

# Hot Cider

JUNE 2017 – IT'S A WRAP END OF YEAR EDITION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't quite believe it's the end of the year already. Each year seems to go a little faster than the last. Huge thank you's to our field day chairs **Amanda Mitchell, Kristina Wisdom, Cecelia Gargano** and **Rachael Dineen** and our summer book fair co-chairs **Amy Palma, Brooke Kalter** and **Annemarie Aronowitz**. These events are only possible because of the dedication of our chairs and volunteers.

This is where I say goodbye and leave you in the capable hands of Annemarie Aronowitz and Amanda Patania, next year's co-Presidents. I am very grateful for the opportunity I have had to lead this organization. It has been a truly great and rewarding experience.

Here's to a great summer for everyone!

Sincerely,

**Nicola Davies**

Cider Mill PTA President

## THANK YOU'S

I am profoundly grateful to the hard work and dedication of so many committee chairs and volunteers. I want to call out two individuals who are moving on after many years of service to Cider Mill PTA.

- **Andrea Bates** – Hot Cider Chair is leaving after MANY years of editing our newsletter. Thank you, Andrea, for your dedication and hard work. Your attention to detail and clear mind will be greatly missed.
- **Amy Palma** – Queen of the Book fair and mastermind of the summer reading list. The hours you have given to the school are truly mind boggling. Your gift is an uncanny knack on how to pick the right book for every student and turn them all into joyful readers. Our loss is Middlebrook's gain.

## UPCOMING DATES

June 19 Nod Hill Fifth Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:30am  
June 19 Kent Fifth Grade Celebrations, 12-2pm  
June 20 Cannondale Fifth Grade Celebrations, 8:30-10:30am  
June 20 Belden Hill Fifth Grade Celebrations, 12-2pm  
June 21 Cannondale Third Grade Closing House & Living Museum, 10:45-11:45am  
June 21 SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am  
June 21 Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, WHS Professional Library  
June 22 SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am  
June 23 LAST OF DAY OF SCHOOL, SHORTENED DAY, Dismissal at 11:55am  
June 30 EDUKIT SCHOOL SUPPLIES, Last day to order for best pricing

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950  
or  
Email [fallonk@wiltonps.org](mailto:fallonk@wiltonps.org)

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

## Useful Web Sites

[www.cidermillpta.org](http://www.cidermillpta.org)

[www.cidermillschool.org](http://www.cidermillschool.org)



## Helpful People

**PTA Presidents:**

[Annemarie Aronowitz](#)

[Amanda Patania](#)

**School Supply contacts**

[Jackie Couch](#)

[Kiki Cross](#)

[Edukit website](#)

**Volunteer Contacts**

[Alex Frisbee](#)

[Tara Snow](#)

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITIES FOR NEXT YEAR

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### CHAIR A COMMITTEE

Below is a list of open committee chair positions for next year's Cider Mill PTA. The PTA is a great way to get involved with the school and with other parents. Many of these programs will not happen if we are not able to find a volunteer. There are opportunities for everyone, no matter how much time you can volunteer. You can find descriptions of many of the roles at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/committee-descriptions>.

1. Vice President of Fundraising
2. 3rd Grade Fun Night
3. 3rd Grade Great Books
4. 4th Grade Great Books
5. 5th Grade Great Books
6. 5th Grade River Study
7. 5th Grade Field Day

If you have questions about any of the roles, please contact Tara Snow at [tanda@optonline.net](mailto:tanda@optonline.net) or at 203-563-0866.

### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Worker bees needed! Could you be a room rep? Work a library shift? Volunteer for an event? Volunteer at the Turnover Store in town. We have an online sign up to volunteer your time. Click [here](#) to see the full list and sign up.

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR

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If you don't enjoy shopping for school supplies (and honestly, who does?) you can buy your supplies in one easy click by visiting our Supply partner EduKit. Click the icon to the left, or [here](#) to take you straight to the Edukit website. Alternatively, if Staples is your favorite place to hang out on a hot summer day, download the supply list, available on the home page of the [Cider Mill PTA Website](#). Or click [here](#).

