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### CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 12, 2025

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

## **Important Dates**

May 13	PTA Meeting at 9:15 am in the multipurpose room and via Zoom
May 14	Extended Day Childcare Registration Opens
May 14	5th Grade Chorus / Orchestra, CM Singers and Advanced Strings, 6:30 pm
May 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Art Show
May 15	Wilton BOE Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, WHS Professional Library
May 16	Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day!
May 16-18	Miller-Driscoll School Carnival
May 17	Community Shred Day
May 20	Thank You Happy Hour hosted by the Wilton PTAs
May 22	Closing House Belden Hill 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
May 23	Closing House Nod Hill / Belden Hill 3rd Grade
May 27	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus / Orchestra Concert South, 6:30 pm
May 29	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus / Orchestra Concert North, 6:30 pm
May 30	Closing House Kent 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
June 1	Wilton Historical Society Food Truck Festival!
June 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Strings Combined, 6:30 pm
June 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band and CM Jazz Ensemble, 6:30 pm
June 5	Closing House Cannondale 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
June 6	Closing House Nod Hill / Kent 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Cannondale 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
June 10	Closing House / Moving Up Ceremony 5th South
June 11	Closing House / Moving Up Ceremony 5th North

### **Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,**

**May 13** 

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we want to take a moment to say thank you for the incredible support you've shown, especially during Teacher Appreciation Week and the Book Fair last week. Your time and generosity made both events a true success!

We've got a busy few weeks ahead, and we hope to see you around, especially at our Volunteer Thank You Night on Tuesday, May 20, from 7–9 pm at Bianco Rosso (details below). It's our way of celebrating all our volunteers and all the time and heart you've poured into this community.

Don't forget – our final PTA meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at 9:15 am. We'd love to see you there as we wrap up an amazing year and start thinking ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to <a href="mailto:giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com">giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com</a> or cathleenfareed@gmail.com.

Thank you, Melissa Reynolds, President Cathleen Fareed, President-Elect

## **School News**

### Announcing the 2025–2026 PTA Board

We're excited to introduce the new incoming Cider Mill PTA Board members for the next school year. We'll vote on these at our May meeting, held in the Multipurpose room on Tuesday, May 13 at 9:15 am:

• President Elect: Christine Kraemer • Parent At Large: Sherry McCulloch • Gifts & Grants: Maureen Brown

• Secretary: Leyla Swanson

• Special Education Interests: Melissa Reynolds

• Membership: Christine Marks

Thank you to these incredible volunteers for stepping up to lead and support our community!

And please join us either in person or via Zoom on Tuesday, our final meeting of the school year:

Zoom Link:

Topic: PTA General Meeting

Time: May 13, 2025 09:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/98213077397

Meeting ID: 982 1307 7397

### Class Placement & Class Solver for 2025/2026

If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to read **this letter** from Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Charles Smith, and Principals Kathryn Coon and Jennifer Falcone regarding class placement for the 2025/2026 school year.

End of Year Excitement: Closing House / Moving Up Celebrations!

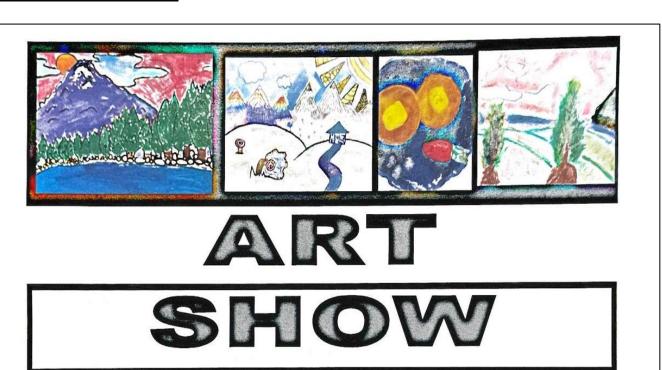
### 2024 - 2025 CM Closing House / Moving Up Chart:

