

HOT CIDER
A Cider Mill PTA Publication

September 18, 2017

Important Dates

Sept 18	Day 4
Sept 19	Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting, 9:15 -10:45am, Cafeteria (same as evening meeting)
Sept 19	Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Cafeteria (same as morning meeting)
Sept 21	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)
Sept 26	Math and Literacy Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Cafeteria (same as morning meeting)
Sept 27	Math and Literacy Meeting, 9:15-10:45am, Cafeteria (same evening meeting)
Oct 5	CM Walkathon
Oct 9-10	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day & Professional Development)
Oct 17	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Oct 17	PTA Evening Meeting, 7:30pm, Cafeteria ***TIME CHANGE***
Oct 31	Halloween Parades, Time TBA

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
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting - Tuesday, September 19th

The Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting will be held on September 19th at 9:15am and 7pm in the Cider Mill Cafeteria. This national competition fosters team work and creative thinking to solve problems. The meeting will provide parents with information on all aspects of this unique program. 2017-18 is Cider Mill's third year of participation. As well as an over view of the program, it's time table and time commitment, we will have veteran coaches talk about their experiences, and time for questions at the end. Please visit the Cider Mill PTA website for further details. <https://www.cidermillpta.org/odyssey-of-the-mind> be sure to download the

flier here https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/9e37ae_730df58e287d498da95a90fd0a206625.pdf. Odyssey of the Mind needs parent volunteers to coach and co-coach this student led program. Visit www.ctom.org for more information about the program. Questions? Please email Nicola Davies - nicoladavies@outlook.com.

Cider Mill 2017 Walkathon ~ Thursday, October 5th

Cider Mill School will be participating in it's annual Walkathon on Thursday, October 5th. This is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from this event help to fund many of the wonderful programs sponsored by the PTA. Please submit your pledge forms and contributions by September 22nd to receive a free Walkathon t-shirt. Please visit cidermillpta for pledge forms. Please contact Annemarie Aronowitz at annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com or Amanda Patania at amanda_patania@yahoo.com for questions.

Cider Mill PTA ~ Volunteers Needed!!!

Come get involved in the Cider Mill PTA! The VP of Fundraising is open so grab a friend or two and you can all share the responsibilities. The main role is organizing the Walkathon, along with some smaller fun events. Great books is also open for all grades. This is a book club for kids during school lunch over the winter months and is really fun to coordinate.

Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net if you are interested. We have some roles too that could use a co-chair. This includes spiritwear and 3rd grade fun night.

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 amandaNmittchell@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.

Community News

NAMI-CAN Support Group ~ Monday, September 25th

School is back in session and for many children, so is the academic and social stress that can cause behavioral changes. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) -CAN (Child Adolescent Network) Support Group for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues meets Monday, September 25 from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. 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.

For more info, contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

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.

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.

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at sumapiyer@gmail.com.

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, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Registration recommended –opens mid-September

(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.

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