

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – April 5, 2020

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

## Important Dates

### Wilton Schools - Buildings Closed and E-Learning Only Until Further Notice

- Apr 10** NO SCHOOL (Good Friday) ~ District Office and School Closed
- Apr 13-17** SPRING BREAK CANCELED ~ School in Session through E-Learning
- Apr 14** Parent Forum with Administrators via Zoom, 4pm
- May 25** NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day) ~ District Office and School Closed
- Jun 10** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you and your families are doing well, and staying healthy. We know, and appreciate you are receiving quite a bit of information from multiple sources right now. However, we feel as though it may be helpful to send out an abbreviated version of the PTA's Hot Cider to keep you updated and informed with what is going on in the CM community.

Although disappointing, we have decided to cancel all remaining PTA related activities/events for the remainder of the year. If you paid a participation fee for any of the events and have not received a refund, please let us know so we can facilitate that for you. Information to follow on how 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook distribution will be handled.

CM Administration will be hosting a Parent Forum on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm through a live interactive Zoom session. This session will allow parents and guardians the opportunity to ask questions about the eLearning plan, as well as other topics that that may be of interest to them. The PTA will be gathering questions from the parent community to provide to Administration prior to forum. Please be on the lookout for an email from us later in the week.

Beginning this week administrators will be inviting our school community to join in a school-wide Zoom lunch gathering every Monday (Ms. O'Keefe), Wednesday (Dr. Falcone) and Friday (Ms. Catalano) from 12-12:30. Access to everything the children will need will be in their Daily Slide Decks. If possible, all of these experiences will be recorded and posted for future viewing.

The PTA is beginning to look towards next year to help facilitate a smooth transition into the new school year. With that being said, many of our Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs will be leaving CM in the Fall, which requires us to fill many open positions. A few of these positions include Co-President, Secretary and Membership. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, Co-President at [meghan.russo13@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.russo13@gmail.com) or Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair at [amanda\\_Patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_Patania@yahoo.com)

We will continue to update you as we receive additional information. Thank you again for your continued support.

Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo  
CM PTA Co-Presidents

## District News

- WPS COVID-19 updates - <https://www.wiltonps.org/about/district-covid-19-information>
- [FAQ Document](#)
- Request lunches for your child from WPS - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-VNkVEFUyNOJ-9thr622Q\\_Z4Dz4sllc8PNT5zTUZXc6EJ7g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-VNkVEFUyNOJ-9thr622Q_Z4Dz4sllc8PNT5zTUZXc6EJ7g/viewform)

## School News

- CM Administration Contacts - <https://www.wiltonps.org/cider-mill/cider-mill-information/administration>
- Math eLearning Update: Randi Rondano, our wonderful math coach, prepared this [ScreenCastify](#) to provide information on the design of the math lessons (instruction and assessment). It also provides valuable insight on how to navigate moments when your learner might be struggling.
- [Synchronous Learning](#): Review this 1-page overview of synchronous and asynchronous learning, tools that support synchronous learning and CM's plan for the integration of synchronous learning.
- Digital Texts: For quick access to many [Digital Texts & Literature](#) see Destiny Discover and SORA. The District continues to build our access to digital texts every day!
- Click [HERE](#) for the link to all past CM communications.

## 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](#).

### 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!

## Community News

### Wilton NAMI CAN

Due to need, we will be offering NAMI-CAN support group meetings for parents of kids with mental health and behavioral concerns TWICE a month, on the FIRST and THIRD Mondays of the month from 10 to 11:30 AM . Please see two different links below.

Topic: 1st Monday of the month Wilton NAMI CAN  
Time: Apr 6, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Every month on the First Monday !

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/596783943?pwd=SDA1N2VVQkRwN2RxSk4rNVoxVGVUUT09>

Meeting ID: 596 783 943

Password: 024327

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Topic: 3rd Monday of the month Wilton NAMI CAN:  
Time: Starting April 20, 2020 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/771786639?pwd=bWhZbVICdmVidUtrL0pKVUJrWGNZdz09>

Meeting ID: 771 786 639

Password: 559907

### WILTON SEPTA

Join us to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more!

If you haven't yet registered or renewed your membership to SEPTA, please click here and join us today: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>.

## Submit News to Hot Cider

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