

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – January 5, 2020

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

Important Dates

Jan 6	Day 1
Jan 9	Reflection Entry Deadline
Jan 10	Reading Rocks Kickoff!
Jan 14	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Jan 20	NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
Jan 24	Reading Rocks ~ Dress Like a Rockstar Day!
Jan 24	3rd Grade Fun Night, 6-7:30pm, Registration Information Below
Jan 25	Reading Rocks Reading Period Starts
Jan 28	North (Cannondale/Nod Hill) Chorus and Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym
Jan 29	South (Belden Hill/Kent) Chorus and Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym
Feb 4	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/Advanced Strings/Cider Mill Singers Performance, 7pm, Gym
Feb 7	4th Grade Fun Night, 6pm, Registration Information to Come
Feb 11	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Feb 11	5th Grade Band Performance, 7pm, Gym
Feb 12	EARLY RELEASE (11:55am dismissal)
Feb 13-17	NO SCHOOL (February Recess)
Feb 19	3rd Grade Strings South (Belden Hill/Kent) Performance, 1:30pm, Gym
Feb 20	3rd Grade Strings North (Cannondale/Nod Hill) Performance, 1:30pm, Gym

Important Phone Numbers

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

From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a happy holiday, great New Year celebration and enjoyed the break! As 2020 kicks off there is a lot happening at Cider Mill. Please keep an eye out for emails from us, as well as from your room reps.

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

Reflections: <https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>
CMGT: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfE-FeOm9wYQrP9Tajnuy_alt64_TxbRK-CKiKIZJveDty1UQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Fun Nights for the 3rd and 4th Grade are kicking off in January! 3rd Grade will be on Friday, January 24 and 4th Grade will be on Friday, February 7. Both will take place in the Cider Mill Gym from 7pm to 8:30pm. For additional information for 3rd grade registration, please see below or contact Claire Anastasia at Claire.anastasia@gmail.com. 4th grade registration information to come soon.

Wilton Education Foundation (WEF) is excited to announce the digital launch of our Annual Reading Rocks! Fundraiser. All students in grades PreK-5 are invited to participate. Reading Rocks! will officially kickoff on January 10th with printed pledge forms coming home in your child's backpacks. Please visit the following website to learn more about the program or to make a pledge donation!
<https://wiltoneducationfoundation.org/events-programs/reading-rocks>

If you have questions, please email Kiki Cross at KCross106@gmail.com or Jen Carvajal at Jencarv@hotmail.com.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 14th 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

Reflections Competition Submission Deadline Jan 9, 2020

The Cider Mill PTA is currently accepting submissions for the PTA Reflections Competition. This year's theme is "Look Within." Students may submit entries in one or more of the following arts categories: Visual Arts, Photograph, Musical Competition, Dance Choreography, Literature and Film Production. There is also a Special Artists division. Winners in each category will move forward to the state level competition. Entries should be left in the Reflections bin outside the Cider Mill office by January 9, 2020 with a fully completed entry form to be eligible for submission. For entry forms and rules please see the Cider Mill PTA Website: <https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>

Please contact janehamilton15@mac.com or ljcoutant@gmail.com with any questions.

3rd Grade Fun Night ~ Registration Open

Cider Mill Fun Night will be held on Friday, January 24th for 3rd graders. This is a free event that will run 7pm - 8:30pm in the school gymnasium. The night will be filled with dancing, learning new moves, and an obstacle course. For more information and to register your child for this event please click on the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HbCF0yidZ9sfXw3_yM7VDg3uf7gDPjekHjTYkZ74qn0/edit?usp=sharing

Volunteers are a huge part of making this night a success. If you are interested in helping out please sign-up with this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A4AA2EA3F85-3thgrade>

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.

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.

Ongoing School News

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 to get started.

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 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 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 (Please add 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. 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.

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 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. 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 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.wiltoneeducationfoundation.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 29th, 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.

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