

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – Nov 21, 2021

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

Important Dates

Nov 22,23	Half Days (Conferences)
Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
Dec 02	BOE Meeting (7.00 PM)
Dec 03	CM Spirit Day!
Dec 16	BOE Meeting (7.00 PM)
Dec 23	Early Dismissal
Dec 24-31	Holiday Break

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

First, I wanted to say a big thank you to the parent volunteers (and their kids!) who came into school on a Saturday morning to help install the rest of sensory stickers in both Cannondale and Kent! I truly appreciate their hard work and willingness to spend a weekend volunteering. The final product is amazing, and now every house has their own set in their hallway!

I'd also like to congratulate **Ashley Bender**, as she was our CM PTA Membership Drive winner. And huge thanks to our local businesses who all donated to our membership drive gift basket, including Champagne Taste, Coco Nails, Sweet Pierre's, Classically Cate, Local Soul, and Signature Style.

As a reminder, due to a staffing issue at Lifetouch, our picture day retakes are now rescheduled for Wednesday, December 1st. If you still need to order photos, the Picture ID is EVTRXRT7K.

And finally, tomorrow, November 22nd is the last day of our in-person book fair! Parents and students can shop the book fair in person from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that it is cashless, so eWallets, credit cards, and checks are the only methods of payment. The book fair is receiving a new delivery of books in the morning, so please come check it out! For more information, please visit: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=cidermill>

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com.

Michelle Krupa
CM PTA President

School News

Wilton Special Education PTA

We invite you to learn about our current initiatives, gifts, and grants program and more! **Please access our membership through our website.** www.wiltonsepta.org. Contact us directly at wiltonsepta@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved and like our Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news and information.

We need help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

OPEN PTA POSITIONS

Desperately need a School Store Coordinator.
Duties would be setting up a sign up making sure there is a volunteer available twice a week at lunch time to man the store. No ordering of supplies, just coordinating volunteer signup. Super easy!

Please email CMnominating@gmail.com if you can help.

LOST AND FOUND

There are many sweaters and other items starting to pile up at both Lost and Found locations (Cannondale entrance and Kent entrance). Please check for any missing items.

Lost and found will be displayed in the cafeteria alongside the Book Fair during parent/teacher conferences. After then they will be donated to the Turnover Shop.

RULER WEBINAR

RULER: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, & Regulating Emotions

Webinar Recording Now Available!

Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

In this webinar Wilton Public Schools staff educate parents about RULER, a program of evidence-based tools and social-emotional learning practices from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Teachers across the district have been trained in these practices and RULER tools are already being used with students in grades K-5 to help students recognize and regulate emotions. Implementation at the secondary level is in progress.

What is RULER?

RULER is an evidenced based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that supports the entire school community in:

- Understanding the value of emotions
- Building the skills of emotional intelligence
- Creating and maintaining a positive school climate

In this webinar, you will learn about the four core tools and how we can implement these tools at home:

- Building a family charter
- Mood Meter - emotion vocabulary
- Meta Moment for emotion regulation
- Blueprint for problem solving

Who are the presenters?

- Elena White, Miller-Driscoll School Counselor
- Jennifer Ringelheim, Cider Mill 3rd Grade Teacher, Co-Chair District SEL Committee

Find the recording, slides, and links to associated materials at Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

SPIRIT WEAR

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, Walkathon, field days and more. Get one before they sell out.

Please remember to include your child’s name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

Watch out for a one-day pop up sale coming soon. We will have Cider Mill sweaters and other items for pre purchase.

BoxTops for Education

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

3 easy steps to get started

- 1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
- 2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
- 3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Online shopping or Curbside Pick up? Just forward your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are sending out a HUGE plea to all family members interested in becoming a recess/lunch monitor. The hours are 10:30-1:30daily. We would greatly appreciate the support as we are currently 4 monitors short to start the year. If you have interest or questions, please email Jeremy Cross at crossj@wiltonps.org.

Community News

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

This fall, we hope you will join Wilton Youth Council for one of our great presentations and events. Each of these is a chance to learn a new skill, find a fresh perspective, or connect with others in similar circumstances. Get all the details at www.wiltonyouth.org and text WILTONYOUTH to 22828 to join our newsletter.

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.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

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