

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – June 1, 2020

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

## Important Dates

### Wilton Schools - Buildings Closed and E-Learning Only Until Further Notice

**Jun 10** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you and your families are doing well, and staying healthy!

This past week our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers drove many miles around Wilton to distribute and congratulate our 5<sup>th</sup> graders with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Yard Signs. Seeing so many posts from parents, and their smiling students, have been amazing. Thank you to all of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for going above and beyond!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbooks have arrived! They will be distributed during the schedule “pick-up” of students’ locker/room materials. This schedule is currently being organized and will be shared next week by Dr. Falcone. A big thank you to Melissa Roos, Beth Anne McMahon and Michelle Lester for all of their hard work in developing, and ensuring that our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have an amazing yearbook full of CM memories!

There are many items that still remain at the school in Lost and Found. With restrictions on entry into the school we are not going to be able to allow parents access before the end of the school year. The custodians are working hard to box everything up to store it until the Fall. Once we are allowed back into the school we will set up a time for parents to look through Lost and Found for their child’s missing items.

On Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> plan on joining the entire CM community for a Virtual Field Day. The PE team has worked hard to put together a day of fun activities. Please review [this list of materials](#) that the students will need. No worries if you do not have them all, the kids can be creative finding things around the house to use. There will not be a regularly scheduled day on Tuesday, the Virtual Field Day deck will be shared in its place. Please share images of your student throughout the day!

The PTA will once again be working with EduKit to offer school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year. We are in the process of finalizing the kits for each grade and expect to have information to you shortly.

Attached is a letter from the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Budget for Wilton Public Schools. As the budget approval process is different at this time due to the pandemic, you are encouraged to contact the Board of Finance to share your thoughts at [boardoffinance@wiltonct.org](mailto:boardoffinance@wiltonct.org).

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LETTER

The PTA is beginning to look towards next year to help facilitate a smooth transition into the new school year. With that being said, many of our Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs will be leaving CM in the Fall, which requires us to fill many open positions. A few of these positions include Co-President, Secretary and Membership. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, Co-President at [meghan.russo13@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.russo13@gmail.com) or Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair at [amanda\\_Patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_Patania@yahoo.com)

The PTA will be holding a virtual meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday, June 2 at 4pm**. Please note that we have changed the time of the meeting to accommodate folks that are attending the Board of Finance Meeting. You can use the following link to join <https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/8317783422>

Thank you again for your continued support.

Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo  
CM PTA Co-Presidents

### District News

- WPS COVID-19 updates - <https://www.wiltonps.org/about/district-covid-19-information>
- [FAQ Document](#)
- Request lunches for your child from WPS - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-VNkVEFUyNOJ-9thr622Q\\_Z4Dz4sllc8PNT5zTUZXc6EJ7g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-VNkVEFUyNOJ-9thr622Q_Z4Dz4sllc8PNT5zTUZXc6EJ7g/viewform)

### School News

- Rising 6th Grade Parents and Guardians: On behalf of the Middlebrook PTA, we sincerely hope you and your families are staying safe and are all well. We are looking forward to having you and your kids at Middlebrook School next year and we are still in need of volunteers for some of the 6th grade activities as well as for other positions. If you are interested in volunteering or learning a little more about them, please contact our PTA President - Chandra Ring at [cring226@gmail.com](mailto:cring226@gmail.com) or the Nominations Chair - Meire Mouracade at [mouracadefamily4@gmail.com](mailto:mouracadefamily4@gmail.com) CM Administration Contacts - <https://www.wiltonps.org/cider-mill/cider-mill-information/administration>
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- Math eLearning Update: Randi Rondano, our wonderful math coach, prepared this [ScreenCastify](#) to provide information on the design of the math lessons (instruction and assessment). It also provides valuable insight on how to navigate moments when your learner might be struggling.
- [Synchronous Learning](#): Review this 1-page overview of synchronous and asynchronous learning, tools that support synchronous learning and CM's plan for the integration of synchronous learning.
- Digital Texts: For quick access to many [Digital Texts & Literature](#) see Destiny Discover and SORA. The District continues to build our access to digital texts every day!
- Click [HERE](#) for the link to all past CM communications.

### 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](#).

#### **STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM**

CIDER MILL SCHOOL – (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

**To participate:** Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

**To earn points:**

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2019-2020 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted. • Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

### **BOX TOPS HAVE GONE DIGITAL!**

BIG, exciting change to Box Tops for Education this year! Box Tops has gone digital! This is a MUCH easier way to earn money for Cider Mill School! To donate box tops, follow the steps below.

1. Download the Box Top (BTFE) app on your smart phone
2. Buy products with the Box Top logo
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your store receipt
4. The app automatically gives Cider Mill credit for the participating products you purchased!

The app is really easy to use and it saves so much clipping and counting time. Any clipped Box Tops you have been saving may be turned into the Box Tops box in the main office. These will be counted and submitted "the old fashioned way." If you have any questions, please email Heather Mroz, Box Top Coordinator, at [heathermm@optonline.net](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net). Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

## **Community News**

### **WILTON SEPTA**

Join us to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more!

If you haven't yet registered or renewed your membership to SEPTA, please click here and join us today: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>.

## **Submit News to Hot Cider**

This is the last edition of Hot Cider. Have a safe and wonderful summer!