

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication

March 26, 2017

Important Dates

- Mar 27** Day 3
Mar 27 International Student Art Exchange Reception, 7-8:30pm, Zellner Gallery
Apr 4 Third Grade Concert, Belden Hill and Kent, 7pm, Cafeteria
Apr 5 Third Grade Concert, Cannondale and Nod Hill, 7pm, Cafeteria
Apr 6 Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Apr 10-14 NO SCHOOL (Spring Recess)
Apr 19 PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Apr 20 Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org
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Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Third time was the charm for 4th grade fun night! Thank you so much to chairs Susan Price and Jackie Couch who put on a great event after it was postponed twice for snow.

Odyssey of the Mind State completion took place a week ago. This is Cider Mill's second year in the competition, we fielded 8 teams and did magnificently well. This year one of our teams won the award for highest spontaneous score in their division, and another team was placed first on their long term problem. Congratulations to all the coaches and students involved in the program.

Thursday night was our second Pizza and Paint night. Thank you to Caroline Duggan ,Carol Faherty and the Cider Mill art teachers for enabling 100 students and parents to paint their very own masterpiece.

Budget season is upon us. Please let the Board of Finance and the Board of Education know what you think of their budget plans. They can be reached via email at BOE@wiltonps.org and

boardoffinance@wiltonct.org.

Warmly,
Nicola Davies, PTA President

School News

Fifth Grade Yearbook! Sports Photos Needed

If any 5th grade parents have photos of their children playing sports, please send them to gradsof2024@yahoo.com for inclusion in the yearbook.

Join the Cider Mill PTA Board in 2017-2018!

Below is a list of open positions for next year's Cider Mill PTA. So many fun and special positions are available and we are looking for volunteers. The PTA is a great way to get involved with the school and with other parents. Many of these programs will not happen if we are not able to find a volunteer. There are opportunities for everyone, no matter how much time you can volunteer. You can find descriptions of many of the roles at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/committee-descriptions>.

The role of President will be open next year. The best part of this role is that the only requirements are time and willingness to fulfill the role and make it your own. It is a great role for someone with an ability to work well with a wide range of people from volunteers to the Principal and Superintendent and a passion for working for the betterment of the school and its community.

Additionally, the Vice President of Fundraising will be open next year. Other roles that are open:

3rd grade Fun Night

3rd grade Field Day

3rd grade Great Books

3rd grade River Study

3rd grade Science Volunteer Coordinator

3rd grade Room Rep Coordinator

3rd grade World Language

4th grade Great Books

5th grade River Study

5th grade Yearbook

Box Tops

Webmaster
Reflections
Turkey Trot
Marketing
Volunteer coordinator

If you have any questions about any of the roles, please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at 203-563-0866.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Join the Cider Mill PTA!

The Cider Mill PTA is a powerful network of parents and teachers whose mission is to make every child's potential a reality, by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We want you as a member! Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your child's education. It shows you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It is not a commitment to volunteer for anything!

It does not mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it). It is a way to stay connected with our school community, get to know your school and administrators, have a voice and be heard at the school and district level. Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support, and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun Nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store, Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World Language Celebrations, Walkathon, Book Fair, Spiritwear, library volunteers, and the Hot Cider newsletter.

Membership signup is ONLY online. Joining gives you instant access to the Cider Mill directory of parent and student information. You can download the MobileArq app at the Apple Store or Google Play Store, or visit this link: <http://wilton.mobilearq.com> and use code 'wilton'.

Buy Name Labels at Mabel's Labels

Last year, over 300 sweatshirts, 100 winter hats, 50 pairs of gloves, 50 lunch boxes, and 10 winter jackets were left in our Lost Property areas at school. The overwhelming majority had no owner information marked in them. To raise funds and reduce this immense amount of loss, we have teamed up with Mabel's Labels to run a fundraiser. Mabel's Labels adhere to your child's clothing and will not come off in the wash. You will get your missing property back and Cider Mill will earn money! Please visit www.mabelslabels.com. Click on 'Support a Fundraiser.' We are listed as Cider Mill School (Wilton). Cider Mill will receive a 20% donation based on the cost of your order. Thank you!

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has set up 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](#).

Lost and Found

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 amandaNmittchell@gmail.com.

School Spiritwear

Show your school spirit! Please visit the Cider Mill PTA website at www.cidermillpta.org to order your school clothing. Students are encouraged to wear their Spiritwear clothing for various days and events during the year. Proceeds benefit the Cider Mill PTA. Please contact Annemarie Aronowitz at annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com or Amanda Mitchell at amandanmittchell@gmail.com with any questions.

Community News

NAMI CAN ~ March 27th at 10am

Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Worry about how your child's behavior effects the family, especially their siblings? Wonder how others manage in similar situations? Married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? Have a therapist for your child, but not sure it's working? You are not alone.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next meetings are Monday, March 27th and April 24th from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa 203 970-4130or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Does your child have a 504 plan? Do you want to learn more about 504s?

Attorney Bett Gailor from Connecticut Legal Services will give a talk, 504 and Your Child, on Thursday March 30th from 10 AM to 12 noon at Wilton Library Association. If interested, please RSVP at PABWilton@gmail.com.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC) ~ Upcoming Events

Find us on Facebook or visit www.wiltonyouth.org. We are very pleased to announce that we have launched our new and improved Wilton Youth Council website! We hope you will find it to be helpful in finding out more about our programs, as well as providing you with resources. Check it out at www.wiltonyouth.org! Our February WYC Newsletter contains all the events you might be interested in - be sure to sign up if you don't receive it in your inbox: <http://conta.cc/2lvqV6R>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!hotcider/ccjp>. Content may be edited at the discretion of the Hot Cider staff. In an effort to keep Hot Cider timely and concise, your article may be published only twice. Please consider publication dates carefully. Your understanding is appreciated. The next issue of Hot Cider will be published April 9, 2017. The deadline for submissions is April 4, 2017.