

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – December 5, 2022

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

### Important Dates

<b>Dec 26-30</b>	Holiday Recess – <b>No School</b>
<b>Jan 02</b>	New Year's Day Observance – <b>No School</b>
<b>Jan 16</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>Jan 20</b>	SnowBall Dance Party – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,**

Friday night's skating party at the **SoNo Ice House** was an icy success! Over 100 children and parents had fun on the ice as well as enjoying pizza and music. **Natalia Luther** was the big winner of the \$150 Amazon Gift Card! A big thank you to **Alexis Murphy** for her amazing organizational skills!

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was a big success! Hundreds of books went home with happy buyers. We are thankful to our volunteers who helped throughout the fair!

We hope everyone saw the coverage of our newly installed **EduMarkings in Good Morning Wilton!** We are proud of the new playground additions! The article can be seen here: [Cider Mill Takes Recess to New Level with EduMarkings | Good Morning Wilton](#)

Our fundraiser is hard at work on our upcoming **SnowBall Dance** on January 20! Stay tuned for more information on how to purchase tickets.

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](mailto:MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com) and [Giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:Giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com).

### Helpful Links

#### Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)

CM School

Handbook: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th\\_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit](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](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](https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2)

WPS Back to School

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](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoollfiles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf)

CM Interactive Calendar: [https://www.wiltonps.org/576928\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3)

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: [https://wiltonps.org/338734\\_2](https://wiltonps.org/338734_2)

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: [https://www.wiltonps.org/575955\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3)

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: [https://wiltonps.org/595543\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/595543_3)

Schoology Information: [https://wiltonps.org/576129\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/576129_3)

Special Bus Assignments: [https://wiltonps.org/579910\\_3](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**

**SnowBall Dance Party!**

Get ready to party! The PTA’s **SnowBall Dance Party** will be on **Friday, January 20th** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Cider Mill Gymnasium.

Kids can enjoy a DJ, Photobooth, Glitter Tattoos, and endless fun!

Drop-off-Open to ALL Grades. Tickets go on sale in December. More information to come!

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**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.

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## Chartwells is Hiring!



Join a team that makes a difference serving  
**Wilton Public School** students.

- No nights and no weekends
- Paid sick days and holidays
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- Career growth opportunities
- Free shift meals

Apply online today at [CompassUSA.com](http://CompassUSA.com)  
Or call **203-834-4990** for more information.



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## PTA Membership Drive!

Sign up for the PTA! On **December 18th** one lucky PTA member will receive a combination of gift certificates and other goodies from local stores, which can be used for gifts for yourself, friends, teachers, or bus drivers...

### 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

Download the new **MobileArq Next** app to join!

Don't forget the PTA is always looking for great ideas and volunteers.

Not interested in the school directory but still want to support the PTA?

Here are two ways you can join without signing up via MobileArq:

- 1 - Send in a check made out to Cider Mill PTA
- 2 - Pay via PayPal to [CMptaPayPal19@gmail.com](mailto:CMptaPayPal19@gmail.com)

Dues are \$20 Individual / \$30 Family

Please note "Membership" in the memo / comments section

Thank YOU for your support!

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**Community News**

**Wilton Public Schools and Bark Present Parent Tech Night**

Our students are spending more time online than ever before and the number one goal is keeping them safe and well! Parenting in a tech world is hard. We've joined forces with **Bark Technologies** to help you through it all. Join us to talk about digital safety concerns, risky apps, and more!

**December 7 at 7:00 pm on Zoom!**

<https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/96393446299>

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**Wilton Lego Warriors Move on to State Finals!**

On November 19th, a team of 5th and 6th graders from Wilton made it through to the state finals in this year's First Lego League tournament at Wolcott High School.

**The Wilton Lego Warriors** had to build and code a Lego robot to complete a number of challenges that matched this year's competition theme: **Super Charged**. This involved moving clean energy generated from wind farms and solar arrays around town, with the help of attachments to the Lego robot the team built and coded from scratch.

They also had to design a solution to the problem of moving and storing clean energy in a new power grid for Wilton and present it to judges from Sikorsky and other Connecticut industries. Head coach **Arun Prabhu** helped guide the team through challenges with design and construction of the robot and brought in expert advice from members of Wilton's STEAM community. Over 20 teams competed, and the Wilton Lego Warriors were one of only 10 teams to move on to the state finals on **December 10th** in Glastonbury.

**Team members:**

- Owen Wang (5th Grader)**
- Isaac Boucher (5th Grader)**
- Vidit Prabhu (6th Grader)**
- Harrison Pham (6th Grader)**
- Kabir Rokkam (6th Grader)**

**Coaches:**

- Arun Prabhu**
- Chris Boucher**

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**Wilton Youth Council**

**Decoding Behavior: What Our Children Are Telling Us & How to Help**

**Alicia Farrell, PhD.**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

**10-11:30 AM Wilton Library**

This is a free event intended for parents of kids in PreK~12th grade.

Are you confused about your child or teen's behavior, what it may mean, and how to best support them? Please join us for a discussion led by Cognitive Psychologist Alicia Farrell, PhD, designed to provide practical guidance and tools you can apply to improve relationships and help kids learn to navigate their world in emotionally healthy ways.

Topics will include:

- A parent's role in building and maintaining a quality relationship with their child
- How to support problem solving and emotional regulation
- Navigating struggles as opportunities vs threats
- Recognizing the difference between stress and anxiety
- The effect of valuing performance over character; how that breaks down social/emotional wellness and what you can do about it
- Practical tools to improve communication, connection, and conflict resolution

We are raising our children in complicated times. Please don't miss this opportunity to learn how to better support your children with confidence and conviction. [Register here](#) for this discussion!

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### **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](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com)

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