

Hot Cider

A Cider Mill PTA Publication

November 16, 2014

Important Dates

Nov. 17 Day 8
Nov. 18 PTA Meeting, 9:15, Cafeteria
Nov. 18 Focus Group Meeting with Dr. Smith, 7pm
Nov. 20-25 Book Fair
Nov. 20-26 Shortened Days (11:55am dismissal)/ Parent Conferences
Nov. 27-28 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
Dec. 1-12 Giving Tree
Dec. 7 Family Fun Night with the SoundTigers
Dec. 23 Shortened Day (11:55am dismissal)
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 NO SCHOOL (Holiday Break)

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
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School News

Focus Group Meeting with Superintendent Smith ~ Tuesday, November 18, 7pm

As part of Dr. Smith's entry into the Wilton community, he will conduct focus groups with parents from each school building. The purpose of these focus groups is to gather your perceptions about our individual schools as well as the school district in general. If you are interested in participating from Cider Mill, please contact Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. Focus group sizes have been capped at 12. We will plan multiple focus groups at each building to accommodate all interested.

Read On: Cider Mill's Book Fair Starts This Week!

Just in time to start filling those holiday shopping lists, the Book Fair begins this week! Give the gift of reading to your kids, or simply come and treat yourself! It's truly the gift that keeps on giving: the money you spend supports reading programs at our school.

Shopping days are 7am – 3pm on November 20, 21 and 24, and 7am – 1pm on November 25. The Book Fair is also open at night for the first time ever on Friday,

November 21, from 6pm – 8pm. Come check out the rows of books and gift items, and let your kids take part in a scavenger hunt Friday night around the aisles! From award-winning children's books to adult fiction to Legos and crafts, there is something for everyone. You won't want to miss it! The Book Fair is located in the Cider Mill Cafeteria. For more information, contact co-chairs Chandra Ring at cring226@hotmail.com or Ronni Sayewitz at keithandronni@yahoo.com.

We also still need lots of volunteers! To volunteer for a shift, please click this link: <http://vols.pt/ZEygt>. Thank you for your support!

Lost and Found Tables ~ November 20, 21, 24, 25

Lost and Found tables will be set up at the school entrance during Parent - Teacher conferences. Please stop by and look for any missing articles.

Join in the Fun with Cider Mill and the Bridgeport SoundTigers AHL Ice Hockey Team! ~ Sunday, December 7, 3pm, Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport ~ Deadline for Ticket Orders is Monday, December 1

Specially priced group tickets are available for the Bridgeport SoundTigers hockey game vs. the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. Our Cider Mill Singers and 5th Grade Chorus will sing during the first intermission! Click on this link: [CiderMill SoundTigers Family Fun Night Order Form](#) to view and print the event information and order form. Please bring the order form and payment in an envelope to the Cider Mill Front Office BY DECEMBER 1. Tickets are \$16 each (\$37 at box office). Checks should be made out to Sound Tigers. No transportation or chaperones will be provided by Cider Mill School. Tickets will be sent home with students by December 4. No day-of-game orders. Questions??? Contact Mr. Pearson at Pearsona@wilton.k12.ct.us.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Box Tops

Do you have a collection of Box Tops? Be sure to send them into school and place them in the bright blue drop-off box located in the main office. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them in, Cider Mill earns cash that can be used for anything the school needs. Look for Box Tops on thousands of products including Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Visit

www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Community News

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues.

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