

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication
May 31, 2015

Important Dates

June 1	Day 2
June 1	Moving Up/Celebrations for Belden Hill/Kent 5 th Graders
June 2	Moving Up/Celebrations for Cannondale/Nod Hill 5 th Graders
June 3	5 th Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 8	3 rd Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 10	4 th Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 12-16	Shortened Day Schedule: School dismisses at 11:55am
June 16	Last Day of School

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

Order School Supplies Now to be Ready in the Fall! ~ Ordering Period: May 18 – June 21

Again this year, Cider Mill will be using the convenient services of SchoolKidz and their Teacher-Tailored back to school supply kit program. Why fight long lines trying to find every single requested item on your child's supply list? Let us do the shopping for you! Orders are ONLY accepted online. To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

- Go to www.shoptkits.com
- Enter the account number: 83508
- Choose the appropriate grade level kit – REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
- Enter your child's first name and last name
- Add to cart; confirm your order and checkout
- Find your child's kit in the classroom on Meet the Teacher Day in August

You may check out without an account by entering your email address only. Please be sure to keep your receipt as proof of purchase. Questions? Contact Jackie Shaw at jackielshaw@hotmail.com.

For 5th Grade Parents: Celebrations ~ Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2

Celebrations is an hour-long ceremony celebrating our students through the eyes of our guidance counselors, our PE, Art, Music, World Language and Library Media teachers. It is filled with videos, pictures and music as we share the creativity and wonderful achievements of our students. The last part of the ceremony is our *Moving Up*. Fifth graders receive certificates of achievement and shake the hands of all homeroom teachers they have had along the way. It is a lovely opportunity to be honored with the applause of their 3rd and 4th grade housemates and their teachers. This year we are trying something new by inviting 5th grade parents to join us for *Celebrations* as well as *Closing House* in the 5th grade classrooms. Due to the gymnasium occupancy, we are limited to three tickets per family, which will be sent home within the next week. If you cannot use the tickets, please return them to the school office so we can redistribute them if needed. We hope you can join us at the following times as we say *adieu* to our 5th grade students *Moving Up* to Middlebrook School:

- **Belden Hill 5th Grade:** Monday, June 1, 8:30 – 9:30am *Celebrations* in the Main Gym with Closing House to follow in classrooms until 10:15am
- **Kent 5th Grade:** Monday, June 1, 12:15pm Closing House in the classrooms with *Celebrations* from 1-2pm in the Main Gym
- **Cannondale 5th Grade:** Tuesday, June 2, 8:30 – 9:30am *Celebrations* in the Main Gym with Closing House to follow in classrooms until 10:15am
- **Nod Hill 5th Grade:** Tuesday, June 2, 12:15pm Closing House in the classrooms with *Celebrations* from 1-2pm in the Main Gym

Field Days: 5th Grade ~ June 3, 4th Grade ~ June 10, 3rd Grade ~ June 8, 8am - 12pm

They did it! Come help our students celebrate finishing another (or their first) great year at Cider Mill. It's one of the most fun days of the year – your child's Field Day. Each grade has its own day when the students get outside and play games (including the ever popular Tug of War) on the football field at the high school, rejoicing in the start of summer and each other's company! Rain dates are: 5th Grade June 4, 4th Grade June 11, and 3rd Grade June 9.

A final thought from Guidance –

Well, we've made it through another school year! I hope that you and your child/children have had a successful year. Here are some ideas to help keep their brains going throughout the summer:

Summer Field Trip Idea – Take your child to a farm or farmer's market to see how local food or animals contribute to your family's table. Buy local produce and create a new family tradition. Prepare the food together using a traditional family recipe.

Ways to weave academics into your summer – If you are having a yard sale, your child can help be your assistant by helping you to price items and cash customers out. They can also have a lemonade stand or cupcake bake and be their own business owners. If you are going on a trip, you may pick out a family book that everyone can read and discuss

together. You can also have your child email or send postcards to a special person to share their experiences as well as to keep their writing skills alive.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy summer. I have enjoyed working with the students and look forward to seeing them in August.

Dawn Randall, School Counselor

Interested in Being Involved in the Cider Mill PTA Next Year?

We have great opportunities for you if you would like to be involved in the Cider Mill PTA next year. The PTA encompasses many different areas of the children's experience, education, social, and arts involvement. Following are programs in need of people to run them: Junior Great Books (3rd grade and 5th grade), 3rd Grade Science Coordinator, Reflections Arts Program, 5th Grade Fun Night, and a PTA Treasurer.

We have program chairs from this year whose children are moving to Middlebrook, but who can train you so the transition is easy. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Sarah Beach (sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com) or Nicola Davies (nicoladavies@outlook.com). Many thanks!

PTA Volunteer Form

Events sponsored by the Cider Mill PTA enrich our children's education each year. The Book Fair, Field Days, Fun Nights, River Study, Turkey Trot, Photo Day, Fifth Grade Invention Convention and Year Book are just a few of the activities made possible through the many volunteer hours parents generously donate. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends and become involved in your child's school life, and it allows the Cider Mill PTA to continue to provide support to the programs that make Cider Mill a wonderful school.

Please take the time to look at the 2015-16 Cider Mill PTA Volunteer Form and check-off those activities that are of interest to you.

Thank You!

Maria Miranda Koutsoukos

CM PTA Volunteer Coordinator

Current 5th Grade Parents: Get Involved at Middlebrook!

The Middlebrook PTA is looking for enthusiastic parents for next year's PTA! Open positions are: Secretary, Parent at Large, Directory Sales, Hospitality, Fundraising, Reflections, 6th Grade Social (two co-chairs needed), 6th Grade Activity Night (two co-chairs needed), Volunteer Coordinator, and Weekly Messenger/Website. For job descriptions and more information, please contact Laurie Maggio at laurie.maggio@sbcglobal.net and/or Kristin Fasano at kristinfasano@yahoo.com.

Notify Cider Mill if Your Child is Leaving the Wilton School District

If your child will be leaving the District at the end of the school year, please contact Debbie Cowic at cowicd@wilton.k12.ct.us to fill out a withdrawal form.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under “PTA,” then “Join the PTA!”

Community News

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com, and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues.

This is the last issue of the Hot Cider for the 2014-2015 school year. See you next year and have a great summer!