

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – August 25, 2019

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

## Important Dates

<b>Aug 27</b>	Day 1
<b>Aug 28</b>	New Parent Coffee, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
<b>Sept 2</b>	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
<b>Sept 5</b>	Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
<b>Sept 5</b>	Open House for Parents - Cannondale/Nod Hill, 6-7pm
<b>Sept 9</b>	Open House for Parents - Belden Hill/Kent, 6-7pm
<b>Sept 10</b>	CM PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
<b>Sept 24</b>	Photo Day
<b>Sept 25</b>	Literacy and Math Night, Cafeteria, 6:30-7:30pm
<b>Sept 26</b>	Literacy and Math Day, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
<b>Sept 30</b>	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)  
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## From The PTA Presidents

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to returning and new families to Cider Mill for the 2019-2020 school year. We are looking forward to an exciting school year with events like our Walkathon, Class Fun Nights, Bingo Night, Pizza and Paint, Cider Mill's Got Talent and so many more.

We are asking for your support to help us make this a successful year:

1. Join the PTA using the MobileArq app – this gives you access to the school directory and membership to the PTA
2. Purchase Spiritwear with your child's house on the t-shirt that can be used for Spirit Days and Field Days
3. Attend PTA meetings – a great way to get information about what is happening at CM and ask questions. Meetings are usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9:15am in the cafeteria. Our first meeting is on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.
4. Donate to our annual Walkathon fundraiser – more information coming soon.

Every 2 weeks, you will receive the Hot Cider newsletter from the PTA that will include a calendar, detailed information about upcoming PTA and school events, links for volunteer sign-up and community events. Please take the time to read this newsletter. We also encourage you to use our Cider Mill PTA website – [www.cidermillpta.org](http://www.cidermillpta.org) and the school's website [www.wiltonps.org](http://www.wiltonps.org) for school information. For more parent focused questions, please check out the Cider Mill Parent Community Facebook page.

The PTA added 4 large tables to each playground area for the kids to use during recess to catch up with friends. A HUGE thank you and shout out to Amanda Patania and her son Eli for taking time this month to put them together.

Thank you for your support and please reach out to us if you have any questions or comments at [carolynlyon@optonline.net](mailto:carolynlyon@optonline.net) or [meghan.russo13@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.russo13@gmail.com).

Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo  
CM PTA Co-Presidents

## School News

### **JOIN THE PTA ~ WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

Join the PTA and gain access to our Mobile Directory! Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join here, and use the code - 'wilton' [https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school\\_directory\\_parent\\_register.html](https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html) Parents please update your profiles to include email and cell phone numbers! One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time! Questions? Email our Directory Chair Jennifer Wulff [jen@presto.org](mailto:jen@presto.org) (Please add [support@mobilearq.com](mailto:support@mobilearq.com) to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link.)

### **PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We still need help filling these gaps. If you'd like to know more or interested in helping please contact Amanda Patania or Alex Frisbee at [CMnominating@gmail.com](mailto:CMnominating@gmail.com)

**Hospitality** - we currently have a few people to help co-ordinate pampering staff at various times during the year, but more people are needed to help run these events. It's a position which is split and staff really appreciate.

**Book Fair** - we currently have an experienced chair but it's not a one person task! One week in November and one in Spring.

**3rd, 4th and 5th Field Day** - co-ordinating volunteers and working with the gym teachers to make these fun days run smoothly. It's all set up from past Field Days and a good way to end the year.

**5th Grade Fun Night** - a chance to look cool in front of your kid. Liaise with the YMCA and recruit volunteers to run the last Fun Night at Cider Mill for your child.

**3rd Grade Great Books** - recruit 3rd Grade parents to run Great Books during lunch period. It's a little like a book club for the children. 4th and 5th Grade chairs are experienced and can walk you through the whole procedure.

**Bingo Night** - Ideally two chairs or more for this one. It's a really fun night and last year's chairs can walk you through the whole procedures. Grab a friend and have fun with this one!