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## SUMMER READING

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Overwhelmed with choice at the Children's Library? Invoking the eye roll from your kids when you make reading suggestions? Become an expert on great books and just right reading levels instantly with Amy Palma's Definitive Summer Reading List. Cider Mill Mom Amy has compiled a list of exciting reads for summer. The entire list can be found [here](#). Download a copy to your computer and you can sort it in the best way that works for you.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### \*\*\*Middlebrook Wilton Warrior Gym Clothes for Rising 6th Graders\*\*\*

Much to your pre-teen's horror, Middlebrook students change clothes for P.E., and students are required to wear navy shorts and grey or white tees. You can purchase these items anywhere, but let Middlebrook PTA simplify your back to school madness with our summer pre-orders for gym clothes! We have Wilton Warrior logo shorts and tees available - you can either pre-order by July 25th for for pickup at Walk-Through on August 31st, or you can purchase items at Walk-Through. Go ahead, check something off your "To Do" list today! The order form can be found [here](#)

### Roots of Music

My name is Albert Wei, and I am a junior at Wilton High School. This year, I am the new president of a volunteer-based summer camp called Roots of Music. We are summer camp was established by Isabella Palacpac, a current student at the Juilliard School of Music. Although she has graduated, the camp has continued to thrive and grow! It's a one week camp that teaches kids about their favorite musical instruments and performance art forms. This includes giving them lessons on an instrument or voice, as well as teaching the others about sight-reading, rhythm, choir arts, and acting/theater. The camp runs from 9-3 **Monday, August 21 to Friday, August 25**. For more information on the program, visit <https://www.facebook.com/wiltonrootsofmusic/> or email [wiltonrootsofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:wiltonrootsofmusic@gmail.com) to apply.

### NAMI CAN Support Group

Summer is here, along with a BIG change in routine. Afraid of how your child's behavior will change (or has already) with less structure this summer? Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Worried about how your child's behavior effects the family, especially their siblings? Wonder how others manage in similar situations? Married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? You are not alone.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children (age 18 and under with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next meetings are Monday, June 26th and September 25 (contact us for potential summer date) from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, Beth at 203-984-0123 or [beth44es@gmail.com](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) or Vanessa 203 970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com)

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## INTRODUCING OUR CO-PRESIDENTS FOR 2017-18

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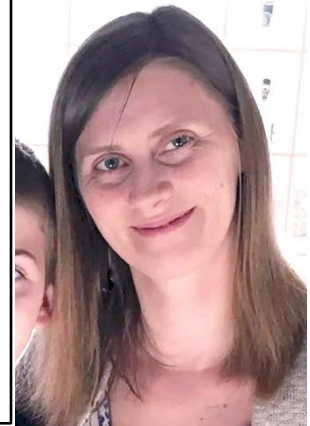


We hope everyone had a wonderful school year. We would like to thank Nicola Davies for her amazing job as president of the PTA for the past two years. We certainly have some big shoes to fill next school year! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We look forward to making the 2017-2018 school year a great one! Have a fantastic summer!

Annemarie  
Aronowitz

&

Amanda  
Patania



**See you on Walkthrough day! August 31**  
**First Day of School is September 5**

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# CIDER MILL PTA

## A YEAR IN REVIEW!

PARENT PTA MEMBERS 428	STAFF PTA MEMBERS 42
COMMITTEE CHAIRS 68	VOLUNTEERS 800 VOLUNTEER HOURS 6500

### SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Odyssey of the Mind team with state competition and head to world finals in Michigan!

First ever school wide bingo night. Over 300 people attended!

First every Health and Wellness event and Soup and Salad buffet for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week

First year of our online directory with MobileArq.

### HOW DID WE RAISE MONEY?

Walkathon  
Turnover Store Donation  
Book Fairs  
Membership Dues  
Photo day  
Box Tops for Education  
Stop and Shop School Rewards  
Mabel's Labels Fundraiser  
Shutterfly Fundraiser



### WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

Grant to school for Library Learning Commons & Collaboration Space in each House  
Visiting Author – Lisa Graff  
Water Bottle Refilling Stations  
Flexible Seating in Two Classrooms  
Yearbook Presented to each 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student  
New video camera  
New Teacher Start Up Grants  
Teacher Classroom Grants

# WHAT ELSE DID WE DO?

## Assemblies for Students:

Native American Presentation for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Poetry in Motion for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Brain Challenge for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Digital Safety for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Zumba for all!

## Services for Parents

Mobile Directory  
Hot Cider Newsletter  
Lost and Found  
Spiritwear

## Family Events

Pizza & Paint Night  
Bingo

## School Events

Fun Nights  
Field Days  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
Bus Driver Breakfast  
Fall Book fair  
Summer Book Fair  
Reflections Competition  
Odyssey of the Mind Competition  
Turkey Trot

## Helping out the School

Library Volunteers  
River Study Volunteers  
Room Parents  
School Photos

