

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 1, 2023

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

Important Dates

May 02	Scott Driscoll Presentations, 4 th and 5 th Grades
May 05	Cider Mill Spirit Day
May 09	Cider Mill PTA Meeting – 9:15 am, School Cafeteria
May 15-18	PTA Spring Book Fair 7 am-3 pm Daily, Science Lab
May 16	4th Grade Chorus/Orchestra - SOUTH (BH & KT) 7-8 pm
May 17	4th Grade Chorus/Orchestra - NORTH (CN & NH) 7-8 pm
May 22	Incoming Gr 3 Parent Orientation (6.30 -7.30 pm)
May 23	5th Grade Orchestra/Chorus, Advanced Strings, CM Singers Concert (7– 8pm)
May 29	Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
May 31	5th Gr Band and CM Jazz Ensemble Concert (7-8pm)
May 31	Cider Mill Art Show & World Culture Night – 5:30-6:30 pm, Grade 5 and Grade 4 South, 6:30-8:00 pm, Grade 3 and Grade 4 North

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone enjoyed the planted flowers and seeds that were brought home this week in celebration of **Earth Day!** There was a lot of fun and excitement digging in the soil, filling pots, planting, and labeling their pots. We hope there are many blooms to come! A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped make it a success!

Scott Driscoll will be in our school on **Tuesday May 2** to run presentations on internet safety for our 4th and 5th grade students. We hope they all take away a lot of good information!

Our second **Scholastic Book Fair** is only two weeks away! Please see below for information on setting up, or topping up your e-wallet, signing up to help, or ordering online. These can make some great additions to long summer car rides or warm evenings sitting outside!

A big thank you to **Mickey Giuliani and Carolyn Deane** for getting our 5th grade yearbook off to the printers! The entire 5th grade class can expect their copy courtesy of the PTA.

Our **final PTA meeting** of this school year will be held on **May 9, 9:15am in the cafeteria**. We will be voting on our next executive board for the coming school year.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com or giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Michelle Krupa and Melissa Reynolds
Cider Mill PTA Co-Presidents

Helpful Links

Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or cmattend@wiltonps.org

CM School

Handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06gZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINy/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety

Protocols: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf

WPS Back to School Website: https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2

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Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf

CM Interactive Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: https://wiltonps.org/338734_2

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: https://wiltonps.org/595543_3

Schoology Information: https://wiltonps.org/576129_3

Special Bus Assignments: https://wiltonps.org/579910_3

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

School News

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will take place **May 15-18, 7am to 3pm** in the Science Lab! Students can shop for a wide variety of books, journals, and extras.

E Wallets can be set up once again at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cidermill> The Cider Mill book fair will also accept cash as well as credit cards and Apple Pay from parents.

We cannot run the fair without our parent volunteers! We need help checking students out and student help with selecting books, tidying up, etc. Volunteers can sign up here –

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44ACA62FA4FC1-cider1>

We hope to make this sale a big success!

Wilton SEPTA

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, news, and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.
- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

Community News

Wilton Youth Council May Events

May is a busy month full of offerings from Wilton Youth Council!

- **Breaking Down Gender & Sexuality:** April 25 @ 7 PM <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>
- **Never Enough Sneak Peek with Jennifer Wallace:** May 8 @ 7 PM <https://JennieWallaceWebinar.eventbrite.com>
- **Accessing Mental Health Resources for You & Your Family:** May 11 @ 12:30 PM <https://WYCRoundtableAccessMH.eventbrite.com>
- **Film Screening of *Orchestrating Change*:** May 17 @ 7 PM <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>
- **Navigating the Youth Sports Landscape: Raising a Healthy Athlete:** May 31 @ 7:30 PM <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/>

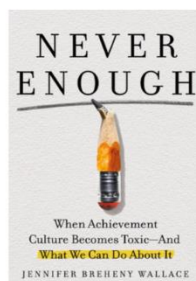
***Never Enough Sneak Peek* with Jennifer Wallace**



We're excited to welcome journalist Jennifer Wallace via webinar for a special conversation about her highly anticipated new book "Never Enough: When Achievement Culture Turns Toxic, and What We Can Do About It" -- which features an entire chapter on the Wilton community!

Jennifer Wallace is an award-winning journalist and social commentator covering parenting and lifestyle trends. She lives in New York City with her husband and their three children.

This is a special sneak peek ahead of the book launch and her book tour stop in Wilton this fall.



Monday, May 8th from 7-8 PM
Virtual Fireside Chat
Moderated by Kevin Smith, PhD., Wilton Superintendent

This event is intended for parents

Free. Register at:
<https://JennieWallaceWebinar.eventbrite.com>



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FREE Event

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Wilton Education Foundation

WEF Memorial Day 5K

The Wilton Education Foundation Is planning the annual 5K over Memorial Day Weekend. The race draws everyone from children to adults, strollers to serious runners and makes for a fun community-wide event. Here is the link to our website, with all the information:

<https://wiltoneeducationfoundation.org/events-programs/get-smart-for-wilton-5k/>

Wellness Fair

In promotion of **Mental Health Awareness Month** - we would like to invite you to Wilton High School's very first Health and Wellness Fair. The Fair will be held on **Tuesday, May 23** in the **Zellner Gallery** of Wilton High School for ALL Wilton parents and students from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**.

There will be a wide variety of vendors available for you to speak with. We will have nutrition specialists, fitness instructors, therapists, and even a few WHS clubs. There will also be a boot camp class demonstration and some door prizes. We would love to have you join us for our inaugural event!

If you have any questions regarding the fair, please reach out to **Matthew Rosen** via email at rosenm@wiltonps.org or by phone at 203-762-0381 x6272.

If you are interested in additional information on how families can prioritize mental health, please view the presentation from the National PTA Council, [Healthy Minds 101](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Zemo at 203-762-0381 x6219 or zemok@wiltonps.org.

Take a Moment for Yourself - Parent Meditations in May

We would like to invite our Wilton parents to join us in the HS Cave for free guided live meditations to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month. We will be holding live meditations on **May 3rd at 9:30 AM (Susan Safko), May 12th in celebration of Mother's Day at 9:30 (Lori Fields from Trackside), May 23rd** during the wellness Fair between 5:00 to 7:00 PM (Susan Safko). Sponsored by HS PTSA and Trackside. Space is limited. Please sign up [here](#)

Wilton Garden Club

Wilton Garden Club's 83rd **Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale** will take place rain or shine on **Friday, May 12th from 12 - 6pm pm and May Saturday May 13th from 10-2 pm, Wilton Town Center** at the Gazebo located at 101 Old Ridgefield Road. Choose from thousands of plants and gift baskets to show your love this Mother's Day



NAMI-CAN WILTON

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors 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. For more information contact: Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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