

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – December 15, 2019

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

## Important Dates

<b>Dec 16</b>	Day 3
<b>Dec 20</b>	SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am)
<b>Dec 23</b>	Holiday Recess till January 1st
<b>Jan 2</b>	Happy 2020! First day of School
<b>Jan 9</b>	Reflection Entry Deadline
<b>Jan 10</b>	Reading Rocks Kickoff!
<b>Jan 14</b>	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
<b>Jan 20</b>	NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
<b>Jan 24</b>	Reading Rocks ~ Dress Like a Rockstar Day!
<b>Jan 24</b>	3rd Grade Fun Night, 6-7:30pm
<b>Jan 25</b>	Reading Rocks Reading Period Starts
<b>Jan 28</b>	North (Cannondale/Nod Hill) Chorus and Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym
<b>Jan 29</b>	South (Belden Hill/Kent) Chorus and Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)  
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381  
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

## From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

The weather caused a bit of a scramble preparing for the Staff and Faculty Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, but in the end the snow served as a beautiful backdrop for a wonderful morning and afternoon. The faculty and staff gathered in the LLC to enjoy an amazing lunch together put on by the CM PTA Hospitality Committee. Thank you to Sabeth Albert for organizing, Meg Malay, Cara Schwartz and Summer Downey for all of their help at the event and the parent volunteers that contributed food and drinks!

With over 250 students and adults attending Bingo Night on Thursday, the event was a huge success! Everyone had so much fun yelling Bingo, and the prizes and food that were donated by our sponsors were incredible. Thank you to Jess Christ, Mandi Schmauch and Susan Price for organizing the event, and to all of our sponsors.

There is some incredible programming taking place at CM. There's still time to sign your student up for Great Books, Cider Mills Got Talent and Reflections. Please see link below for additional information on these programs:

Great Books: <https://www.cidermillpta.org/event-details/great-books>

Reflections: <https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>

CMGT: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfE-FeOm9wYQrP9Tajnuy\\_alt64\\_TxbRK-CKiKIZJveDty1UQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfE-FeOm9wYQrP9Tajnuy_alt64_TxbRK-CKiKIZJveDty1UQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

With so many competing demands on today's families, between extracurricular activities and academic commitments, parents are confronted with a barrage of information about how to best raise their children. Wilton parents are invited to participate in 30-minute interviews held at Comstock Community Center between the weeks of December 16th and January 3rd for a study conducted by Amanda Eason, Sociology major, Santa Clara University and Wilton alumna.

This study, conducted with the consent of the district administration, will assess how parents in Wilton

make decisions and manage their busy lives with the purpose of influencing key decision makers in the Wilton Public School system. Click on the link to sign up. Questions should be directed to Amanda at [aeason@scu.edu](mailto:aeason@scu.edu). <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLggkJW0vnMZqJcB3XdqzWF64q29UTa7ztKVbU0LvkKh59oQ/viewform>  
Fun Nights for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are right around the corner! 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be Friday, January 24 and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade is Friday, February 7. More information to come next month!

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! Enjoy the break!

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

Thank you again for all of your support.  
Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo  
CM PTA Co-Presidents



## School News

### 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.

**4th and 5th Field Day** - Coordinating 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.

### The Turnover Shop needs volunteers!

We are looking for several people to work at the front desk. The commitment is for a regular shift only once a month for 3 1/2 hours, September-June. Each year, The Turnover Shop gives generously to the Wilton PTAs but we need your help to make this happen. Come join the fun and meet some new people in our community! Please send an email to [turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com) to get started.

## Ongoing School News

### CIDER MILL INDOOR RECESS DONATIONS

In conjunction with Cider Mill administrators and the Free Play Task Force, to enhance indoor recess for students, we are looking for donations of the following items:

Legos  
Straws & Connectors  
Oversized drawing sheets and crayons  
Mad Libs  
Perplexus  
Rubik's Cubes

All items should be dropped in the 3-drawer plastic bin on front porch at 120 Pipers Hill Rd or message Chandra Ring at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com) to set up a meeting.

### WPS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT'S HALL OF FAME

Nominations are now being accepted for potential 2020 inductees to the Wilton Public Schools Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to honor members of the Wilton Public Schools community who have distinguished themselves in ways that have brought great honor and pride to the community. Induction into the hall of fame is the highest honor the Wilton schools can bestow on an individual. Nominees can be teachers, students, former students or staff members who have in some way achieved recognition in their chosen area of expertise. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Nomination Forms can be found [HERE](#).

### **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.)

### **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!

### **LOST & 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. We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraising committee and/or the Free Play Matters Task Force. If you are interested, email Genevieve Eason at [geason@wiltonyouth.org](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org). Upcoming events:

### **Vaping: What You Need to Know**

TWO OPPORTUNITIES (AM or PM)

Monday, January 13th (Rescheduled from Dec. 11)

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Trackside TeenCenter

<https://vapingwhatyouneedtoknow.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday, January 15th

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Wilton Library Association

<https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events/>

Elizabeth Jorgensen, CADC, will discuss the short-term and long-term effects of vaping, nicotine, and marijuana use, and the connection between addiction and mental health issues like anxiety and depression. Sponsored by Wilton Youth Council, Newport Academy, Trackside Teen Center and Wilton Library.

### **Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives ~ March 24th, 10-11:30am OR 7-8:30pm, 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.

### **Wilton Youth Council's Annual Appeal**

Did you receive our Annual Appeal letter in the mail? We hope you'll accept our invitation to become one of the helpers! Together, we make our community a healthier, happier place for our children of all ages to grow.

Respond to the letter, or donate through our website, [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org). Thank you!

### **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>.

Please note the dates and timings of the upcoming meetings-

January 15, 9-10.30am

February 19, 7-8.30pm

March 18, 4-5.30pm

April 29, Spring Social

May 20, 9-10.30am

### **WILTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION: WE GO BEYOND!**

The Wilton Education Foundation is a non-profit organization headquartered in Wilton, CT. Our mission is to enrich the educational experience of our students through grants and donations focused on technology, music and the arts, and professional development. For more information about WEF, please visit our website at [www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org).

### **Wilton Go Green Third Annual Zero Waster Faire & Sustainable Living Expo ~ March 29th**

Families mark your calendar's for Wilton Go Green's biggest event on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 when the [Third Annual Zero Waste Faire & Sustainable Living Expo](#) happens at the Wilton High School Field House from 11am to 4pm. Having had over 1,000 attendees and 70 exhibitors in 2019, WGG will feature even more aspects of a zero waste and sustainable lifestyle in depth. In partnership with Sustainne, the Faire committee will orchestrate exhibits at their 2020 event that are educational and interactive, with elements that attendees of all ages will enjoy. Subjects covered will include waste and resource management, waste prevention, backyard farming, a kids area, municipal best practices, zero waste hacks, sustainable living, and a Zero Waste Feast in the High School cafeteria provided by Chartwells. Stay tuned for news about opportunities to recycle or repurpose fabrics, electronics and other household items. Interested in helping out? Email us at [info@wiltongogreen.org](mailto:info@wiltongogreen.org).

## Submit News to Hot Cider

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