Date	House / Grade	Time
May 22, 2025	Belden Hill Grade 4	1:30 pm
May 23, 2025	Nod Hill Grade 3	8:30 am
May 23, 2025	Belden Hill Grade 3	1:15 pm
May 30, 2025	Kent Grade 3	10:45 am
June 5, 2025	Cannondale Grade 4	1:15 pm
June 6, 2025	Nod Hill Grade 4	10:00 am
June 6, 2025	Kent Grade 4	1:15 pm
June 6, 2025	Cannondale Grade 3	1:30 pm
June 10, 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> South (BH & K)	Moving Up Ceremony: 8:00am Closing House: 9:00 – 9:45 am
June 11, 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> North (NH & CN)	Moving Up Ceremony: 8:00am Closing House: 9:00 – 9:45 am

### Mark your calendars!

For your convenience, here is the Closing House / Moving Up schedule for each grade.





The third through fifth grade All Art Show opening celebration will be held at Cider Mill School on Wednesday May 14th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for North Side and 7:00 to 8:00 for South Side. Artwork by all the third, fourth and fifth graders in Cider Mill will be on display. For this event, the halls on the second and third floors are transformed into a gallery of children's art. Pottery, painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture will be on display. We hope to see you there to celebrate the arts at Cider Mill!

## **Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day!**





The Wilton PTAs (Miller Driscoll, Cider Mill, Middlebrook, WHS & SEPTA) are hosting a **Thank You Happy Hour** to celebrate YOU!



Tuesday, May 20

Stop by anytime between 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Bianco Rosso, 151 Old Ridgefield Road

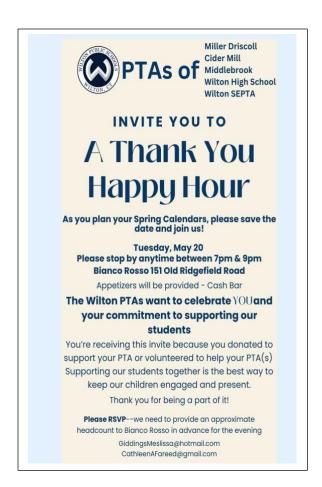


Appetizers provided | Cash bar





Come relax and celebrate a great year with us!



### **Come Enjoy the Cider Mill Spring Concerts!**



- For all strings matters, please email Mr. Sugruei at sugruei@wiltonps.org
- For all singing matters or general concert questions, please email Mrs. Bakst at bakstb@wiltonps.org

### 4th Grade Spring Concerts details:





### EduKit Ordering is LIVE!

It's already time to start thinking about next school year!

Order classroom supply kits now for **Cider Mill 2025–2026** through EduKit.

Order by: Monday, June 30 for best pricing + FREE shipping to school in time for Meet the Teacher Day



### **Cider Mill EduKit**

**Important:** Please use your child's *given name as it appears in PowerSchool* to ensure kits are delivered to the correct classrooms.



A portion of the proceeds supports the PTA.

Please consider a donation at checkout to help Wilton Social Services provide kits to families in need.

### **Questions? Contact:**

Lynn Strickrodt – lynnstrickrodt@gmail.com Danielle Dooner – danielledooner311@gmail.com

### 2025-26 Extended Day Childcare Registration - Opens May 14

Mark your calendars! **On Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 am**, online registration opens for 2025-26 Extended Day Childcare Programs!

**Miller-Driscoll** (entering grades K-2): Before School 7:00 – 9:00 am & After School 3:30 – 6:30 pm **Cider Mill** (entering grades 3-5): After School 2:15 - 6:30 pm

Prior to registration, click <u>here</u> to create and/or update your parent and student account with Wilton Continuing Education. Keep your username and password handy to expedite your registration. Go directly to <u>wiltoncontinuinged.org</u> and click on Childcare to register.

