

HOT CIDER

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

Important Dates

June 6 - 3rd Grade Team Fun Day!
June 7 - 4th Grade Team Fun Day!
June 7 - Grade 3 South (BH & KT) Strings Performance - 7 pm
June 8 - 5th Grade Team Fun Day!
June 9 - BOE Meeting 7pm at WHS Professional Library
June 14 -5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony CN-8:00; KT-9:00
June 15 -5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony NH-8:00; BH-9:00
June 17 - Shortened Day - 12:00 Dismissal (SDM closes at 10:30)
June 20 - Shortened Day - 12:00 Dismissal (SDM closes at 10:30)
June 21 - Last Day of School!! Shortened Day - 12:00 Dismissal (SDM closes at 10:30)

From The PTA President

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are entering the last couple weeks of the school year! Once again, this year was unpredictable, however we as a community came together to provide our students, staff, and families with the best year possible. I am so thankful for our administrators, teachers, staff, Cider Mill PTA Board of Directors, and committee chairs, and especially our parent community!

As the year winds down, we still have some exciting events planned for our students! Grade specific "fun days" start tomorrow, and students and staff will be treated to popsicles and a fun house-themed surprise! Fifth graders will be receiving their CM PTA sponsored yearbooks soon as well - a huge thank you to Carolyn Deane and Mickey Giuliani for creating an amazing yearbook during another difficult year!

And don't forget, you can still order prepackaged school supply kits for free delivery to your student's desk on Meet the Teacher Day in August. All orders must be placed by June 30th for free delivery! Proceeds go towards the purchase of school supplies for Wilton Social Services. To order, please visit: <https://www.edukitinc.com/schools/1717/>

Finally, we are still looking for volunteers for many committee positions for next year, including Parent-At-Large (our last remaining open Executive Board position). If you would like more information on any openings, please contact me or our nominating committee at CMNominating@gmail.com.

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

Michelle Krupa
CM PTA President

School News

OPEN PTA POSITIONS

The Cider Mill PTA are looking to fill positions listed below for the next school year. If you have any interest or need more information, please email CMNominating@gmail.com

These programs **CANNOT run without volunteers**, and we really need parents to help out!

Executive boards positions-

Parent at Large, attends Board of Ed meeting either in person or watches at home and reports back any relevant news to PTA. This can easily be done but someone who also works.

PTA committee positions-

Art Committee

School Supplies

Children's Enrichment
Fun Night 3rd, 4th and 5th grade
Hospitality Co-chairs to work alongside our current chair.
Library volunteer chair
Lost and Found
Laminating
3rd grade Room Rep Coordinator
School photos
Spirit wear
Turkey Trot
Volunteer coordinator
Visiting Author
Garden Committee

School Supplies!!

Every year, the Cider Mill PTA offers parents the convenience to buy school supplies in a prepackaged kit via EduKit that is delivered to your student's classroom on Meet the Teacher Day in August! *Proceeds from the sale of these EduKits go directly towards the purchase of school supplies for Wilton Social Services.*

To order, please visit: <https://www.edukitinc.com/schools/1717/>

Please note that all orders must be submitted on or before June 30, 2022 to guarantee best pricing and free shipping to our school by Meet the Teacher Day.

And as always, thank you for supporting your Cider Mill PTA and the Wilton community!

~Cider Mill PTA

[2022 EduKit Cider Mill Parent Flyer.pdf](#)

Cider Mill Reflections

On Tuesday evening, May 10th, the **Connecticut State PTA** held a Reflections Awards Ceremony at Fairfield Ludlowe High School. 4 Cider Mill students were honored as State winners:

- Magnolia Tesler, 1st Place, Photography/ Special Artist**
- Jiya Praveen, 4th Place, Film Production**
- Aurora Gulati, 2nd Place, Musical Composition**
- Advitia Maheshwari, 4th Place, Visual Arts**

We are so proud of their wonderful work and representation of Cider Mill! You can view their submissions, and those of all of our Cider Mill participants and winners, on our padlet: <https://padlet.com/reflectionscidermill/oirvx64kkqxd1xde>. Their artwork and creativity are truly inspiring!

