

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 29, 2023

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

Important Dates

May 23	5th Grade Orchestra/Chorus, Advanced Strings, CM Singers Concert (7– 8pm)
May 29	Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
May 31	5th Gr Band and CM Jazz Ensemble Concert (7-8pm)
May 31	Cider Mill Art Show & World Culture Night – 5:30-6:30 pm, Grade 5 and Grade 4 South, 6:30-8:00 pm, Grade 3 and Grade 4 North
Jun 1	Grade 3 – Team Fun Day
Jun 2	CM Spirit Day, Grade 4 – Team Fun Day, Grade 5 – Team Fun Night (6.30 pm)
Jun 5	Grade 5 – Team Fun Day
Jun 8	Grade 3 Strings Concert Combined (North & South) – 7 pm
Jun 13	Grade 5 Moving up Ceremony (North – CN and NH)
Jun 14	Grade 5 Moving up Ceremony (South- BH and KT)
Jun 14-16	Shortened Days
Jun 19	Shortened Day - Last Day of School

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all the families who supported our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair!** And a huge thank you to **Melissa Reynolds**, our amazing Book Fair Chair, for all her tireless work yet again, and to all the parent volunteers who helped staff the fair! We truly could not have accomplished this without all your help!

Each grade will soon be participating in interactive **Team Fun Days**, led by our amazing PE teachers! These events will run from 8-9:30AM on June 1st (third grade), June 2nd (fourth grade), and June 5th (fifth grade) at the WHS Football Stadium. Families are encouraged to come cheer on their students, but the school asks them to stay behind the fences and off the turf field. The Cider Mill PTA will be treating students to ice pops at the end of each day's events.

Fifth Grade Parents who ordered **graduation signs** and have not yet picked them up, please check your email for alternative pickup information. Please reach out to Melissa Reynolds with any questions.

We need **volunteers** for next year, including room representatives! To sign up, please visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1t8ZV_6TuO-QND6ooYBF-Dsfk8CS5C2YIVS5w7EfhUSA/edit

It's also already time to start thinking of school supplies for next year! Current students in third and fourth grade can purchase **EduKits** on or before June 30th for delivery to your child's classroom on Meet the Teacher Day in August. To purchase, or to find the school supply lists for next year, please visit: <https://www.edukitinc.com/schools/1717/Cider%20Mill%20School>

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com or giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Michelle Krupa and Melissa Reynolds
Cider Mill 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/scschoollfiles/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/scschoollfiles/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

2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's hard to believe, but it's already time to start thinking about school supplies for the 2023/24 school year!

Every year, the Cider Mill PTA offers parents the convenience to buy school supplies in a prepackaged kit via EduKit that is delivered to your student's classroom on Meet the Teacher Day in August! *Proceeds from the sale of these EduKits go directly towards the purchase of school supplies for Wilton Social Services.*

To order, please visit: <https://www.edukitinc.com/schools/1717/>

School supply lists can also be found at the link above.

Please note that all orders must be submitted on or before June 30, 2023, to guarantee best pricing and free shipping to our school by Meet the Teacher Day.

And as always, thank you for supporting your Cider Mill PTA and the Wilton community!

~Cider Mill PTA

2023/2024 PTA Executive Committee

The Cider Mill PTA is pleased to announce the 2023-24 Cider Mill PTA Executive Committee approved by membership at our May 9th general PTA meeting:

- President: **Melissa Reynolds**
- President-Elect: **Caroline Hoffman**
- VP Membership: **Jennifer Soudagar**
- VP Fundraising: **Alexis Murphy**
- Treasurer: **Christine Marks**
- Secretary: **Marissa Rosado**
- Parent-at-Large: **Heather Christopher**

Wilton SEPTA

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

MS PRESIDENT US

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2023-2024
ENROLL NOW!

TOPICS

- Civic Leadership / Public Service
- Meet Local, State, and Federal Leaders
- Self-Confidence and Leadership
- Public Speaking, Debate
- Activism & Finding Your Voice
- Communications & Media
- State Capitol Visit
- Campaign & Election

ENROLL

- Visit MsPresidentUS.org
- Select "Enroll"
- Open to girls in 4th to 8th Grade
- Sessions are 1.5 hours each
- Registration fee \$250
- Scholarships available

Ms President US motivates and prepares girls to become future civic leaders. It is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, civic leadership program.

SAVE YOUR SEAT!

Girls entering grades 4 through 8 are invited to join the Fall 2023 Ms President US program!

The mission of [Ms President US](#) is to motivate and prepare girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and to know that they can achieve them. As Ridgefield's First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, stated, "Ms President US fills a niche that is very important - we need to have more women involved in politics, and this is a great foundation, building skills."

The program accomplishes this goal by introducing the participants to students and women who are leaders on a community, state, and national level. The girls then have a chance to interact with the leaders and engage in activities that help them develop their own leadership skills. Each session is facilitated by high school girls who serve as mentors throughout the program.

Session topics include:

- Civic Leadership / Public Service
- Meet & Greet Local, State, and Federal Leaders
- Self-Confidence and Leadership
- Public Speaking & Debate
- Communications & Media
- State Capitol Visit

The program culminates in a campaign and election whereby participants have the opportunity to create their own campaign (or work on another participant's campaign) and run for "Ms President US" of their town. The winner is invited to appearances throughout the year and works with town leaders (announcing the start of races, giving speeches at events, etc.). There have been thirty-six Ms President US winners to date.

Enrolled Girl Scouts can earn several patches and badges for participation in the Ms President US program. High school girls with leadership experience are encouraged to apply to be mentors. Visit the [Mentor page](#) on our website to learn more.

Sessions are held between October through March. The program also includes a field trip to the State Capitol. To enroll or learn more, visit mspresidentus.org, select "Enroll," and choose your chapter. The enrollment fee is \$250, and scholarships are available by request.

[2023-2024 Press Release](#)

[Campaign Link](#)

Wilton Youth Council May Events

Navigating the Youth Sports Landscape: Raising a Healthy Athlete: May 31 @ 7:30 PM
<https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>

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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