### Wilton Continuing Education Summer Programs and Music Lessons

### Registration is now open!

Welcome to the <u>Summer Program</u> for elementary school students! Select from a variety of weeklong activities designed for fun, learning or playing:

- Innovation, Creation, and Imagination with Mr. Greasley & Mrs. Ryan
- STEAM Adventures!
- Arts & Crafts with Mrs. Casl
- Baking Buddies!
- "Be A Good Sport"! with Mr. Giaimo
- Power Up! Coding, Minecraft, Gaming and LEGO®
- Tennis
- Speed & Agility Training with CT Fitness Lab
- Paint, Draw & More!
- Power Up! 3D Printing, Minecraft, Drone Racing, Gaming, LEGO®
- Power Up! Coding, Minecraft, Gaming, LEGO®, Drone Racing & Pokemon Cards

Contact conservatory@wiltonps.org before registering if you need a pro-rated session.

• SDSS Martial Arts Karate Camp and More!

Contact **enrichment@wiltoncontinuinged.org** with questions.

Summer Music Lessons with the Wilton Conservatory of Music will be held at Cider Mill School. Wilton Conservatory of Music is excited to offer private music lessons this summer at Cider Mill School. Summer is a great time for students to try an instrument for the first time, or to maintain skills they've been working on throughout the year, either as part of their school music program or with WCM or other private lessons. It's also a great time to prepare for any upcoming auditions or performances, or just have some fun with music!

The 7-week session runs from June 17 (skipping the week of July 1) – August 7 on T, W, or Th. We welcome ages K – adult and all experience levels. Camp and vacation schedules can be accommodated with a shorter, pro-rated session – some lessons are better than no lessons!

### **Cider Mill PTA Social Media**

The Cider Mill PTA has a new social media presence! Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram at:





These accounts do not replace the current Cider Mill Parent Community Page and information will be available on all three pages.

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# Air Conditioning Reminder

AC has been turned on. Please remind your child to **dress in layers** or **keep a sweatshirt in their locker**, as room temperatures may vary.

### **Teacher Photocopying Aides Needed!**

We need your support to keep things running smoothly! We're looking for volunteers to help make copies for our teachers and staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 am. If you can spare an hour of your time, please sign up using the link below. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49AEAF28A5FB6-51225341-cider#/

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help our school community!

### **AtoZ Connect**

### PTA Membership and Directory ARE LIVE!

Our Membership Portal is now live and ready to accept members for the 2024/2025 school year!

A Single Membership gives you directory access and one vote when voting on PTA issues. A Family Membership gives you directory access and two votes.

Through this platform we will provide a directory of students, sell tickets to events, sell spirit wear, and conduct surveys. All revenue goes to pay dues to the CTPTA and to support school events, grants, gifts, and more!

Sign up now! https://cidermillpta.membershiptoolkit.com/story/364235

### **Wilton SEPTA**

The Wilton SEPTA's mission is to build compassionate, trusting, and collaborative relationships with all members of our schools and community. We strive to ensure that the diversity of all children receiving Special Education and related services will be supported, celebrated and socially embraced. Collectively, we will work to increase access to resources, empowering every child with the opportunity and inspiration to thrive.

Like our <u>Facebook</u> page and visit our <u>website</u> to join for the 2024/2025 school year, for meeting dates, for volunteer and officer opportunities, and to stay updated with the latest 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. Please stay tuned!

## **Community News**

### Join the Merriment at the Miller-Driscoll Carnival!



### **Bring Your Appetites to the Wilton Historical Society's Food Truck Festival!**



Enjoy great food, immersive experiences, and community unity, all while supporting Wilton's museum at the Wilton Historical Society's Food Truck Festival!

When: Sunday, June 1, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Where: Schenck's Island and Chess Park, 202 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT 06897 What: Feast from a collection of the area's finest food trucks, with all proceeds to benefit the Society How: Pre-Sale tickets available at wiltonhistorical.org

Attendees can explore Wilton's culinary and food-producing history, with re-enactments from knowledgeable colonial educators and fly-fishing demonstrations on the Norwalk River, courtesy of Trout Unlimited's Mianus Chapter. The festival will also include live music, historically inspired games, face painting, and more!