For students ready to start thinking of next year's project, the **PTA Reflections theme for 2022-2023 is "Show Your Voice!"**

CIDER MILL SCHOOL STORE IS OPEN!

The Cider Mill School Store is opening this week! It will be open **Wednesdays during lunch in the cafeteria!**

The school store offers school related items and fidgets for the students! The students should come with cash or change, but there is no way to take any other form of payment. There are mechanical pencils, erasers, assorted pens, and even different fidgets! All items will be in increments of \$0.25 with nothing more than \$2. Then, students in Math Club run the

inventory of the items: counting the number of items, figuring out how many items sold, and then discovering the profits which get filtered back into the school store. We appreciate exact change or small bills!

Parents and guardians! To volunteer at the school store, please visit: [Cider Mill School Store: Cider-Mill School Store Schedule \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.cidermill.org/school-store)

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL GoZen! AND GoStrengths!

Wilton Youth Council is offering spring sessions of both **GoZen!** and **GoStrengths!** for students in Grades 3-5.

GoZen! is a skill building program that teaches students hands on tools and strategies to effectively identify, understand, and manage worry and anxiety in a fun, engaging and interactive approach.

GoStrengths! is the skills building follow up program taught after GoZen! GoStrengths! is a well-being & resilience program that offers a comprehensive social and emotional learning program focused on teaching 8 vital skills.

To learn more about either of these programs or to register for one the limited spots in these classes, visit <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/go-zen-go-strengths>

HRRRA Awards

Earlier this spring, 95 students in grades K-7 participated in the **Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HRRRA) Recycling Billboard Contest**. The theme this year was "Recycle Your Food Scraps! Compost."

On **Thursday, April 28th**, HRRRA hosted their virtual regional awards ceremony and six Wilton students placed at the regional level! First Selectwoman **Lynne Vanderslice** was on the zoom call to congratulate each winner. Our six regional winners' artwork have the opportunity to display their work at Town Hall.

All students who placed at the town level will be recognized with a place ribbon provided to their art teacher.

Congratulations to all our students who placed at the local and regional levels! The winners are now posted on the [HRRRA website](https://www.hrrra.org). [Click here](#) to view a slideshow of our students' artwork.

Kindergarten

1st - Emie Ferguson - Regional Honorable Mention

First Grade

1st - Rafferty Smith - Regional 1st Place

2nd - Caroline Flick

3rd - Cecilia McNeal

Second Grade

1st - Disha Avadhani - Regional 2nd Place

2nd - Arnav Vasamsetty

3rd - Maddie Ferguson

Third Grade

1st - Alexandra Zaharatos

2nd - Kayla Yovine

3rd - Sean Morelli

Fourth Grade

1st - Julia Zubarev - Regional 2nd Place

2nd - Sara Kozikowski

3rd - Ava DiDonato

Fifth Grade

1st - Alexander Doughman

2nd - Avery Galligan

3rd - Anakiel Bumagat

Sixth Grade

1st - Alyssa Bi - Regional 1st Place

Seventh Grade

1st - Shruti Kothandaraman - Regional 3rd Place

2nd - Leo Capener

WILTON SEPTA

Inclusive Practices Mentor Training Programs: ongoing

Wilton SEPTA is sponsoring Inclusive Practices Mentorship Training to our school and community organizations through *The National Mentoring Coalition* (NDMC) <https://ndmc.pyd.org/certification/> in partnership with *Partners for Youth with Disabilities*, (PYD) <https://www.pyd.org/>.

Topics Covered in the course:

- Introduction to disability, ableism, and inclusion
- Understanding disability rights and the ADA
- Developing an inclusion statement
- Creating inclusive programs, activities, and events
- Tips for inclusive communication
- Principles of inclusive marketing
- Introduction to autism
- Supporting positive behavior in youth with disabilities
- The intersection of disability, gender, and sexuality
- Understanding Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Current Training opportunities still open to Highschool students, staff, and community members
Email: wiltonsepta@gmail.com for more information

RULER WEBINAR

RULER: Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, & Regulating Emotions

Webinar Recording Now Available!

Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

In this webinar Wilton Public Schools staff educate parents about RULER, a program of evidence-based tools and social-emotional learning practices from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Teachers across the district have been trained in these practices and RULER tools are already being used with students in grades K-5 to help students recognize and regulate emotions. Implementation at the secondary level is in progress.

