

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - November 26th, 2017

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

Important Dates

Nov 27	Day 4
Nov 30-Dec 1	Visiting Author Lauren Tarshis
Dec 8	2 Hour Delayed Opening (Prof. Learning)
Dec 14	Bingo Night
Dec 25-29	Holiday Recess
Jan 1	New Years Day- School Closed

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,

We hope everyone had a relaxing few days off, and that children (and parents) are ready to get back to school!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our fall Book Fair such a success! Special thanks to Eileen Allers, Sarah McCall and Melissa Pennucci for all their hard work and coordination of volunteers.

Don't forget the upcoming Bingo Night on the 14th. You should have received a flyer in your child's backpack; return it ASAP as the event sold out last year!

Thanks for everything you do.

Amanda Patania and Annemarie Aronowitz
PTA Co-Presidents

School News

Visiting Author: Laura Tarshis

Cider Mill School is excited to host Lauren Tarshis for our 2017 author visit. She will be at our school on **November 30th and December 1st.**

She is the author of the New York Times bestselling **I Survived** series. Each of these historical fiction books focuses on an iconic event from history, and tells the story through the eyes of a child who was there. The theme of the series is resilience: how human beings can struggle through even the most difficult experiences and somehow not simply survive but heal — and ultimately thrive. Her presentation takes students deep into her research and writing process and reveals her own personal story of coping with reading struggles when she was young.

Check out her website: <http://www.laurentarshis.com/>

****Books will be available for purchase at lunch time on November 27th-30th***

Cider Mill Holiday Lunch Buffet for Teachers and Staff - Tuesday, December 12th

Happy Holidays! Calling all festive foodies! To thank our incredible teachers and staff, the Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee is looking for donations for the Cider Mill Staff Holiday Lunch on Tuesday, December 12th. This lunch buffet, full of your favorite holiday dishes, is an annual event anticipated all year and greatly appreciated by our teachers and staff. We are looking for a mix of holiday favorites, healthy choices, family

classics, tasty dessert treats and drinks. Contributions can be dropped off on Tuesday, December 12 between 7:15 and 9am at Cider Mill or contact the organizers for drop off the day before. Thank you in advance for making this another successful PTA event! Questions? Contact Lisa Finn at ldbfinn@hotmail.com. Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49ada723a7ff2-cider1>.

Ongoing School News

Join the PTA ~ We Need Your Support!

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 amandaNmitchell@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.

Community News

NAMI CAN Parent Support Group

Are you stressed about the upcoming holidays? Do you worry about needing to hide or explain your child's behavior to extended family and friends? Does the break in routine and hectic time cause behavioral changes in your child? 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. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. Our next meetings are Mondays November 27th and December 18th from 10-11:30, G&B

Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

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 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.

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