The Wilton Historical Society Food Truck Festival is being held in partnership with Wilton Pride's Be You Festival and Wilton Coalition for Youth #Wiltoniswhereyoubelong campaign. The Be You Pride Festival will take place on the Town Green on Sunday, June 1, and visitors are encouraged to spend the day in Wilton Center supporting all the participating community organizations.

### **NEW!** Wilton-exclusive Vineyard Vines Ties & Totes

Limited offer for Wilton-exclusive VV totes & ties – the perfect gift for Teacher Appreciation, Father's Day, Graduation and more! Order now, before you forget! **Order deadline is June 1.** 

All proceeds benefit Wilton Youth Council Class Project 2028, a fundraising project for the Class of 2028 Post Graduation Party.

Place order here: <a href="https://wiltonclass2028.itemorder.com/shop/sale/">https://wiltonclass2028.itemorder.com/shop/sale/</a>

### Wilton Youth Field Hockey



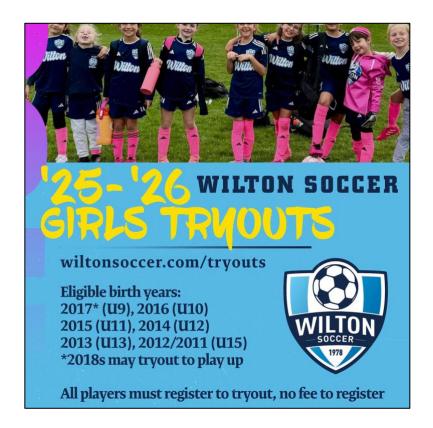
# Registration is now open for Fall 2025 Field Hockey!

Sign up by June 15 and take advantage of our Early Bird pricing.

Visit our website for information on all of our K - 8th grade programs and to register:

https://www.wiltonyouthfieldhockey.org

### **Wilton Soccer Association**





For detailed information, including the schedule for each eligible birth year, and to register, click here: **WSA Travel Tryouts 2025** 

### **Wilton Youth Council**

**WYC Wilton Welcome**: It's hard enough to settle into a new community: meeting other parents in town, getting feedback and questions answered and connecting take time! We're here to help! **Wilton Welcome is a program to help forge relationships within the Wilton Community.** We match folks who are new to town or looking to grow their connection to the community with those who are already established in Wilton.

To participate, whether new to town or an established family, complete <u>this short form</u> to help us pair you with the right family. Answer a few questions below so we can match new-to-Wilton families with a family that's been here a bit longer.

### May is Mental Health Action Month!



### **WYC Community Marly's Night!**

Wednesday, May 14 7:00 – 10:00 pm Marley's Restaurant

### Save the Date!

In honor of Mental Health Action Month, Wilton Youth Council is planning a fun night out at Marley's. Stay tuned for more details!



### Sunday, May 18, 2025 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Allen's Meadow Field 4

The concept of Dads and Doughnuts is simple yet profound: to provide a refreshing departure from structured schedules, allowing families to reconnect with what truly matters—quality time and community spirit.

If you have questions or would like to get involved in <u>Wilton Youth Council</u>, email Chandra Ring at <u>cring@wiltonyouth.org</u>. Please visit our website for more information about community events, parenting groups and programs on healthy families, building connections, transitions, and more!

### Wilton Go Green





Click here to register for one or both days: <a href="https://wiltongogreen.org/books-a-blanket/">https://wiltongogreen.org/books-a-blanket/</a>

### HRRA Recycling Billboard Contest Winners:

Congratulations to our Cider Mill students who placed locally in the HRRA Recycling Billboard Contest! You can see all of the local winners' artwork hung up at Comstock in May as well as a video of their artwork using this <a href="link">link</a>.

