

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - October 16, 2017

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

Important Dates

Oct 6	Day 3
Oct 17	PTA Meeting - Morning, 9:15am/Evening, 7pm, Cafeteria
Oct 20	Hats for Hurricanes
Oct 31	Halloween Parades, Belden Hill & Nod Hill, 8:45am/Cannondale & Kent, 9:30am, Bus Loop
Nov 3	Pay It Forward for Puerto Rico Donations Must be Returned (more information below)
Nov 6-7	NO SCHOOL (Professional Learning)
Nov 9	Turkey Trot
Nov 10	Veterans Day Assemblies
Nov 14	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Nov 16-21	Book Fair
Nov 16-21	EARLY DISMISSALS (Conferences)
Nov 23-24	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Recess)

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
Chart Wells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

From The PTA Co-Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We would like to thank everyone involved in making the 2017 Walk-a-thon a huge success. The children raised over \$28,000 to help fund many of the programs run by the PTA. They looked great in their t-shirts and seemed to have fun walking around the track! Congratulations to Nod Hill for winning a night free of homework and to Mr. Schwartz's class for 100% participation.

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 17th. We have both a morning and evening meeting (9:15a.m. and 7:00p.m.), everyone is welcome to attend. We will have some BOE candidates attending and it's the best place to have your voice heard.

Thanks for everything you do.

Amanda Patania and Annemarie Aronowitz
PTA Co-Presidents

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.)

Pay It Forward for Puerto Rico

Support your child in their efforts to participate in Cider Mill's school wide fundraiser, Pay It Forward for Puerto Rico! Help them brainstorm ideas to raise money, encourage their creativity and their generosity! Students can earn money by doing chores, setting up a lemonade stand or a bake sale, or collecting donations from family. Be creative in your fundraising efforts. Every little bit counts! If every student at Cider Mill raised \$5, we could raise more than \$4500 for hurricane victims!! All proceeds will be donated to Save the Children, Puerto Rico.

Return donations to the main office in an envelope marked "Pay it Forward for Puerto Rico", by Friday November 3rd. Checks made out to Save the Children, are preferred. Cash is also welcome.

**Students are also encouraged to color in the flag on the flyer and return with their donations! These will be displayed in the halls of Cider Mill to promote our fundraiser!

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

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.

Upcoming Programs-

Civility: Teaching Children Respect, Tolerance and Empathy in a Complicated World with Alicia Farrell, PHD, Cognitive Psychologist and Founder of Clearview Consulting

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

10:00-11:30 AM @ Wilton Library, *Registration recommended at www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334;*

7:00-8:30 PM @ Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road, Weston *No Registration necessary*

Join us for the first presentation in the Wilton Youth Council Parent Information Series 2017-2018. Do you ever feel overwhelmed and confused raising children in this complicated, dynamic world? If so, you have a lot of company. More than ever we are navigating our parental roles without a rudder while still being the most influential force in our children's lives. As a parent, you are POWERFUL. What you do, what you say and how you say it strongly influences your children.

This workshop will empower you to take charge as a parent and a role model. You will learn how to mentor your children, regardless of their age, as they learn to be positive self-advocates while building life-skills around respect, tolerance and empathy. This presentation is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

Sponsored by: Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services, Wilton Library, Weston Youth Services, Weston Library.

Wilton Parent Advisory Board Parent Night Out ~ Thursday, October 19th

Does your child have an IEP or 504? If so, please join the Wilton Parent Advisory Board (www.pabwilton.com) for its annual Parents Night Out on Thursday, October 19th from 6:30-8:30 at Wilton Episcopal-Presbyterian Church Organization (WEPCO), 48 New Canaan Road. Learn more about Wilton Public Schools and programs, get tips on private services for your child, and/or simply enjoy the company of other parents of children who learn differently. Wine and light refreshments served. RSVP at pabwilton@gmail.com.

Ongoing School News

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

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.

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