

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 8, 2022

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

Important Dates

May 9	Grade 4 Chorus/Orchestra South – 7:00 PM
May 10	Grade 4 Chorus/Orchestra North – 7:00 PM
May 13	All School Board Game Day
May 17-19	Cider Mill Book Fair
May 17	Grade 5 Chorus/Orchestra Advanced Strings and Cider Mill Singers – 7:00 PM
May 24	Grade 5 Band and Cider Mill Jazz Ensemble – 7:00 PM
June 2	Grade 3 Strings Combined – 7:00 PM
June 3	CM Spirit Day! - Wear House Colors
June 9	BOE Meeting 7.00 PM WHA Library
June 17	Shortened Day
June 20	Shortened Day
June 21	Shortened Day
June 23	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM WHS Professional Library and Zoom

From The PTA President

Happy Mother's Day!

On **Friday, April 29th**, the **Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee**, led by **Caroline Hoffman**, provided breakfast for all our wonderful bus drivers! We are always thrilled for the opportunity to show our gratitude to the STA team!

We also held our **Third and Fourth Grade Fun Nights** on April 29th - students enjoyed a comedic magic show, The Pro-Kids Show, hosted by Tim Hannig. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make this evening special for our third and fourth graders!

The Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee, again led by Caroline Hoffman, also hosted a week of amazing events for **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (May 2nd-6th)**. 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, as we could not have done it without you! Also, a huge thank you to Caroline Hoffman for coordinating all these events!

Our **Spring Book Fair** is almost here! It will take place from **Tuesday, May 17th through Thursday, May 19th** in the Cider Mill Science Lab from 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Students will visit with their classes, however friends and family are also welcome to shop! Cash, eWallet, credit cards, and checks will be accepted! Please also consider volunteering at our Book Fair: [VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

Finally, mark your calendars, as our **last PTA meeting** of the school year will be this Tuesday, May 10th! We will be voting in Melissa Reynolds as Co-President and Valerie Incao as Secretary. However, we still have plenty of open positions for next year, including Parent-at-Large which is an Executive Board position, so please contact CMNominating@gmail.com for more information!

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

Michelle Krupa
CM PTA President

School News

Cider Mill Book Fair!

The Book Fair is coming! Our fantastic spring book fair will be open to students on **May 17, 18, and 19 from 7:30am-4pm**.

Visit the science lab for all the fun! There are so many books to choose from for every kind of kid: adventure, sci-fi, best-sellers, and even "laugh-out-loud" stories. We can't wait to see you there! Students will visit with their classes, and they will be able to pay via cash and eWallet, where friends and family can load money onto an account used only at the fair.

A virtual fair is also available to all students with a full library of Scholastic titles. Shipments will be sent to students' home addresses.

Every purchase made, both in-person and online, benefits our school, so thank you for your support!

More information on eWallet and the link to our virtual fair can be found on the Cider Mill Book Fair Homepage at:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cidermill>

OPEN PTA POSITIONS

The Cider Mill PTA are looking to fill positions listed below for the next school year. If you have any interest or need more information, please email **CMNominating@gmail.com**

These programs **CANNOT run without volunteers**, and we really need parents to help out!

Executive boards positions-

Parent at Large, attends Board of Ed meeting either in person or watches at home and reports back any relevant news to PTA. This can easily be done but someone who also works.

PTA committee positions-

5th grade yearbook

Art Committee

Book Fair

Children’s Enrichment

Fun Night 3rd, 4th and 5th grade

Hospitality Co-chairs to work alongside our current chair.

Library volunteer chair

Lost and Found

Laminating

3rd grade Room Rep Coordinator

School photos

Spirit wear

Turkey Trot

Volunteer coordinator

Visiting Author

Garden Committee

CIDER MILL SCHOOL STORE IS OPEN!

The Cider Mill School Store is opening this week! It will be open **Wednesdays during lunch in the cafeteria!**

The school store offers school related items and fidgets for the students! The students should come with cash or change, but there is no way to take any other form of payment. There are mechanical pencils, erasers, assorted pens, and even different fidgets! All items will be in increments of \$0.25 with nothing more than \$2. Then, students in Math Club run the inventory of the items: counting the number of items, figuring out how many items sold, and then discovering the profits which get filtered back into the school store. We appreciate exact change or small bills!

Parents and guardians! To volunteer at the school store, please visit: [Cider Mill School Store: Cider-Mill School Store Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL GoZen! AND GoStrengths!

Wilton Youth Council is offering spring sessions of both **GoZen!** and **GoStrengths!** for students in Grades 3-5.

GoZen! is a skill building program that teaches students hands on tools and strategies to effectively identify, understand, and manage worry and anxiety in a fun, engaging and interactive approach.

GoStrengths! is the skills building follow up program taught after GoZen! GoStrengths! is a well-being & resilience program that offers a comprehensive social and emotional learning program focused on teaching 8 vital skills.

To learn more about either of these programs or to register for one the limited spots in these classes, visit <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/go-zen-go-strengths>

GREEN TEAM ZERO WASTE

Save the Date to *spark your green* at **Fairfield County's largest Zero Waste Faire – Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 11 am - 4 pm** at the Miller-Driscoll School, 217 Wolfpit Road, Wilton.

Activities for eco-friendly learning and living will be available for the entire family. Take away one or thousands of ideas on indoor and outdoor sustainable living for your family, your community, and our planet. Electric Vehicle showcase!

FREE recycling drop-off: mattresses, e-waste, household items, textiles and more! Learn more at <https://wiltongogreen.org/zero-waste-faire-sustainable-living-expo-2022/>.



