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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – November 21, 2022

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

Important Dates

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| Nov 17-22 | Shortened School Days – 12:00 pm Dismissal |
| Nov 17-21 | Scholastic PTA Book Fair |
| Nov 23-25 | Thanksgiving Recess – No School |
| Dec 02 | CM Spirit Day |
| Dec 02 | CM Ice Skating Party – SoNo House (6.45 pm) |
| Dec 26-30 | Holiday Recess – No School |
| Jan 02 | New Year's Day Observance – No School |
| Jan 16 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School |
| Jan 20 | SnowBall Dance Party – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We are so proud that we had the return of the **Veteran's Day assembly** and want to thank **Caroline Hoffman** and the **Hospitality Committee** for organizing a breakfast for our veterans and their families!

Our **Scholastic Book Fair** has **one** day left! **Tomorrow, November 21st**, is the last day of our in-person book fair. It will be open 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Please note that Scholastic continues to experience site-wide issues with their eWallets, so if you are looking to open or add funds to an eWallet, cash and credit cards are accepted at the fair. Thank you to all those families who have shopped the fair already! There have been many excited and happy faces! A big thank you to all of our **amazing volunteers** who have helped out the past few days!

At our November general meeting, we approved a grant for the **Music Department** to fund the purchase of a **new microphone system**. This new system will benefit the entire school as we can ensure all students are heard during vocal performances, as well as help during school assemblies, PTA-sponsored events, and school celebrations.

Finally, as we head into Thanksgiving, we wanted to say how thankful we are for our amazing school community and your continued support and generosity! We wish our Cider Mill family a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family and friends!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com and Giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Helpful Links

Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or cmattend@wiltonps.org

CM School

Handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINy/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety
Protocols: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf

WPS Back to School Website: https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2

WPS Back to School
Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf

CM Interactive Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: https://wiltonps.org/338734_2

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: https://wiltonps.org/595543_3

Schoology Information: https://wiltonps.org/576129_3

Special Bus Assignments: https://wiltonps.org/579910_3

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

School News

SnowBall Dance Party!

Get ready to party! The PTA's **SnowBall Dance Party** will be on **Friday, January 20th** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Cider Mill Gymnasium.

Kids can enjoy a DJ, Photobooth, Glitter Tattoos, and endless fun!

Drop-off-Open to ALL Grades. Tickets go on sale in December. More information to come!

Wilton Special Education PTA

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, news, and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.

- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

Chartwells is Hiring!



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- Career growth opportunities
- Free shift meals

Apply online today at CompassUSA.com
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PTA Membership

PTA membership has opened! Joining is a great way to support your child and enhance their school experience. Please consider becoming a member!

Why Join the PTA?

The PTA...

- creates a community
- provides important school and community information
- hosts fun, educational programs, and events
- raises money to support the needs of our school community
- allows us to advocate for what's best for our kids, families, and school
- facilitates connections through our family directory

Download the new **MobileArq Next** app to join!

Don't forget the PTA is always looking for great ideas and volunteers.

Not interested in the school directory but still want to support the PTA?

Here are two ways you can join without signing up via MobileArq:

- 1 - Send in a check made out to Cider Mill PTA
- 2 - Pay via PayPal to CMptaPayPal19@gmail.com

Dues are \$20 Individual / \$30 Family

Please note "Membership" in the memo / comments section

Thank YOU for your support!

Community News

Wilton Youth Council

Decoding Behavior: What Our Children Are Telling Us & How to Help

Alicia Farrell, PhD.

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

10-11:30 AM Wilton Library

This is a free event intended for parents of kids in PreK~12th grade.

Are you confused about your child or teen's behavior, what it may mean, and how to best support them? Please join us for a discussion led by Cognitive Psychologist Alicia Farrell, PhD, designed to provide practical guidance and tools you can apply to improve relationships and help kids learn to navigate their world in emotionally healthy ways.

Topics will include:

- A parent's role in building and maintaining a quality relationship with their child
- How to support problem solving and emotional regulation
- Navigating struggles as opportunities vs threats
- Recognizing the difference between stress and anxiety
- The effect of valuing performance over character; how that breaks down social/emotional wellness and what you can do about it
- Practical tools to improve communication, connection, and conflict resolution

We are raising our children in complicated times. Please don't miss this opportunity to learn how to better support your children with confidence and conviction. [Register here](#) for this discussion!

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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 or beth44es@gmail.com OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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