

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication

May 21, 2017

Important Dates

- May 21** Day 2
- May 23** Fifth Grade Band Concert, 7-8pm, Gym
- May 24** Cannondale Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 25** Belden Hill Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 25** Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
- May 26** Nod Hill Fourth Grade Field Trip to Weir Farm
- May 29** NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- May 30** Spiritwear Sales at lunch in the Cafeteria
- May 31** Digital Learning Plan Parent Forum, 9:30-10:30am, Library Learning Commons
- May 31** Cannondale and Nod Hill Fifth Grade to Visit Middlebrook
- Jun 1** Incoming Third Grade Parent Orientation, 7:30-8:30pm, Cafeteria
- Jun 1** Third Grade Field Day (Rain date June 2nd)
- Jun 1** Belden Hill and Kent Fifth Grade to Visit Middlebrook
- Jun 2** CM Miniband to Visit Ogden House, 11:45am-12:45pm, Ogden House
- Jun 5-9** Summer Book Fair, South Gym
- Jun 5** Fourth Grade Field Day (Rain date June 6th)
- Jun 7** Fourth Grade Parent Orientation for Fifth Grade Band Information Night, 7-8pm, Gym
- Jun 8** Fifth Grade Field Day (Rain date June 9th)
- Jun 8** Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
- Jun 8** Third Grade Strings Combined, All Houses, 7-8pm, Gym
- Jun 9** Nod Hill Fourth Grade Closing House, 8-9am
- Jun 13** Cannondale Fourth Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
- Jun 13** Fifth Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park at Discovery Museum, House TBD
- Jun 14** Nod Hill Third Grade Closing House, 12:15-2:15pm
- Jun 14** Belden Hill Fourth Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
- Jun 14** Fifth Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park at Discovery Museum, House TBD
- Jun 15** Kent Fourth Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
- Jun 15** Fifth Grade Field Trip to Adventure Park at Discovery Museum, House TBD
- Jun 16** Kent Third Grade Closing House, 12:45-2pm
- Jun 16** Belden Hill Third Grade Closing House, 1-2pm
- Jun 19** Nod Hill Fifth Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:30am
- Jun 19** Kent Fifth Grade Celebrations, 12-2pm
- Jun 20** Cannondale Fifth Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:30am
- Jun 20** Belden Hill Fifth Grade Celebrations, 12-2pm
- Jun 21** Cannondale Third Grade Closing House and Living Museum, 10:45-11:45am

Jun 21 SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am
Jun 22 SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am
Jun 22 Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Jun 23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am

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

Note from the PTA President

A message from Cider Mill's incoming PTA President:

Cider Mill offers parents many opportunities to volunteer within the school and make a real difference to every student's school experience. I am writing today to let you know that we are seeking to fulfill the PTA executive board role of VP of Fundraising. Cider Mill's main fundraiser is a school-wide Walkathon which takes place in October. We would love for an incoming 3rd grade parent to get on board with us this year and learn the role for the subsequent year. A lot of help and support is available from parents who have run the Walkathon in previous years.

In addition, here are some other openings on the Cider Mill PTA. Now is the time to get involved! There is a role for everyone!

Book Fair Chair

Hot Cider Co-Chair

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Junior Great Books

3rd Grade Fun Night

3rd Grade River Study

5th Grade Field Day

5th Grade River Study

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net

Sincerely,
Annemarie Aronowitz

School News

CM Spring Book Fair

The Cider Mill PTA is happy to announce that it will be holding its 2nd annual Spring Book Fair.

Come and find your favorite titles for some fun summer reading! This event will be held in the Upper Gym on the following days: Tuesday, 6/6, 7 a.m.- 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 6/7, 7 a.m.- 3 p.m.; Thursday, 6/8, 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. & Friday, 6/9, 7a.m.-2 p.m. (with a set-up day of Monday, 6/5). Please visit [Summer Reading Book Fair](#) at Cider Mill School to volunteer to help with this event. Please contact Amy Palma at amypalma@gmail.com, Annemarie Aronowitz at annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com or Brooke Kalter at brookekalter@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Field Day

Field day dates can be found above. Spirit wear shirts are not required, but many kids wear them on field day. Spiritwear will be sold in the Cafeteria during lunch on Tuesday, May 30th. T-shirts are \$15, either cash or check made out to Cider Mill PTA are accepted.

Room reps have already sent out requests for field day volunteers. The success of field day is dependent on parent volunteers...hope to see you there!

2017-2018 School Supply Kits on Sale Now!!

Order Cider Mill School Supplies Now to be Ready in the Fall!

