

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - January 2nd, 2018

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

Important Dates

Jan 3	PTA Reflection Competition Submissions Due
Jan 5	Reading Rocks! Kick Off- Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day
Jan 9	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Jan 15	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
Jan 15	Cider Mill's Got Talent Videos Due
Jan 23	4th Grade North Chorus & Orchestra Concert -7pm
Jan 24	4th Grade South Chorus & Orchestra Concert -7pm
Jan 24	Wilton Youth Council Event - More Information Below
Jan 26	3rd Grade Fun Night, 7-8:30pm (Snow Date Feb 2)
Jan 30	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/CM Singers/Advanced Strings Concert -7pm
Feb 1	5th Grade Band Concert -7pm
Feb 2	Reading Rocks!Pledges Due- Dress Like a Rockstar Day!

Important Phone Numbers

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

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We hope you all had a relaxing break! Our first PTA meeting of 2018 will be on Tuesday, January 9th, at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. It's a great chance to ask questions and see our new Zero Waste bins that the children are using at lunch.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed food to the Staff Holiday Lunch. Everything looked delicious and it was warmly received.

Bingo Night was a great success! A big thank you to Susan Price, Jackie Couch and their entire team of helpers for organizing such a fun night!

Don't forget Reading Rocks starts this Friday, January 5th. Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character!

Thank you for everything you do.

Amanda Patania & Annemarie Aronowitz
PTA Co-Presidents

School News

PTA Reflection Competition

This is a reminder that submissions for the Reflections Competition are due by Wednesday, January 3rd. Students can place their entries in the blue bin outside the main office. All entries *must* be submitted with a fully completed entry form to be eligible for competition. For entry forms and rules, please visit our Cider Mill PTA Website <http://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>

Join The PTA

Please join the Cider Mill PTA! Over 300 families and teachers have joined the PTA so far this year. Thank you for your support! And, while we would love for you to get involved, you do not have to volunteer! Your membership and donation dollars fund valuable programs at Cider Mill, including: Visiting Author, 5th Grade Year Book, Field Days, Student Enrichment Programs, Fun Nights, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Gifts and Grants, Hospitality, Book Fair, Reflections, and many more.

PLUS, when you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our online directory!

Visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you're feeling generous!

(Please add support@mobilearq.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link).

Ongoing School News

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has 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](#)

Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill

There are two L&F locations in Cider Mill. One is at the doorway where you go to the playground, on the high school side (Cannondale). The other is by the front door on the far side of the bus loop (Kent). You or your child can check these locations for lost items. At the end of each season, the unclaimed items are donated to the Turnover Shop with proceeds going to the Cider Mill PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell with questions, at amandaNmitchell@gmail.com.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Volunteer at the Cider Mill Library Learning Commons!

The Cider Mill Library is in need of volunteers to help fill in vacancies in our volunteer schedule. The shifts are an hour and a half every other week or weekly. The volunteers are very valuable to keep the library functioning smoothly by check out books to students. If you are interested in volunteering, Please contact Jen Fila at jennfila5@gmail.com or Jackie Couch at jackie.couch13@gmail.com for more information.

Community News

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Over-parenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success

TED TALK SCREENING - Wednesday, January 24, 2018

10:00-11:30 a.m. @ Weston Library

Registration recommended - www.westonpubliclibrary.org, click on Calendar

7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Wilton Library

Registration recommended - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

Appropriate for Parents of Children of all ages.

By loading kids with high expectations and micromanaging their lives at every turn, parents aren't actually helping. Join us to view Julie Lythcott-Haims' thought-provoking **TED Talk** on parental expectations and unconditional love. The video will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Tracey Masella, LCSW, of Silver Hill Hospital. Tracey will help us understand how to stop over-parenting and help our children develop resilience. We will discuss how to create a safe and effective family frame in which children learn to manage their lives effectively.

BOOK DISCUSSION - Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wilton Library, Rimer Room

Registration required - opens mid-January - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334.

Minimum 15 registrants required for each session.

Appropriate for Parents of Children of all ages.

Ellen Brezovsky, LCSW, of Silver Hill Hospital will facilitate a **book discussion**. In *How to Raise an Adult* Julie Lythcott-Haims draws on research, on conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and on her own insights as a mother and as a student dean to highlight the ways in which over-parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. Lythcott-Haims offers practical alternative strategies that underline the importance of allowing children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and inner determination necessary for success.

Wilton Youth Council promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. **Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org** for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at sumapiyer@gmail.com.

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