

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication

October 23, 2016

Important Dates

Oct 24	Day 1
Oct 27	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Oct 28	Photo Retake Day
Oct 31	Halloween Parades, Belden Hill/ Nod Hill 8:30-8:45am, Cannondale/ Kent 9:30-9:45am, Bus Loop Circle
Nov 7-8	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Days)
Nov 9	Turkey Trot
Nov 10	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Remembrance Assemblies
Nov 15	PTA Meeting 9:15am, Cafeteria
Nov 17	Book Fair, 10am-3:30pm, Cafeteria
Nov 17-23	SHORTENED DAYS, Dismissal at 11:55am, Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 18-22	Book Fair, 7am-3:30pm, Cafeteria
Nov 21	Book Fair, 6pm-8:30pm, Cafeteria
Nov 24-25	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holidays)

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,
Thank you to everyone who made the Walkathon such a success this year. We could not have wished for a more perfect morning! Thank you Gretchen Jeanes for co-chairing the whole event with help from Mary Jones and Melinda Smith. Thank you to all the chaperones who walked on the day, and thank you to everyone who donated. We had over 80% participation and are so close to making our \$30,000 target. Bravo to Nod Hill who won 'No Homework Night' again this year!

Warmly,
Nicola Davies, PTA President

School News

Photo Retake / Absentee Day ~ Friday, October 28

Who Should Go on Absentee/Retake Day:

- Any student not satisfied with original portrait. Return your complete package minus the class picture to the photographer on retake day.
- Any student who was absent on the original day whether you are purchasing a package or not.
- Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package. Order online at mylifetouch.com -- picture day id: EJ216004Q1.
- There will be a small quantity of paper order forms if needed at the office starting one week before. Any questions? Please call Lifetouch at 203-735-5933.

Halloween Parades ~ Monday, October 31, Belden Hill/ Nod Hill 8:30-8:45am, Cannondale/ Kent 9:30-9:45am, Bus Loop Circle

Parade times were changed October 13. Parade times have been designed to give parents the opportunity to also attend the parades at Miller-Driscoll. Parents at the first parade are asked to leave the parking lots after the BH/NH festivities so that other parents can find parking. Costumes may not depict violence or inappropriate behavior. In addition, no clown costumes will be allowed.

41st Annual Turkey Trot ~ Wednesday, November 9

Cider Mill's Turkey Trot was started by then PE teacher Jim Cook in 1975! The goal was and is to help Wilton families in need during the holidays. The PE Department, with assistance from the PTA, continues this long tradition in which all students walk, run or jog for one half mile. Don't forget to wear sneakers and dress warmly! We are asking each student to voluntarily donate a minimum of \$2.00. Funds collected will purchase turkeys and gift cards for Wilton Social Services to distribute to families in December. The rain date is November 10. Participation donation fee is optional (additional donations welcome). Please return donations to your child's teacher. Cash or checks, made payable to Cider Mill Activity Fund, will be accepted.

Cider Mill Book Fair ~ November 17-22, 7am-3:30pm, Cafeteria

The Cider Mill PTA will be holding its annual Book Fair this November 17th -22nd with a set-up day on November 16th. New this year will be an evening sale being held on Monday, November 21st, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up day along with our four sale days. A Volunteer Spot Link will be going out soon. Please contact Amy Palma at amypalma@gmail.com, Brooke Kalter at brookekalter@gmail.com, or Annemarie Aronowitz at annemariearonowitz@yahoo.com with any questions.

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!

Shutterfly and Tiny Prints: Fundraiser for Cider Mill

Holiday card season is almost here. If you chose to buy your cards through Shutterfly or Tiny Prints, Cider Mill will benefit by receiving 13% of your purchase. Please use this link: <http://cidermill.shutterflystorefront.com/>.

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'.

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 amandaNmitchell@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.

Community News

Wilton Youth Council (WYC) ~ Upcoming Events

Find us on Facebook or visit www.wiltonyouth.org.

Privileged and Pressured: The Risks of Growing Up in an Affluent Community with Dr. Suniya Lutha, on October 21st, had an overwhelming response with over 300 people in attendance. We are working to accommodate requests for community follow-up and will also soon have her PowerPoint available. Be sure to sign up for the WYC newsletter (www.wiltonyouth.org) to stay informed on the status of both.

The Cyber Child: Effects of Social Media - Neurological, Social, and Educational Implications with Chris Parrott

Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 10:00-11:30 AM at Wilton Library. Registration recommended (www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334). 7:00-8:30 PM at Weston Senior Center (inside Hurlbutt Elementary School), 9 School Road, Weston

What is the true impact of social media on our children? What are the benefits and pitfalls—neurologically, socially and educationally—to cyber exposure? What are the best strategies for parents to support the overall well being of their children in today's social-media-centric world? This workshop will answer these questions, leveraging the most current research on the effects of social media on children's brains and behaviors. Participants will explore the cyber social reality that pervades children's lives and shapes their still-forming identities and social interactions. They will be asked to critically evaluate how their own interactions with children, consciously and unconsciously, are affected by social media and technology. This presentation is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

NAMI SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS ~Monday, October 24, 10-11:30am, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New St, Wilton

Has the back to school honeymoon worn off? The academic and social demands can overwhelm kids this time of year and cause behavioral changes. 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. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area. Our next meeting is Monday October 24 from 10-11:30am, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Information: Beth 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com.

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