

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication
May 15, 2016

Important Dates

May 16	Day 4
May 17	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/CMS/Advanced Strings, 7pm
May 19	5th Grade Band, 7pm, Main Gym
May 23-27	Spring Book Fair
May 23	MAP Testing starts
May 30	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
Jun 1	5 th Grade Field Day
Jun 1	Incoming Grade 3 Parent Orientation, 7:30pm, Cafeteria
Jun 1	Mini Band, Wilton High School Little Theater, 7pm
Jun 2	Third Grade Strings All Houses, 7pm, Main Gym
Jun 3	Nod Hill 4 th Grade Closing House, 8:15-9:15am
Jun 3	Nod Hill 3 rd Grade Closing House, 12:30-1:45pm
Jun 6	4 th Grade Field Day
Jun 8	3 rd Grade Field Day
Jun 8	Belden Hill 4 th Grade Closing House, 9-10am
Jun 8	Kent 4 th Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 9	Nod Hill 5 th Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:15
Jun 9	Belden Hill 5 th Grade Celebrations, 12:15-2:00
Jun 9	Cannondale 4 th Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 10	Cannondale 3 rd Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
Jun 10	Cannondale 5 th Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:15
Jun 10	Kent 5 th Grade Celebrations, 12:15-2:00
Jun 13	Belden Hill 3 rd Grade Closing House, 10:30-11:30am
Jun 13	Kent 3 rd Grade Closing House, 10:30-11:30am
Jun 13	Shortened Day, 11:55am Dismissal
Jun 14	Shortened Day, 11:55 am Dismissal
Jun 15	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Shortened Day, 11:55am Dismissal

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wiltonps.org
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents,

Tuesday was our final PTA meeting of the school year. Our teachers expressed their gratitude for an amazing teacher appreciation week, they all felt very loved! At the meeting we were able to

vote on Dr Mitchell's grant request for funding for the 'Flexible Learning Space' this will be Maker Space for Cider Mill students, available from the start of the next school year. This is part of Dr Mitchell's vision for transforming our library/media center to a learning commons for 21st century learning at Cider Mill. Funding this was possible thanks to support from our great community of parents and also the Turnover Store in Wilton which donates to each school PTA.

I want to draw your attention to a new way we are signing up all our volunteers this year - whether you would like to be a room rep, a library volunteer or one of the other 20+ volunteer opportunities during the school year, we are embracing google forms this year and are doing it all online! Please check below to see how to painlessly sign up in less than 2 minutes without having to hunt through a back pack for a form, print anything out or return anything to school.

With very best regards,
Nicola Davies

School News.

Summer Reading Book Fair ~ May 23rd-27th

Come shop Cider Mill's first ever book fair in the spring. We will feature only fiction and non fiction books with a goal of getting one great book into each student's hand to get them excited about reading over the summer. Hours will be 7am to 3pm May 23-27. We will be located in the hallway outside the library. Any questions, email Hillary Morrissy at basmom2005@yahoo.com

The Cider Mill PTA wants you! A Call for 2016-2017 Volunteers

We have begun to compile our volunteer lists for next school year. If you want to register your interest in becoming a room rep, sign up as a library volunteer, school store volunteer or one of over 20 other volunteer opportunities, please sign up online by following [this](#) link. This year we are going paperless, there will be no volunteer form, just an online sign up! Please fill out the names and grades that your Cider Mill students will be entering in fall.

We have a number of co-chair positions we are still looking to fill for next year.

- 4th Grade Field Day
- 5th Grade Fun Night
- 3rd Grade River Study
- 5th Grade River Study
- 5th Grade Room Rep Coordinator
- 5th Grade World Language

Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at 203-563-0866 if you have any questions or are interested.

Attention 5th Grade Parents - Middlebrook School PTA Needs You!!!

We're making plans for next year, and that means lots of opportunities for parents to support our kids by chairing or joining a committee. Quite a few of our parents, who are long-time volunteers, are moving on to Wilton High School next year, so we have openings for all types of committees. There are many choices so you can find a committee that fits your schedule - some roles are active throughout the year and others only once or twice a year.

