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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – September 12, 2022

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

Important Dates

Sept 13	CM PTA Meeting (9.15 AM -10.15 AM) – Maker Space (attached to LLC)
Sept 14	Open House (North), Cannondale and Nod Hill, 6.45 -7.30 pm
Sept 21	Open House (South), Kent and Belden Hill, 6.45 – 7.30 pm
Sept 26	Rosh Hashanah – No School
Sept 28	Photo Day
Oct 05	Yom Kippur – No School
Oct 10	Columbus Day – No School
Oct 11	Professional Learning – No School
Nov 08	Professional Learning – No School
Nov 09	Photo Retake Day

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope your first two weeks back have been great! As we settle into the school year, the PTA is looking forward to an incredible year of events, activities, and celebrations. However, we still need help! We have the following committee chair positions open:

Art Committee (help the art teachers hang art, etc)

Children's Enrichment (coordinate in-school enrichment programs such as the Brain Challenge)

4th and 5th Grade Fun Nights (plan and execute fun nights - 5th grade normally gets a big night at the YMCA with swimming and dancing, etc!)

Hurlbutt Schoolhouse Volunteer Coordinator (help as needed with coordination of volunteers for third grade class trip)

If you're interested in volunteering, please email cmnominating@gmail.com.

We also wanted to say thank you to all our wonderful families who joined us for our Back-to-School Movie Night! And a huge thank you to Alexis Murphy, our amazing fundraising chair, for organizing this wonderful event. You won't want to miss her next event!

Please be on the lookout for information very soon on how to join the Cider Mill PTA!

Finally, ***please join us in the Cider Mill Maker Space (off the LLC) on Tuesday, September 13th at 9:15 a.m. for our first general PTA meeting!*** If you are new to the school, please arrive a couple minutes early and make sure to bring your identification so you may be entered into the visitor system.

As always, thank YOU! Our school community has always been a huge supporter of the PTA, and we are so grateful and appreciative of your continued support!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or comments at michelleAkrupa@gmail.com and giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

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CM PTA Co-Presidents

Helpful Links

Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

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

CM School

Handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th_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

WPS Back to School Website: 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

CM Interactive Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: https://wiltonps.org/338734_2

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3

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

School Messenger Information: https://wiltonps.org/595543_3

Schoology Information: https://wiltonps.org/576129_3

Special Bus Assignments: 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

Picture Day!

Picture day is coming, Wednesday, September 28th!! And traditional class photos are back!

Order your school pictures today on

<https://my.lifetouch.com/> using our code **EVTH424SJ**.

PTA Membership

PTA membership will be opening soon! Joining is a great way to support your child and enhance their school experience. Be on the lookout for an email with information on how to join in our brand-new app!!

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

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.

Community News

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 musiconthehillCT.org. These programs sponsored in part by Fairfield County Bank.

musiconthehillCT.org/music-for-kids

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

Submit News to Hot Cider

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