[Zero Waste Schools](#)

WILTON SEPTA

Inclusive Practices Mentor Training Programs: ongoing

Wilton SEPTA is sponsoring Inclusive Practices Mentorship Training to our school and community organizations through *The National Mentoring Coalition* (NDMC) <https://ndmc.pyd.org/certification/> in partnership with *Partners for Youth with Disabilities*, (PYD) <https://www.pyd.org/>.

Topics Covered in the course:

- Introduction to disability, ableism, and inclusion
- Understanding disability rights and the ADA
- Developing an inclusion statement
- Creating inclusive programs, activities, and events
- Tips for inclusive communication
- Principles of inclusive marketing
- Introduction to autism
- Supporting positive behavior in youth with disabilities
- The intersection of disability, gender, and sexuality
- Understanding Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Current Training opportunities still open to Highschool students, staff, and community members
Email: wiltonsepta@gmail.com for more information

RULER WEBINAR

RULER: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, & Regulating Emotions

Webinar Recording Now Available!

Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

In this webinar Wilton Public Schools staff educate parents about RULER, a program of evidence-based tools and social-emotional learning practices from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Teachers across the district have been trained in these practices and RULER tools are already being used with students in grades K-5 to help students recognize and regulate emotions. Implementation at the secondary level is in progress.

What is RULER?

RULER is an evidenced based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that supports the entire school community in:

- Understanding the value of emotions
- Building the skills of emotional intelligence

- Creating and maintaining a positive school climate

In this webinar, you will learn about the four core tools and how we can implement these tools at home:

- Building a family charter
- Mood Meter - emotion vocabulary
- Meta Moment for emotion regulation
- Blueprint for problem solving

Who are the presenters?

- Elena White, Miller-Driscoll School Counselor
- Jennifer Ringelheim, Cider Mill 3rd Grade Teacher, Co-Chair District SEL Committee

Find the recording, slides, and links to associated materials at Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

SPIRIT WEAR

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, Walkathon, field days and more. Get one before they sell out!

Please remember to include your child’s name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

3 easy steps to get started

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Online shopping or Curbside Pick-up? Just forward your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

Community News

Miller Driscoll Spring Carnival!

The Miller Driscoll Spring Carnival is back and full of family fun. There will be rides, games, food, and lots of laughs! The fair is held at Miller Driscoll and carnival times and dates are as follows:

- FRIDAY, MAY 13: 6-10PM**
- SATURDAY, MAY 14: 1-10PM**
- SUNDAY, MAY 15: 1-5PM**

WILTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Wilton Education Foundation (WEF) is a non-profit organization committed to working closely with the Wilton School District to foster creative approaches to education by supporting district-wide projects that have a broad impact on academic and enrichment learning. Join us at one of our upcoming meetings to hear from the WEF board and Superintendent Kevin Smith about upcoming events and district updates. All are welcome! Save these important,

upcoming dates:

May 17, 2022 @ 7:30 pm: Monthly Meeting WHS professional library
May 29, 2022: Get Smart for Wilton 5K, WHS Stadium Track
June 22, 2022: End of Year Sunset Celebration, Ambler Farm

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend, brought to you by **Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force**, will have two designated weekends bookending this summer!

Choose whichever works best for you! They will be **Saturday, June 4th - Sunday, June 5th and again Saturday, September 17th - Sunday, September 18th.**

WILTON YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

Spring Clinics:

Registration is now open for spring clinics on Sundays, beginning April 3. Clinics will be held on the Stadium Turf:

- Grades K-4 from 5-6pm
- Grades 5-8 from 6-7:30pm

Clinics will be held on April 3, 10, 24, May 1, 15, 22, June 5. June 12 will be a makeup day. Register on the WYFH website at <http://www.wyfh.net>

Summer Games:

Again, this summer, we'll be offering free pickup games twice weekly over the summer. We're hoping to offer play from 5-7:30 on Monday and Thursday evenings but are awaiting field confirmation.

Pre-Season Camp:

Each summer we offer a pre-season camp for players entering grades 5-8. While we await field confirmation, camp is *tentatively* scheduled for August 15-19 from 5:30-8pm

Tryouts for 7th & 8th Graders:

In grades 7 & 8, WYFH holds tryouts. We'll have a spot for all players that would like to participate in our program, but at this grade level we set teams based on player skill level. All players that opt to try out for the "A Team" must sign a commitment letter to the WYFH program and are expected to attend all practices and games throughout the season. Tryout dates are *tentatively* set for 5-8pm on August 24, 25 & 26.

WILTON HIGH SCHOOL CLUB: Team STEAM

Do you have a child who is interested in STEM and/or Arts?! Check this out from our very own Wilton HS Club called Team STEAM!

We (Team STEAM) are a group of Wilton high school students who want to help bring STEAM (STEM +Art) education to young kids (aged 6-10 years). In partnership with a local startup called 3DuxDesign, our program will teach little engineers the basics of the engineering design process in a fun, creative, and hands-on manner! The program is free, and the other is a \$20 cost which includes an engineering kit. We also accept donations of \$20 which will go to fund a kit and 4 classes for an underprivileged child who cannot afford to pay.

(Note: All payments go towards purchasing kits for children and all high schoolers participating are volunteers)

Team STEAM's mission is to work with young minds and cultivate their passion for engineering and artistic thinking.

* To Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/MB1h3GRmcGMX13z18>

*To Buy a Kit: https://www.3duxdesign.com/products/steam-club-maker-kit?fbclid=IwAR1xAfwH14JEz9UwjsF03MbPnrFyawOK9X9sLwAe1YpB_goRqiYHfTluYis.

Please contact Keerthi Vijay at 23vijayk@wiltonps.org with any questions!

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

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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