested.

** Please note these are for chair roles, you will receive a general volunteering form at a later time **

Join The PTA

Please join the Cider Mill PTA! Over 300 families and teachers have joined the PTA so far this year. Thank you for your support! And, while we would love for you to get involved, you do not have to volunteer! Your membership and donation dollars fund valuable programs at Cider Mill, including: Visiting Author, 5th Grade Year Book, Field Days, Student Enrichment Programs, Fun Nights, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Gifts and Grants, Hospitality, Book Fair, Reflections, and many more.

PLUS, when you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our online directory!

Visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you're feeling generous! (Please add support@mobilearq.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link).

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has a group on Facebook called Cider Mill Parent Community. It is a place where the PTA can communicate to parents, and also where parents can communicate with one another.

Please check it out by clicking here: [Cider Mill Parent Community](#)

Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill

There are two L&F locations in Cider Mill. One is at the doorway where you go to the playground, on the high school side (Cannondale). The other is by the front door on the far side of the bus loop (Kent). You or your child can check these locations for lost items. At the end of each season, the unclaimed items are donated to the Turnover Shop with proceeds going to the Cider Mill PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell with questions, at amandaNmittchell@gmail.com.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Volunteer at the Cider Mill Library Learning Commons!

The Cider Mill Library is in need of volunteers to help fill in vacancies in our volunteer schedule. The shifts are an hour and a half every other week or weekly. The volunteers are very valuable to keep the library functioning

smoothly by check out books to students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jen Fila at jennfila5@gmail.com or Jackie Couch at jackie.couch13@gmail.com for more information.

Inclusion/Disability Awareness Month- Cider Mill Library Commons Activity Stations

We need your help! We are looking forward to celebrating inclusion/disability awareness month this March. We are looking for volunteers to run the Inclusion/Disability Awareness Stations at Cider Mill Library Learning Commons from March 12th till March 16th. It will be a fun day of interactive hands on learning for everyone. There are three shifts with two hour time slots. Please click here for more details and sign up- <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0e4fadad2ba2f94-inclusion>

SOUP-N-SALAD Lunch Buffet for Cider Mill Teachers and Staff – Tuesday, Mar 20, 2018

Last year this event was such a hit that we're doing it again! Please contribute to the SOUP-N-SALAD Lunch Buffet to show our appreciation for the Cider Mill teachers and staff! The PTA's Hospitality Committee is looking for donations of your favorite soups, salads, drinks and desserts. We would also like to borrow a few crock pots to keep the soup warm throughout the lunch waves. Please follow the link below to sign up. You can drop off items at school between 7am-10am on Tuesday, 3/20, or contact us to make arrangements for drop off the day before. Thank you in advance for making this another successful event! <http://signup.com/go/NgaNMWn>

“Your Child’s Cyberlife” Upcoming Parent Workshops- 4/18 and 6/5

Parent workshops open to Middlebrook and Cider Mill parents started on March 1st in the Middlebrook Auditorium at 9:00 am and repeated the same day at 7:00 pm for those who could not attend the daytime event. The workshop is entitled, “Your Child’s Cyberlife”, and will include information on what is being done in school to ensure students use technology responsibly and can be supported by parents at home. Guest speakers will include Michael Swaine, National Regional Manager, Gaggle Safety Monitoring, Fran Kompar, Director, Digital Learning and participation from our Library Learning Commons Team as well as our Principals from each school - Lauren Feltz, Middlebrook and Jen Mitchell, Cider Mill.

4.18.18 & 6.5.18 Workshops: For those unable to make it on 3/1, there will be follow-up workshops on 4/18 and 6/5 at the same times. All sessions will include a Q&A session for parents. The 4/18 will include hands-on sessions for parents on strategies and tools to help their children at home and the 6/5 session will focus on Summer Learning. The location is to be decided for those sessions.

Community News

“BACK THE TRACK” FUNDRAISER - DONATE TODAY!

Our town track is one of the most frequently used assets in Wilton —from athletes to senior citizens and everyone in between. Now this highly prized resource is past it’s useful life and in desperate need of resurfacing and repair. The Wilton Running Club and the Wilton Track Association have joined forces to initiate “Back the Track,” a fundraiser to jump-start the community support and funding required for this project. You can learn more about our track and find out how to donate through our website. If every family makes a donation, we can make a difference. Please go to www.backthetrack.org and donate today! For questions please reach out to Beverly Hermann at bhermann@optonline.net.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

Wilton Youth Council promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit www.wiltonyouth.org for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter. Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at sumapiyer@gmail.com.

Please note the upcoming events-

Free Narcan Training

Monday, March 12, 2018, 10am at Wilton Library

Registration required, please register at www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334.

A coalition of local organizations is offering a free Narcan training session, to address the rising crisis of opioid use. Join us for a training session and demonstration on how to acquire and administer Narcan, the lifesaving drug that can be administered in the event of overdose. Participants will learn overdose prevention strategies, the signs and symptoms of overdose, and how to administer Narcan. Good Samaritan laws will also be covered, and additional information and resources will be available.

Sponsored by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Human Services Council, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, and Wilton Youth Services.

Managing the Impact and Influence of Digital Devices and Content: What to do, how to do it and why it's important.

Tuesday, March 20 from 10-11:30am at Wilton Library, Please register at www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334.

Tuesday, March 20th from 7-8:30pm at Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road, Weston

Please register at www.westonpubliclibrary.org, click on Calendar

Susan Bauerfeld, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist & Chris Parrott, BPS Chartered Counseling Psychologist
Join popular speakers Susan Bauerfeld and Chris Parrott to learn how to take a different approach based on an understanding of the science of how both devices and human relationships can influence behavior. The presentation will include practical, flexible and straightforward guidelines for teaching the skills needed to manage digital devices and content so children and parents can travel in and out of the Digital World with composure, mindfulness, resilience and good health. This presentation is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

Wilton Public School Workshop

How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk

Due to Popular Demand - additional session added! (all other sessions full and wait list only)

Dates: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, June 4th

Mondays at Comstock 10-11:30am

Wilton Public Schools are introducing a six-week workshop developed by the authors of the book by the same name, using lessons, role play and practice to help parents develop more effective skills for communicating with their children.

In this workshop, participants will learn how to:

- Engage your child's willing cooperation
- Deal with your child's negative feelings - frustration, disappointment, anger
- Express your anger without being hurtful
- Set firm limits and still maintain goodwill
- Use alternatives to punishment that promote self-discipline
- Encourage positive relationships between your children
- Resolve family conflicts peacefully

Funding and training for this new program was provided through a joint initiative of the Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Woman's Club that is taking aim at the opioid crisis by focusing on early prevention of the risk factors that lead to addiction later in life. Early prevention starts with fostering communication, connection and resilience in families and in the community. Registration and questions: Wilton Youth Services 203 834-624.

Submit News to Hot Cider

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