Orders are ONLY accepted online. Order by June 30th for Best Pricing and Free Shipping!

To order your kits online, please follow these simple steps:

1. Go to our school page <https://www.edukitinc.com/page.asp?id=15&schoolid=1717>
2. Choose the appropriate grade level kit – REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENTERING IN THE FALL!
3. Submit your order!!

THAT'S IT!!! SUPER EASY, SUPER CONVENIENT! Your child's kit will be delivered to the classroom just in time for Meet the Teacher Day!

IMPORTANT Be sure to keep your receipt as proof of purchase. Check your SPAM folder!!

Questions? Contact Jackie Couch at jackie.couch13@gmail.com

New this year! Cider Mill PTA is expanding our school supply donation program within Wilton, and surrounding communities. We have partnered with Wilton Social Services and local organizations in Bridgeport and Norwalk. Please consider making a donation towards providing school supplies to students in need. The PTA will work directly with Wilton Social Services and local community organizations in Norwalk and Bridgeport to select, purchase and distribute the much needed items.

Donations can be made when purchasing your kits online. Thank you for your support!

5th Grade Parents – Consider Project Adventure Next Year! ~ Wednesday May 31st, 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 outdoor ropes course in the fall and an indoor course in the 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).

An information session for all interested incoming 6th grade and new parent volunteers will be Wednesday May 31st at 10:45am. You do not have to be certified yet to attend the session! 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, for questions or if you aren't able to make the info session but are still interested please contact Renee Rafferty raffertyrenee@gmail.com or Margo Silvian margosilvian@me.com.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Join the Cider Mill PTA!

The Cider Mill PTA is a powerful network of parents and teachers whose mission is to make every child's potential a reality, by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We want you as a member! Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your child's education. It shows you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It is not a commitment to volunteer for anything!

It does not 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, get to know your school and administrators, have a voice and be heard at the school and 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, Walkathon, Book Fair, Spiritwear, library volunteers, and the Hot Cider newsletter.

Membership signup is ONLY online. Joining gives you instant access to the Cider Mill directory of parent and student information. You can download the MobileArq app at the Apple Store or Google Play Store, or visit this link: <http://wilton.mobilearq.com> and use code 'wilton'.

Buy Name Labels at Mabel's Labels

Last year, over 300 sweatshirts, 100 winter hats, 50 pairs of gloves, 50 lunch boxes, and 10 winter jackets were left in our Lost Property areas at school. The overwhelming majority had no

owner information marked in them. To raise funds and reduce this immense amount of loss, we have teamed up with Mabel's Labels to run a fundraiser. Mabel's Labels adhere to your child's clothing and will not come off in the wash. You will get your missing property back and Cider Mill will earn money! Please visit www.mabelslabels.com. Click on 'Support a Fundraiser.' We are listed as Cider Mill School (Wilton). Cider Mill will receive a 20% donation based on the cost of your order. Thank you!

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](#).

Lost and Found

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 amandaNitchell@gmail.com.

Community News

NAMI CAN ~ May 22nd at 10am

Did you know that May is Mental Health Month? With the busy end of the school year, anticipated transitions for the fall, change in routine for the summer, or with college kids coming home - it's a stressful time for many families and can really cause things to come to a head. Give yourself some support - somewhere to talk, listen and get ideas. Don't suffer alone.

NAMI Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. The meeting is 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 22nd and June 26th (no meetings in July and August) 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 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

Get Smart 5K Race to Support Wilton Education Foundation ~ May 28, Wilton High School Track

Join us on Sunday, May 28th for Wilton's Get Smart5k to support the Wilton Education Foundation. Start and finish at WHS track. To guarantee a t-shirt, register early:

<https://>

register.chronotrack.com/r/28708.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC) ~ Upcoming Events

Find us on Facebook or visit www.wiltonyouth.org. We are very pleased to announce that we have launched our new and improved Wilton Youth Council website! We hope you will find it to be helpful in finding out more about our programs, as well as providing you with resources. Check it out at www.wiltonyouth.org! Our February WYC Newsletter contains all the events you might be interested in - be sure to sign up if you don't receive it in your inbox: <http://conta.cc/2lvqV6R>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Annemarie Aronowitz at annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/hotcider/ccjp>. Content may be edited at the discretion of the Hot Cider staff. In an effort to keep Hot Cider timely and concise, your article may be published only twice. Please consider publication dates carefully. Your understanding is appreciated. The next issue of Hot Cider will be published June 4, 2017. The deadline for submissions is May 30, 2017.