

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – September 26, 2022

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

Important Dates

Sept 26	Rosh Hashanah – No School
Sept 28	Photo Day
Oct 05	Yom Kippur – No School
Oct 10	Columbus Day – No School
Oct 11	Professional Learning – No School
Oct 25	CM Literacy Night – 6.30 pm
Oct 31	CM Halloween Parades - CN & NH (8.45 – 9.00 am) KT & BH (9.30-9.45 am)
Nov 08	Professional Learning – No School
Nov 09	Photo Retake Day

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Cider Mill students and guardians

The school year is well underway, and we hope everyone has settled in and doing well. The **Cider Mill PTA** has been busy too, with our first meeting under our belt and a budget approved! If you missed our last meeting, our next one will be on **October 18 at 9:15am**.

We know everyone is eager for **MobileArq** to be ready, and we are too! We anticipate launching our membership in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more info!

Remind your children to have their best smiles ready for **Picture Day** this coming **Wednesday, September 28**. Photos can be pre-ordered on <https://my.lifetouch.com/> using our code **EVTH424SJ**. And a big thank you to all who have volunteered to help our that day!

Under the leadership of our Fundraising Chair, **Alexis Murphy**, the **Cider Mill Walkathon** will take place on **October 6**. The walk will take place at the school again this year with a portion of the donation proceeds going to a local organization that the children will vote on in class. Up for voting are Ronald McDonald House, Filling in the Blanks, Norwalk, and Clothes to Kids of Fairfield County.

Donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/CMWalk2022>

Please note that drop off and pick up routines run a bit differently for Tuesday and Wednesday for a very exciting reason! **EduMarking** will be installing thermoplastic, non-slip playground surfaces on both the North and South sides. Thanks to donations from our anonymous private donor and Cider Mill PTA Cider Mill, the PTA, current children, and those for years to come will enjoy these games!

As always, thank YOU! Our school community has always been a huge supporter of the PTA, and we are so grateful and appreciative of your continued support! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or comments at michelleAkrupa@gmail.com and giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Melissa Reynolds and Michelle Krupa CM 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/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNGLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINNY/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/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/scschoolfiles/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

Picture Day!

Picture day is coming, Wednesday, September 28th!! And traditional class photos are back!

Order your school pictures today on

<https://my.lifetouch.com/> using our code **EVTH424SJ**.

PTA Membership

PTA membership will be opening soon! Joining is a great way to support your child and enhance their school experience. Be on the lookout for an email with information on how to join in our brand-new app!!

Why join the PTA?

The PTA...

- creates a community
- provides important school and community information
- hosts fun, educational programs and events
- raises money to support the needs of our school community

- allows us to advocate for what's best for our kids, families and school
- facilitates connections through our family directory

Wilton Special Education PTA

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

WOODCOCK NATURE CENTER

Where the Wild Things Run 5K & Kids Fun Run

Sunday, October 16

Kids Fun Run at 9:30 and 5K at 10 am

Runners, hikers, and walkers of all ages welcome! For several decades this event has highlighted Woodcock's nearly 5 miles of publicly accessible trails and raised money for the center's educational programs. The 5K is 90% trail with a mix of groomed trails, rugged trails and narrow bridges and boardwalks. A shorter 1K Kids Fun Run geared towards ages 6 and up is guided by a Woodcock team member. The race ends in a Woodcock-style post-race party with live music, food, fun, and the not-to-be-missed annual Woodcock live turtle race!

\$40 per 5K participant. \$25 per Fun Run racer.

Learn more at woodcocknaturecenter.org/5K

MUSIC ON THE HILL

Music on the Hill's after school music programs for kids are now open for registration!

Community Children's Chorus is open to all children in grades 3 through 8 who love to sing! Singers will sing music from a variety of genres and cultures to build music reading and singing skills, such as vocal production and breath support, all while building confidence and having fun!

Chorus meets Wednesdays, September 14 - December 14, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. A performance schedule will be available later in the season.

Music EXPLO is open to all children in grades 1 through 5 who love to make music! In Music EXPLO, children will learn West African drumming while building rhythm skills, teamwork, and cooperation! A love of singing is not required for this class where children will learn about music, culture, and geography in a fun and supportive environment with other music-loving kids.

Music EXPLO meets Thursdays, September 15 – November 17, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

All classes meet at Music on the Hill, 531 Danbury Road, in Wilton.

These programs are offered without tuition charge! Families are asked to join with a \$35 family membership, if able. For more information and to register, visit musiconthehillCT.org. These programs sponsored in part by Fairfield County Bank.

musiconthehillCT.org/music-for-kids

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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