

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – January 3, 2021

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

Important Dates

Jan 4	Day 1
Jan 12	CM PTA Meeting, 10am, Zoom
Jan 18	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
Jan 25	Belden Hill/Kent Photo Day Make-up
Jan 26	Cannondale/Nod Hill Photo Day Make-up
Feb 12	SHORTENED DAY (Teacher professional development)
Feb 15- Feb 19	NO SCHOOL (Winter Recess)

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, and Happy New Year! As we look at the year ahead, we unfortunately will not be able to continue with many of our traditional events. However, the PTA is committed to finding new and exciting ways to continue to enrich and enhance each child's educational experience at Cider Mill School.

As CM continues to improve dismissal procedures, it has recently been discovered there is a School Dismissal Manager Add-On called "FastLane." CM is going to move to using this procedure starting tomorrow, January 4, 2021. The school ran a pilot with four classes before the break, and found the new procedures to be effective and very easy to use.

For this to be successful, please read the following directions. [SDM FastLane Quick Guide.pdf](#)

Photo retake day will be Monday, January 25th for the South side, and Tuesday, January 26th for the North. Remote students will have the option to have their photos taken after school starting at 3pm. Students that were absent on photo day will have their photos taken on these days as well. Please send in the fall package with your student to hand off on photo day if you are having retakes done. All CM families will receive a refreshed class photo after retake day. If you have specific issues with your photo package please contact Lifetouch directly at <https://contact.lifetouch.com/> or 1-888-267-7571.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 10am via Zoom.

Thank you for all of your continued support. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments at meghan.russo13@gmail.com.

Meghan Russo
CM PTA President

School News

Recess Aide Opportunity

If you are interested in being a hired aide Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri from 10:30– 1:30 you can apply at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> and please contact Lauren Catalano directly at catalanol@wiltonps.org. The children will not be wearing masks outside; therefore, you must be comfortable with this scenario and participate in helping the children remain physically distant. Aides will lead the children in physically distant games while also supervising chat circles and walks. We know there is a lot to think through and make sense of. If your schedule allows for it, please consider taking on this role. If you know someone who would fit the role of a recess aide, please share this note and encourage them apply and contact Lauren as soon as possible.

<https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources>

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.

Ongoing School News

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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbqgRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform>
For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

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

Your Academics Hosts Virtual Presidential Trivia! on January 6th

Ready to have some fun? As we approach the Presidential Inauguration, want to play a game of Presidential Trivia? Don't miss out!

On January 6th, Your Academics will be hosting a special presidential trivia event! There will be a short video followed by a fun game of Kahoot.

To register, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/WQK68v9X6opWJB4n9>

Your Covid Toolbox: Helping Adults Cope in Crazy Times ~ January 19th 10-11am

Has the past year got you feeling stressed, anxious, not sleeping well or over-indulging? Join Matt DeBernardis, Resilience Trainer from Silver Hill Hospital, for an interactive online workshop and gather some tools to help you cope during the winter months of the pandemic. This workshop focuses on evidence-based strategies proven to enhance one's ability to not only bounce back, but to grow and thrive in the face of hardship. Sponsored by Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, Silver Hill Hospital and Wilton Social Services. Visit <https://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events/> for more information and registration information.

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Our next meeting is January 13th at 7pm.

Here is the link to the meeting :

<https://wiltonps.zoom.us/j/95704451346?pwd=UCsrMTQxU2oyUWxYcVJMdmppZlFOZz09>

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/>

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

Submit News to Hot Cider

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