

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication

April 17, 2016

Important Dates

April 18	Day 2
April 19	PTA Meeting, 9:15 am, Cafeteria
April 20	"It Starts in Your Medicine Cabinet," WHS Little Theater, 6:30pm
May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2	FAPA K-12 Art Show Opening, 6pm, Wilton Library
May 5	4th Grade Chorus and Orchestra - North (Nod/Cannondale), 7pm
May 9	Grade 6 Parent Orientation, 7pm, Middlebrook Auditorium
May 10	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
May 10	4th Grade Chorus/Orchestra - South (Belden Hill/Kent), 7pm
May 17	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/CMS/Advanced Strings, 7pm
May 19	5th Grade Band, 7pm, Main Gym
May 23	MAP Testing starts
May 30	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

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

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Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from Spring Break! I am glad that spring has finally arrived in Wilton, we have lots to pack into our last 42 days of school before the summer vacation begins! Tuesday, 9:15am, is our penultimate PTA meeting of the year. You can find the meeting agenda [here](#), or on our website www.cidermillpta.org under "About Us." We are in the midst of planning for next year so it's a great time to come and learn more. Newcomers and first timers are always welcome!

Thank you,
Nicola Davies

School News

Art Department Seeking Art Angels ~ Weeks of April 25 and May 9

Volunteers sought to mount artwork ahead of our first ever school-wide art show. No experience necessary, full training given. Can you give an hour of your time during the week of April 25th? On May 9th, we will start hanging works around the school and will need extra help again. Please contact Ms. Duggan, if you are interested in helping out, at dugganc@wiltonps.org.

Please Sign Up! Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 2nd – May 6th

The Cider Mill Hospitality Committee will be organizing three events the week of May 2nd through May 6th in honor of our wonderful staff! As always, your help plays a vital role in making these events possible!

On Monday, May 2nd all staff members will enjoy a Dessert Bar, featuring many types of delicious baked goods, which will be set up in the staff lounge. If you would like to contribute a baked good, please contact Ginna Yerrall at gmdar@optonline.net.

Wednesday, May 4th will be the very popular Bagged Lunch Day. We will collect approximately 180 lunches that staff members will enjoy. If you have signed up to provide a lunch(s), a bag with detailed instructions will be sent home with your child on Monday, May 2nd. To contribute a Bagged Lunch on Wednesday please click here: <http://vols.pt/gFQfb8>. Please contact Kiki Cross at kcross106@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Finally, on Friday, May 6th, we will host the Staff Luncheon. We will need your donations of hot foods, cold foods, and desserts. If you love to cook, bake or have a favorite place to pick up the perfect meal, please consider making a donation. Donations will be collected the morning of Friday, May 6th from 7:30am until 10am. To contribute your favorite dish to Friday's Staff Luncheon please click here: <http://vols.pt/nKxw45>. Please contact Lisa Finn at ldbfinn@hotmail.com, if you have any questions.

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

Volunteering for the PTA is a great way to get involved with the school. Many programs that happen throughout the school year are run by the PTA and we need parent volunteers. There are many positions that have various time commitments and flexibility, so there is a role that will fit your schedule. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions for the 2016-17 school year:

- 5th Grade Yearbook Committee
- Co – Vice President Fundraising (Executive Board Position)
- Gifts and Grants
- 4th Grade Field Day
- 5th Grade Fun Night

- 3rd Grade Junior Great Books
- 3rd Grade River Study
- 5th Grade River Study
- School Store

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

5th Grade Parents – Consider Project Adventure Next Year! ~ Thursday, May 12, 10:45am, Middlebrook Climbing Course

Here is your chance to become involved in one of the few opportunities to get into Middlebrook next year and volunteer with your child – become a volunteer for PROJECT ADVENTURE! The Middlebrook PE Department offers a chance for students to climb, swing, and belay on an outside ropes course in fall and spring, and inside the gym in winter. Adults are needed to assist the children. You can sign up for as little or as much time as you like. You must take a belay training course and become certified (Rock Climb Fairfield works great).

Orientation class for all interested incoming 6th grade volunteers will be Thursday, May 12 at 10:45am. You do not have to be certified yet to attend the orientation! Meet outside at the climbing course at Middlebrook (south side). Looking at the school, it is on the left side, outside, just walk back, you can't miss the climbing tower! Wear athletic wear and sneakers. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Salys Magnusson (salysmagnusson@yahoo.com) or Rocio Fields (rociofields@yahoo.com).

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 Fundraising, School Photos, Nominating, Activity Nights, Directory, Hospitality, Weekly Messenger 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!

Volunteers Needed at the Cider Mill Library!

The Cider Mill library is in need of a few extra volunteers to help fill in vacancies. Ever

wanted to know how the library runs? Have an hour or two and want to lend a hand? We could use your help! We will train you, and you can begin as soon as possible! We are looking for help on Tuesday (9:40-11:10) and Friday (8:20-9:40) mornings. If interested, please contact Deb DeFeo at debradefeo@gmail.com.

Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days in May and June. Please plan ahead - we currently have full stock on hand!! The order form can be found at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/forms/c70d> or buy online with a credit card at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/spiritwear-store/c24k3>. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

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.

Cider Mill PTA Membership

What is a PTA membership all about? Becoming a member of our PTA is more than just getting a directory - although you will get one with your membership. Our membership is open to all adults who believe in the mission on the PTA. Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your children's education. It shows that you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It isn't a commitment to volunteer for anything! It doesn't mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it). It is a way to stay connected with our school community, getting to know your school and administrators, having a voice and being heard at the school and school district level.

Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun Nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store, Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World language celebrations, Walk-a-thon, Book Fair, spirit wear, library volunteers, pre-order school supplies, Hot Cider newsletter, etc. You can find a form on the new PTA website: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/forms/c70d>.

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

“It Starts in Your Medicine Cabinet: Protecting Our Families from the Opioid/Heroin Epidemic” ~ Wednesday, April 20, Panel Discussion 7-8:30pm, Resource Fair 6:30-7pm and 8:30-9pm, Wilton High School Little Theater

This panel discussion will help deepen the understanding of root causes of opioid and heroin abuse and strategies for prevention; address signs and symptoms of trouble; and offer treatment options and a message of hope for those suffering from addiction. The event is open to the public and appropriate for students in grades 7 and up.

Today, opioids such as OxyContin, Vicodin, and Percocet are routinely prescribed for pain management. Concurrent with improved treatment of pain, however, has been a rise in addiction to these medicines in adults and teens. When the pills run out or become difficult to obtain, the next step is often heroin.

Dr. John Douglas, clinical director of Silver Hill Hospital’s Outpatient Addiction Program, will lead the panel discussion. Also participating will be School Resource Officer Rich, Wilton Public Schools Outreach Counselor Kristin Dineen, two adults in recovery, and addiction counselor Vince Benevento of Causeway Collaborative. The moderator for the evening will be Karen Birck of the League of Women Voters.

This program is co-sponsored by Human Services Council, League of Women Voters, Riverbrook Regional YMCA, Silver Hill Hospital, Wilton Interfaith Clergy Association, Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Social and Youth Services, and Wilton Youth Council. Contact Genevieve Eason at genevieve.eason@gmail.com with questions.

NAMI-CAN Support Group Meeting ~ Monday, April 25, 10-11:30am, 49 New Street, Wilton

Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Worry about how your child’s behavior affects 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. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children (under age 18) 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 meeting is Monday, April 25th, from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com, or Vanessa at 203 970-4130, or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

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