

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – November 8, 2020

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

Important Dates

Nov 9	Day 1
Nov 9	Belden Hill & Kent Photo Day
Nov 10	Cannondale & Nod Hill Photo Day
Nov 19, 20	Shortened Days (K-8 Conferences)
Nov 23, 24	Shortened Days (K-8 Conferences)
Nov 25 - 27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 24 - Jan 1	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

On Wednesday, October 28th the CM PTA hosted a Lost and Found event under the CM bus loop canopy for items left at the school last year. Some families were able to locate their lost items, and those items that were left were donated to the Turnover Shop in town. We will look to hold another Lost and Found event in the coming months for the items that have been lost this year. Thank you to Amanda Mitchell and Catherine O'Keefe for organizing!!

Photo day will be Monday, November 9th for the South side, and Tuesday, November 10th for the North. Remote students will have the option to have their photos taken after school starting at 3pm. If you have not already signed up to have your remote students photo taken click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4baca92ea1f58-cider> Please use the following link to order your pictures! <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/pictureDayId/EVTtbnvj>

Thank you to all of the families that returned books that were borrowed from the teacher's classroom libraries last spring. Many teachers were still missing books, and therefore the CM PTA purchased over 100 new books to help replenish their libraries. Classroom libraries will now have many new books for the students to read and enjoy!

CM is getting ready to host its 45th Annual Jim Cook Turkey Trot! This year all students will participate during their PE classes, and as always, all funds collected will benefit Wilton families in need. Donations will go towards purchasing turkeys and gift cards for Wilton Social Services to distribute to families in December. Please click this link between 11/9-11/18, <https://www.cidermillpta.org/turkeytrot2020> to help us help Social Services.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 10am via Zoom. Dr. Kevin Smith will be our special guest! <https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/93184926878?pwd=YWNwWUpoeWRhMmt4UGFTQ0JrOGlVUT09>

Thank you for your support and please reach out if you have any questions or comments at meghan.russo13@gmail.com.

Meghan Russo

CM PTA President

School News

WALKATHON UPDATE

The PTA has decided to postpone our annual Walkathon until Spring. The climate, literally and figuratively, is constantly changing, and with Fundraisers going on for Turkey Trot (benefiting Social Services) and other worthwhile causes for affected families in town, it does not feel like the right time for our major PTA Fundraiser for the year. Hopefully in Spring, we will all feel like coming outside again and we will try again then and appreciate your support in advance.

NEW FOR 2020 ~ GIVING TREE

Announcing our first Giving Tree for Cider Mill staff. In December we will release wish lists, and in the continuing tradition of fostering a close community, ask our families to donate towards them. These wish lists will be items for school that will benefit your children. We are very excited to bring this opportunity to our school and hope you all will take part in supporting your school and teachers. More details to come!

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ~ OPEN POSITIONS

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources Coordinator Erika Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

NEED HELP IN SCHOOL? FREE TUTORING FOR CM STUDENTS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/J1L2EWrdnCPa75Z27>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

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!

No more clipping Box Tops! Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production. The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

3 easy steps...

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS

With the start of school, we'd also like to send a Zero Waste quick refresher for all, it's YES to using reusable containers, bags, silverware, and ice packs; purchasing bulk snacks to sort into reusable containers, packing realistic portions and taking home uneaten food (or compost!) It's AVOID disposable paper or plastic bags; Individually-packaged snacks; non-reusable food wrap; disposable ice packs, utensils, or drink containers (juice boxes or pouches); and plastic straws.

Community News

WILTON SEPTA

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 11th at 7pm. Zoom for meeting: <https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/93740530466>

Upcoming Events:

Wilton SEPTA Presents "A Virtual Afternoon of Health and Wellness". Enjoy a 90 minute restorative healing session via zoom. Open to Parents, Teachers & Caregivers. Free for SEPTA members. Contact wiltonsepta@gmail.com for more information.

Wilton High School & SEPTA Present "Tips & Tricks for Hybrid Learning" on November 18th at 6pm. Contact wiltonsepta@gmail.com for more information.

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/>

BOUNDLESS EDUCATION MATH ENRICHMENT CLASSES AT COMSTOCK

Boundless Education is offering Math Enrichment Classes for talented students in grades 1-7. A new class is being added specifically for 3rd graders. Offered through Wilton Parks Department and taught by Boundless Education. Classes begin the week of November 9. Some classes meet in-person at Comstock; some are online only. The in-person 3rd grade class meets on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. Log on to www.Boundlessedu.com to learn more and have your child work through free pre-placement exercises on the site. Call Boundless at 203.762.7402 to learn if this is right for your child.

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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](tel:203-984-0123) or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at [203-970-4130](tel:203-970-4130) or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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