

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 15, 2023

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

Important Dates

May 15-18	PTA Spring Book Fair 7 am-3 pm Daily, Science Lab
May 16	4th Grade Chorus/Orchestra - SOUTH (BH & KT) 7-8 pm
May 17	4th Grade Chorus/Orchestra - NORTH (CN & NH) 7-8 pm
May 22	Incoming Gr 3 Parent Orientation (6.30 -7.30 pm)
May 23	5th Grade Orchestra/Chorus, Advanced Strings, CM Singers Concert (7– 8pm)
May 29	Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
May 31	5th Gr Band and CM Jazz Ensemble Concert (7-8pm)
May 31	Cider Mill Art Show & World Culture Night – 5:30-6:30 pm, Grade 5 and Grade 4 South, 6:30-8:00 pm, Grade 3 and Grade 4 North

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Happy Mother's Day!

The Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee, again led by **Caroline Hoffman**, hosted a week of amazing events for **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (May 8th-12th)**. We held celebratory and special events throughout the week, including mailbox surprises, breakfast from Winfield Street Coffee, and a catered lunch "to go", as well as surprises from each class organized by room representatives! We cannot thank our parent community enough for the overwhelming support for these events, and a huge thank you to Caroline Hoffman for coordinating all the events!

On Thursday, May 11th, the PTA treated the entire school to **Italian Ice** during lunch recess. We hope the students and staff enjoyed the cool treat on the warm day!

Our **Spring Book Fair** is almost here! It will take place from **Monday, May 15th through Thursday, May 18th** in the Cider Mill Science Lab from 7:00a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Students will visit with their classes; however, friends and family are also welcome to shop! Cash, eWallet, and credit cards will be accepted! Please also consider volunteering at our Book

Fair: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090a44aca62fa4fc1-cider1>

Attention 5th Grade Families! We are in need of parent volunteers to help decorate the Cider Mill gym and stage for our **5th graders' Moving Up Ceremonies!** We have all decorations; we just need YOUR help putting them up! Decorators need to arrive at Cider Mill at 6:30AM on the morning of the ceremonies. Please note, **North Houses (Cannondale and Nod Hill) are on June 13th, and South Houses (Belden Hill and Kent) are on June 14th.** We need volunteers on both days! To sign up, please visit: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0d4fa4ae23a4fd0-5thgrade>

We are in need of **volunteers** for next year! To sign up, please visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1t8ZV_6TuO-QND6ooYBF-Dsfk8CS5C2YIVS5w7EfhUSA/edit

Finally, we are excited that **three grants were approved** at our last PTA meeting of the school year! \$8,500 will be going towards the purchase of new books for the water damaged Library Learning Commons, \$6,250 will be used for the purchase of a color poster printer and supplies, and \$10,000 will be used to start the creation of a calming room aka "The Hive."

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com or giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Michelle Krupa and Melissa Reynolds
Cider Mill 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_f0M9w06gZRHnJLuF6Th_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/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

2023/2024 PTA Executive Committee

The Cider Mill PTA is pleased to announce the 2023-24 Cider Mill PTA Executive Committee approved by membership at our May 9th general PTA meeting:

President: **Melissa Reynolds**

President-Elect: **Caroline Hoffman**

VP Membership: **Jennifer Soudagar**

VP Fundraising: **Alexis Murphy**
Treasurer: **Christine Marks**
Secretary: **Marissa Rosado**
Parent-at-Large: **Heather Christopher**

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place **May 15-18, 7am to 3pm** in the Science Lab! Students can shop for a wide variety of books, journals, and extras.

E Wallets can be set up once again at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cidermill> The Cider Mill book fair will also accept cash as well as credit cards and Apple Pay from parents.

We cannot run the fair without our parent volunteers! We need help checking students out and student help with selecting books, tidying up, etc. Volunteers can sign up here –

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ACA62FA4FC1-cider1>

We hope to make this sale a big success!

Wilton SEPTA

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

COME SEE THE WILTON HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL: MARY POPPINS THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Meet the Banks family and embark on a magical journey with their new nanny Mary Poppins. Filled with timeless songs and characters, Mary Poppins is a show for all ages!

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased [HERE](#). Performances will be held May 18th, 19th, 20th at 7:00pm and matinees on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 21st at 1:00pm in the Clune Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Tickets will also be sold during lunch waves during the week of May 15.

The theater will open to the audience thirty minutes before curtain. For group information or reservation questions please call 203.762.0381 x6205.

This production of Mary Poppins is generously sponsored by Wilton-based company ASML.

Wilton Youth Council May Events

May is a busy month full of offerings from Wilton Youth Council!

- **Film Screening of *Orchestrating Change***: May 17 @ 7 PM <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>



**FILM SCREENING:
ORCHESTRATING CHANGE**

Join us for a screening of the documentary film *Orchestrating Change*, which features beautiful music while being informative, uplifting, sometimes humorous and most importantly, empowering. The film tells the inspiring story of the only orchestra - Me2/ - created by and for people living with mental illness and those who support them.



Seen across the United States on public television stations, the film is the 2021 winner of the Austen Riggs Erikson Prize for Excellence in Mental Health Media. The American Library Association & Media Round Table voted it "One of the Top Twelve 2022 Notable Films for Adults." *Orchestrating Change* has the official endorsement of The International Bipolar Association and NAMI/Vermont.

May 17, 2023 @ 7 PM
Wilton Library

THIS IS A FREE EVENT INTENDED FOR ALL AGES

Register at: <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>



- **Navigating the Youth Sports Landscape: Raising a Healthy Athlete**: May 31 @ 7:30 PM <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>

WYC is running a fundraiser, Qdoba Taco Tuesday Fundraiser, on Tuesday, May 23 from 4~8 PM at 652 Main Avenue.



Wilton Education Foundation

WEF Memorial Day 5K

The Wilton Education Foundation Is planning the annual 5K over Memorial Day Weekend. The race draws everyone from children to adults, strollers to serious runners and makes for a fun community-wide event. Here is the link to our website, with all the information:

<https://wiltoneeducationfoundation.org/events-programs/get-smart-for-wilton-5k/>

Wellness Fair

In promotion of **Mental Health Awareness Month** - we would like to invite you to Wilton High School's very first Health and Wellness Fair. The Fair will be held on **Tuesday, May 23** in the **Zellner Gallery** of Wilton High School for ALL Wilton parents and students from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**.

There will be a wide variety of vendors available for you to speak with. We will have nutrition specialists, fitness instructors, therapists, and even a few WHS clubs. There will also be a boot camp class demonstration and some door prizes. We would love to have you join us for our inaugural event!

If you have any questions regarding the fair, please reach out to **Matthew Rosen** via email at rosenm@wiltonps.org or by phone at 203-762-0381 x6272.

If you are interested in additional information on how families can prioritize mental health, please view the presentation from the National PTA Council, [Healthy Minds 101](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Zemo at 203-762-0381 x6219 or zemok@wiltonps.org.

Take a Moment for Yourself - Parent Meditations in May

We would like to invite our Wilton parents to join us in the HS Cave for free guided live meditations to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month! Join us on **May 23 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** with Susan Safko every half hour during the parents' wellness fair.

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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