We're looking to fill many different spots, such as Nominating, Activity Night, and Special Education

Coordinator to name a few. We need your help to fill these roles!

Please contact Laurie Maggio at laurie.maggio@sbcglobal.net or Laura Rowley at rowleylg@gmail.com for more information about how you can help!

Field Day Spirit Wear Sale During Lunch – May 25th & May 26th

Have your child ready for Field Day by wearing their house t-shirt. Shirts will be available to purchase during the lunch periods on Wednesday, 5/25 & Thursday, 5/26. Shirts are \$15 and can be purchased with cash or check. Please make the check out to Cider Mill PTA.

Thank you for supporting the PTA!

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has set up 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](#). There are additional photos here of items in the Lost and Found areas in Kent and Cannondale.

Bus Barn – Lost and Found Items

Missing something? Check out the Bus Barn Blogspot at

<http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com> for photos of items found on school buses. If you

see something that might be yours, please contact Nicola Davies at

nicoladavies@outlook.com. To see Lost and Found items at the school, visit the [Cider Mill Parent Community](#) page on Facebook.

Community News

Wilton High School Theater Presents Beauty and the Beast

Audiences are invited to join the WHS theater department for a memorable, fun-for-all-ages show. Performances are:

Thursday, May 19 at 7:30pm

Friday, May 20 at 8pm

Saturday, May 21 at 4pm; Mrs. Potts Tea Party 2:30-3:30pm

Sunday, May 22 at 2pm; Mrs. Potts Tea Party 12:30-1:30pm

There will be a meet-and-greet for young and old fans alike to get pictures and autographs with Belle and her friends, at “Mrs. Potts Tea Party,” while enjoying refreshments before each of the two matinees.

Ticket prices are:

Adults \$18

Kids \$14

WHS students \$12 (during lunch waves only; \$14 if purchased at the door)

Tea Party \$10.00 per family

Tickets may be reserved by contacting the ticket line at 834-4844 or by emailing

whstix@wilton.k12.ct.us

Get Smart for Wilton 5K ~ Sunday, May 29th at 9am

The annual Get Smart for Wilton 5k presented by Blue Buffalo will take place on Sunday, May 29th at 9am. The race starts at the High School track and to register go to <https://register.chronotrack/r/20597>

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This popular race brings residents an exciting opportunity to come together in a healthy and high energy environment while giving back to the schools. All proceeds go to the Wilton Education Foundation which is dedicated to enriching the learning experience for Wilton students by providing ongoing professional development for teachers, the latest in innovative and interactive teaching tools, support for music and the arts, and “beyond the classroom” experiences to provide Wilton’s public school with the confidence and skills to succeed in college and beyond.

Register today and join the fun, support our schools and win prizes. Visit

www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org for more information.

Wilton Youth Council

For those that missed last month’s panel presentation of “It Starts in Your Medicine Cabinet: Protecting our Families from the Opioid/Heroin Epidemic” you can watch the video recording below. PLEASE NOTE: the start of the presentation is 13:50 min:sec into the record start. At times the sound is very low, but mostly fine. A lot of critical and important information, and the personal stories of two brave people in recovery are especially powerful at 1:09 hour:min.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-TiygittbXqb2hXeHd5eGxIaFE/view?usp=sharing>

Wilton Youth Council’s programs touch all families – and all schools. We have lots of ideas about important topics for the next year, but need your input and support. If you are a parent who is concerned about the social and emotional health of our Wilton youth, we need you. Wilton Youth Council board is most in need of a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as our lovely volunteers need to step down after many years of service. We also need general help with marketing and press. Without parents like you, we can’t run our programs. Please consider joining our board as we look ahead to the new academic year. Our final board meeting of the year is June 7th at 11am. Please email WYC chair at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

Worried about your child? Frustrated by your child's behavior? Worried about how your child effects the family, especially their siblings? Wonder how others manage in similar situations? Married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? You are not alone.

This National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next two meetings are Mondays, May 23rd and June 27th from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa 203 970-4130or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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