**Library Chair** - We have one chair for this year, but would love one or two people to shadow this year to take over. Recruit and co-ordinate volunteers to work in the LLC.

### **CIDER MILL LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS VOLUNTEERS**

**For returning volunteers:** Please look for an email the first two weeks of the school year with information regarding training and schedule sign up.

**For new volunteers:** The Library Learning Commons is a school-year long commitment with weekly or bi-monthly shifts during school hours. Volunteers are necessary to keep the library running smoothly throughout the day, as we are responsible for checking out books, checking in books, shelving and other special projects throughout the year. Interested in volunteering for Cider Mill Library Learning Commons? Please email Jen Fila at [jennfila5@gmail.com](mailto:jennfila5@gmail.com) for more information.

### **CIDER MILL SPIRITWEAR**

Get Your CM Spiritwear Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts)! Spiritwear will be sold at Open House nights on September 5th and 9th and you can purchase Spirit Wear at any time throughout the year on the Cider Mill PTA site: [cidermillpta.org](http://cidermillpta.org). Your order will be delivered to your student's class within two days.

### **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](https://www.facebook.com/CiderMillParentCommunity)

## **STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM**

CIDER MILL SCHOOL – (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

**To participate:** Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

### **To earn points:**

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2019-2020 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted. • Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

## **BOX TOPS HAVE GONE DIGITAL!**

BIG, exciting change to Box Tops for Education this year! Box Tops has gone digital! This is a MUCH easier way to earn money for Cider Mill School! To donate box tops, follow the steps below.

1. Download the Box Top (BTFE) app on your smart phone
2. Buy products with the Box Top logo
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your store receipt
4. The app automatically gives Cider Mill credit for the participating products you purchased!

The app is really easy to use and it saves so much clipping and counting time. Any clipped Box Tops you have been saving may be turned into the Box Tops box in the main office. These will be counted and submitted "the old fashioned way." If you have any questions, please email Heather Mroz, Box Top Coordinator, at [heathermm@optonline.net](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net).

Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

## **ZERO WASTE AT CIDER MILL**

The Zero Waste Committee has been working to start up our second full year of recycling, donating and composting at Cider Mill! Each school in our district now has: 1) Liquid Dumping Stations; 2) Food Donations (sealed containers and some fruit); 3) Recycling; 4) Compost; and 5) Waste. We'll be reminding kids how to sort their lunch leftovers, and to reduce waste at school and home. As a quick refresher for all, it's YES to using reusable containers, bags, silverware, and ice packs; purchasing bulk snacks to sort into reusable containers, packing realistic portions and taking home uneaten food (or donate or compost!) It's AVOID disposable paper or plastic bags; Individually-packaged snacks; non-reusable food wrap; disposable ice packs, utensils, or drink containers (juice boxes or pouches); and plastic straws.

For more information or to help out, contact the Cider Mill Zero Waste Committee: Elizabeth McKay - [ewmckay@gmail.com](mailto:ewmckay@gmail.com) Nicole Northway - [nicole.northway3@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.northway3@gmail.com) Laura Rowley - [rowleylg@gmail.com](mailto:rowleylg@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:amandaNmitchell@gmail.com).

## Community News

### WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

Please save the date for these Wilton Youth Council parent education programs! Like us on Facebook and visit [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org) for more information about our programs for youth, parents and community. While you are there, sign up for our newsletter. Questions? Email Genevieve Eason at [geason@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org).

**The Resilience Formula: Giving Kids Roots and Wings**, Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the Wilton Library Brubeck Room  
In this interactive session, Donna Volpitta, Ed.D, will teach the simple brain science behind raising emotionally healthy, resilient kids.

### **Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the Wilton Library Brubeck Room

In this session, Alicia Farrell, Ph.D., leads a discussion about the fine line between healthy and unhealthy technology use (screen-time, social media, entertainment) and how parents, mentors and educators can help children walk it.

## Submit News to Hot Cider

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