

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – September 13, 2020

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

Important Dates

Sept 14	Day 4
Sept 15	Virtual PTA Meeting, 10-11am, see President's Message below for link
Sept 15	Virtual Open House, 6-7:30pm
Sept 17	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, see www.wiltonps.org for details
Sept 24	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, see www.wiltonps.org for details
Sept 28	NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
Oct 6	Virtual Literacy/Numeracy Night, 6:30-8pm
Oct 9	EARLY RELEASE (Professional Learning) (Dismissal at 11:55am)
Oct 12	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope that your first few weeks back have been great. It's been wonderful seeing the students entering the building after almost 6 months away. Although the start of the year may look a little different for us, the PTA is looking forward to an incredible year of events, activities and celebrations!

The Cider Mill spirit wear shop is open! There are t-shirts available for each house, as well as tie dye t-shirts. Shirts will be delivered to your home within 2-3 days by one of our PTA members. Purchasing a t-shirt is a great way to show your school spirit, as well as support the PTA. Sizes and quantities are limited, buy yours today! Please use the following link to access the school store <https://www.cidermillpta.org/spiritwear>.

The Lost and Found Committee is working on new procedures for the year that will allow you to safely retrieve your students lost items. The committee is currently keeping last years items separate, and will have information out shortly on how to retrieve those items. If you have any immediate questions or concerns please contact Amanda Mitchell amandamitchell@gmail.com.

We are still looking for a few room reps for this year! PTA Room Reps act as an assistant to the teacher and as an arm of the CM PTA Volunteer Coordinator. They also act as a liaison between the teacher and fellow class parents/guardians. Please contact your grade-level Room Representative with any questions. 3rd Grade: Michelle Krupa (michelleAkrupa@gmail.com), 4th Grade: Amanda Patania (amanda_patania@yahoo.com), 5th Grade: Evelyn Drew (evelyndrew@gmail.com) Sign up today! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa4ae23a4fd0-cider2>.

The Cider Mill Virtual Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th from 6pm-7:30pm. Dr. Falcone will be sending additional information this weekend. Please mark your calendars.

As we begin the start of a new year, please remember that it is imperative to create a Nutrislice account to order any food through the Wilton School Lunch Program this year. The details can be found on the Wilton School District Website or you can access the website by using the following link. <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/> There is also a phone app available. Payments will still go through MySchoolBucks.

To help afternoon pickup go smoothly, please place a large sign on the passenger side of your front car window that is easily visible. Your sign should have your child's last name, first name, and teacher. If you have children who are siblings, please make sure both of their names are on your sign. Please email catalanol@wiltonps.org (Belden Hill/Kent) or okeefec@wiltonps.org (Nod Hill/Cannondale) should you have any questions.

CM is still looking for one additional Recess Aide. If you are interested in being a hired aide Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri from 10:30– 1:30 you can apply at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human->

resources and please contact Lauren Catalano directly at catalanol@wiltonps.org. If your schedule allows for it, please consider taking on this role. If you know someone who would fit the role of a recess aide, please share this note and encourage them apply and contact Lauren as soon as possible.

We are asking for your support to help us make this a successful year by joining the PTA using the MobileArq app – this gives you access to the school directory and membership to the PTA. MobileArq is in the process of being updated for the 2020/2021 school year. We will send out additional information on how to join once the update is complete.

We love our volunteers and are so thankful for the time, expertise and commitment that they offer to our school community. We still need volunteers for our 5th Grade Yearbook committee. We want to make certain we capture this year for our 5th grade students! If interested in volunteering for this, or other open positions, please use the link provided to see the many opportunities still available <https://www.cidermillpta.org/volunteer>.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 10am. Please use the following Zoom link to join <https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/94535314318?pwd=WEliTkq3a204NWI5Q3dBcHg2Q2xSUT09>. Meeting ID: 945 3531 4318 Passcode: 590274
Thank you for your support and please reach out if you have any questions or comments at meghan.russo13@gmail.com.

Meghan Russo
CM PTA President

School News

VIRTUAL HELP DESK ~ Monday through Friday, 7:30am-5pm through end of September
Contact the [Virtual Help Desk](#)

PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP

Calling all volunteers. The positions listed below are the most urgent. Additional open positions can be found at the PTA website on the Volunteer tab, www.cidermillpta.org. If interested, contact Amanda Patania and Alex Frisbee at CMnominating@gmail.com.

- Co-President
- 5th Grade Yearbook Committee
- Boxtops

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." Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS

With the start of school we'd also like to send a Zero Waste 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 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.

Community News

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>.

NAMI-CAN WILTON

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviours 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. Next meeting is Monday, September 14 at 10-11:30am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81890582889>

(Meeting ID: 818 9058 2889)

For more information and the password: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Submit News to Hot Cider

Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com

Anu Suri at anusuri2022@gmail.com

Deadline for submission for the next issue of Hot Cider is September 23, 2020.

The next issue of Hot Cider will be published on September 27, 2020.

Content may be edited at the discretion of editors. In an effort to keep Hot Cider timely and concise, your article may be published only twice.