What is RULER?

RULER is an evidenced based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that supports the entire school community in:

- Understanding the value of emotions
- Building the skills of emotional intelligence
- Creating and maintaining a positive school climate

In this webinar, you will learn about the four core tools and how we can implement these tools at home:

- Building a family charter
- Mood Meter - emotion vocabulary
- Meta Moment for emotion regulation
- Blueprint for problem solving

Who are the presenters?

- Elena White, Miller-Driscoll School Counselor
- Jennifer Ringelheim, Cider Mill 3rd Grade Teacher, Co-Chair District SEL Committee

Find the recording, slides, and links to associated materials at Visit: <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/past-webinars>

SPIRIT WEAR

[Spiritwear | cidermillpta](#)

Wear your house color and support your PTA at the same time. House shirts are used for Spirit days, Walkathon, field days and more. Get one before they sell out!

Please remember to include your child's name and teacher at checkout. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom on a weekly basis.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Help raise money for Cider Mill PTA simply by scanning your receipt on your phone.

3 easy steps to get started

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.

Online shopping or Curbside Pick-up? Just forward your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

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

ACCESS CIDER MILL HANDBOOK HERE

[CM School Handbook Quick Fact Sheet 2021-22.pdf](#)

Community News

WILTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Wilton Education Foundation (WEF) is a non-profit organization committed to working closely with the Wilton School District to foster creative approaches to education by supporting district-wide projects that have a broad impact on academic and enrichment learning. Join us at one of our upcoming meetings to hear from the WEF board and Superintendent Kevin Smith about upcoming events and district updates. All are welcome! Save these important, upcoming dates:

June 22, 2022: End of Year Sunset Celebration, Ambler Farm

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

Wilton's Big Block Party Weekend, brought to you by **Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force**, will have two designated weekends bookending this summer!

Choose whichever works best for you! They will be **Saturday, June 4th - Sunday, June 5th** and again **Saturday, September 17th - Sunday, September 18th**.

WILTON YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

Summer Games:

Again, this summer, we'll be offering free pickup games twice weekly over the summer. We're hoping to offer play from 5-7:30 on Monday and Thursday evenings but are awaiting field confirmation.

Pre-Season Camp:

Each summer we offer a pre-season camp for players entering grades 5-8. While we await field confirmation, camp is *tentatively* scheduled for August 15-19 from 5:30-8pm

Tryouts for 7th & 8th Graders:

In grades 7 & 8, WYFH holds tryouts. We'll have a spot for all players that would like to participate in our program, but at this grade level we set teams based on player skill level. All players that opt to try out for the "A Team" must sign a commitment letter to the WYFH program and are expected to attend all practices and games throughout the season. Tryout dates are *tentatively* set for 5-8pm on August 24, 25 & 26.

Register on the WYFH website at <http://www.wyfh.net/>

WILTON HIGH SCHOOL CLUB: Team STEAM

Do you have a child who is interested in STEM and/or Arts?! Check this out from our very own Wilton HS Club called Team STEAM!

We (Team STEAM) are a group of Wilton high school students who want to help bring STEAM (STEM +Art) education to young kids (aged 6-10 years). In partnership with a local startup called 3DuxDesign, our program will teach little engineers the basics of the engineering design process in a fun, creative, and hands-on manner! The program is free, and the other is a \$20 cost which includes an engineering kit. We also accept donations of \$20 which will go to fund a kit and 4 classes for an underprivileged child who cannot afford to pay.

(Note: All payments go towards purchasing kits for children and all high schoolers participating are volunteers)

Team STEAM's mission is to work with young minds and cultivate their passion for engineering and artistic thinking.

* To Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/MB1h3GRmcGMX13z18>

*To Buy a Kit: https://www.3duxdesign.com/products/steam-club-maker-kit?fbclid=IwAR1xAfwH14JEz9UwjsF03MbPnrFyawOK9X9sLwAe1YpB_goRqiYHfTluYis.

Please contact Keerthi Vijay at 23vijayk@wiltonps.org with any questions!

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are fellow Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://forms.gle/AANcPbVgE878zpNs8>

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

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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