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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 17, 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

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!

The Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee did a wonderful job celebrating our teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Activities throughout the week included several live wellness courses through Zoom organized by the collective PTAs, Starbucks gift cards, plants delivered to the teacher's homes, and personal messages to the teachers from their students. Thank you to Sabeth Albert from the PTA Hospitality Committee for heading up this initiative, all of the parents that donated, the Board of Directors who delivered the plants and to the volunteers that so generously gave of their time and expertise to offer virtual classes to all WPS teachers and staff in programs coordinated by the 5 Wilton PTAs. Presenters included:

- *Loryn Galardi - Nutrition
- *Nicole Northway - Zumba
- *Vanessa Elias - Wellness Thrive with a Guide
- *Angela Goncalves - Cooking Cooking with Ms. Angela & Friends
- *Gisele Mogan - Yoga Restore with Gisele

On Wednesday May 13, Administration held a Parent Forum to discuss 3rd Trimester grading and the ePortfolio of Pride. If you were unable to join you can use the following link to access the recording: https://wiltonps.zoom.us/rec/share/35BadIDC_ztITaPQy0vcful-N4rqX6a80CFK8_UlzxxlYyIG3JPog8RuTVqsAj4b Password: **3n!!93lu**

Also, please take time to review the ePortfolio [PARENT OVERVIEW](#) document with Timeline and other information on the Engagement Score.

The PTA will once again be working with EduKit to offer school supplies for the 2020-2021 school year. We are in the process of finalizing the kits for each grade and expect to have information to you shortly.

Attached is a letter from the Board of Education regarding the proposed 2020-2021 Budget for Wilton Public Schools. As the budget approval process is different at this time due to the pandemic, you are encouraged to contact the Board of Finance to share your thoughts at boardoffinance@wiltonct.org.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION LETTER

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 or Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair at amanda_Patania@yahoo.com

The PTA will be holding a virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2nd. A link for the meeting will be sent out as the date gets closer. Please join us!

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

School News

- Rising 6th Grade Parents and Guardians: On behalf of the Middlebrook PTA, we sincerely hope you and your families are staying safe and are all well. We are looking forward to having you and your kids at Middlebrook School next year and we are still in need of volunteers for some of the 6th grade activities as well as for other positions. If you are interested in volunteering or learning a little more about them, please contact our PTA President - Chandra Ring at cring226@gmail.com or the Nominations Chair - Meire Mouracade at mouracadefamily4@gmail.com 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. 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: 3rd Monday of the month Wilton NAMI CAN:

Time: May 4th, 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>.

"Bee Kind" campaign for May

While we can't dress up for school, we can certainly still find ways to express kindness to our teachers for all they have done for us during the school year and now during our eLearning experiences. Here are some suggested options for participating in the "Bee Kind" campaign:

- Add Bee Kind pictures to the teacher appreciation padlet: Students can choose to dress up, draw, or just post a comment about what it means to be kind or about how teachers/staff members have been kind to them.
- Work on some creative bee projects and share them on social media. The same way we have the 203 Rainbow Hunt, we can share our appreciation through creating and displaying Bees in our homes and community.
- The Painted Cookie will be offering a limited-edition Bee Kind cookie decorating kit. This will be available to order preview and order on the Painted Cookie web site beginning the week of May 10th. You will be able to access on this link- [OrderPaintedCookie](#), Decorate a cookie, take pictures, and share it with family and friends!

Several **SEPTA Positions for the 2020/2021** school year are available. Openings include Vice President, School Reps and Committee Chairs. Please email us at wiltonsepta@gmail.com for details about these roles and responsibilities.

SEPTA Zoom meeting-

Join us June 3rd at 2:30pm for our end of the year SEPTA Zoom meeting:

SEPTAZoom@wiltonps.org details to follow

Submit News to Hot Cider

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