### **Third Grade**

1st Place - Chris Li REGIONAL Honorable Mention

### **Fourth Grade**

- 1st Place Dillon Murphy REGIONAL 1st Place Winner
- 2nd Place Wesley Robinson
- 3rd Place Rafferty Smith

### Fifth Grade

• 2nd Place - Cole DiDonato

### Join the Fun at DIG Summer Camp



## **DIG Summer Camp**



10 Full Weeks of fun (June 16th - August 22)!

Ages 4-12
Email DIGCoachBeth@gmail.com to register or go to TeamDIGUSA.com

#### Locations:

DIG Complex: 48 Norfield Rd Weston, CT 06883 Our Lady of Fatima: 225 Danbury Rd Wilton, CT 06897



Soccer
Nerf Battles
Arts and Crafts
Chess
Football
Wiffle Ball
Waterslides
And more!



### Prices:

\$415 for Full Week 9A-3P \$485 for Full Week 9A-6P (Wilton Location only) \$295 for Full Week 9A-12P or 12P-3P \$144/day 9A-3P \$72/day 9A-12P or 12P-3P

Refunds or Credits for change in plans given at any point!
Sibling discount available!
Email <u>DIGCoachBeth@gmail.com</u> for a customized invoice.







### **Woodcock Nature Center**

### Registration for summer camp is still open!

Investigate nature through woodland expeditions, stream exploration, scavenger hunts, obstacle courses, wilderness games, live animals, and nature art!

When: June 16 – August 15 Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Camp weeks fill up quickly; check here for available remaining spots: Summer Camp

Single Day Enrichment Programs: To register, go to <a href="https://www.woodcocknaturecenter.org/single-enrichment">https://www.woodcocknaturecenter.org/single-enrichment</a>

### **Moth Madness**

Friday, May 16 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm (Grade 3 - 6)

In this special evening program, we will uncover the wonderful world of moths! These primarily nocturnal insects are seldom seen and underappreciated for their strikingly beautiful patterns and interesting range of adaptations and behaviors. Educators will lead students in visiting light traps and baited trees which will attract different moth species, and we will learn together about what we end up seeing and identifying! There are over 1,000 species of moth that live in New England and we are always excited to discover more of them! **Registration is \$45**.

### Create your own Terrarium!

Friday, May 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Grade 3 - 6)

In this program we will create our own closed terrariums inside glass mason jars! These terrariums will be modeled after our native forest floors - they will come out as cool living decorations that will remind you of nature and change over time! A closed system terrarium shouldn't need any watering or maintenance once created either - everything that it needs will be contained in the jar and recycled. **Registration is \$45.** 

### **Ambler Farm**

### Registration for summer camp is still open!

Campers attending our summer camp will have an amazing time experiencing farm life through handson activities, spending time with our farm animals, getting their hands dirty in our educational gardens, and working around the farm.

When: June 16 - August 15

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, with After Camp Care from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Click here to register: Summer Camp

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### **The Turnover Shop**

The Turnover Shop is a great Wilton resource when looking to reuse or donate items you no longer need. They run on volunteers and sell by donations or consignment. Many of our lost and found items end up at the Turnover Shop at the end of terms!

The Turnover Shop is also always looking for volunteers! Please feel free to reach out them if interested.

Please check them out at https://turnovershopwilton.org/.

### Wilton NAMI-CAN: Free Parent Support Group

Struggling with your kids? Want a safe space to vent about life at home? Need support? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) is a Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and/or 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, find resources and support, and be understood without embarrassment or the fear of being judged or treated differently. Parents come from Darien, Weston, Norwalk, Westport, Wilton and other area towns. <a href="https://namisouthwestct.org">https://namisouthwestct.org</a>

Next meeting is on **Monday**, **June 2 over Zoom** (cameras on) from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81998029176">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81998029176</a> Meeting ID: 819 9802 9176

For the password and more information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or <a href="mailto:beth44es@gmail.com">beth44es@gmail.com</a> OR Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or <a href="mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com">eliasvanessa5@gmail.com</a>

### **Submit News to Hot Cider**

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