

## Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication January 11, 2015

### Important Dates

Jan. 11	Day 5
Jan. 13	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Jan. 16	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night
Jan. 19	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Jan. 23	Dress Like a Rock Star Day!
Jan. 23	Deadline for "Reading Rocks!" forms
Jan. 24	"Reading Rocks!" reading period begins
Jan. 27	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade South – Chorus/Orchestra Performance, 7pm
Jan. 29	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade North – Chorus/ Orchestra Performance, 7pm
Jan. 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Fun Night
Feb. 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus/ Adv. Strings/Cider Mill Singers/ Orchestra Performance, 7pm
Feb. 4	DELAYED OPENING – School Day Starts 9:40am (Professional Development)
Feb. 8	"Reading Rocks!" reading period ends
Feb. 12	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)
Feb. 13	NO SCHOOL (February Holiday)
Feb. 16	NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
Feb. 21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night

### Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us](mailto:kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us)  
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381  
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

### School News

#### **Fourth Grade Fun Night ~ Friday, January 16, 7-9pm, Cider Mill**

Drop your child off for a fun night of activities! To register, email Janine Sullivan at [janinesull@gmail.com](mailto:janinesull@gmail.com) with your child's first and last name, teacher, and an emergency contact number. **Registration deadline is January 12<sup>th</sup>!** Cider Mill parent volunteers are needed! Please indicate in your email if you would like to help. Rain date for this event is January 23.

#### **Reading Rocks! ~ Pledges Due On or Before Friday, January 23**

Wilton Education Foundation's (WEF's) "Reading Rocks!" program is underway. "Reading Rocks!" is a fun, non-competitive Read-A-Thon program. In its

first three years, this important program raised more than \$110,000 total for our schools! With your support, we hope to meet our financial goal as well as attain 100% student participation. Pledge forms with information have already gone home with students.

Not only does this program help students celebrate literacy, but there are great prizes too! **Students must turn in completed pledge forms, and pledge money raised, to teachers on or before Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.** For each pledge a student receives by January 23<sup>rd</sup>, he or she gets a chance to win an iPad MINI OR KINDLE FIRE! The more pledges, the more chances at a prize: for example, if your child receives 12 pledges, he or she earns 12 chances to win. There will be ONE Kindle Fire awarded randomly per house at Cider Mill, as well as ONE iPad Mini awarded across all grades, pre-K-5.

The Cider Mill house with the highest percentage participation rate by January 23<sup>rd</sup> will get a homework-free day! Questions? Contact Julie Steckel at [jjsteckel@gmail.com](mailto:jjsteckel@gmail.com) or Rebecca LePage at [rebeccalepage@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccalepage@gmail.com). Many thanks to the Stroup family for generously sponsoring "Reading Rocks!" Prize-winners will be announced after February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Third Grade Fun Night ~ Friday, January 30, 6:30-8:30pm, Cider Mill**

Let your colors shine! Fun Night is here and we have lots of fun games and activities planned. To attend Fun Night, **please register your child by Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** by emailing one of the contacts below with the following information: your child's first and last name, and teacher. For Kent and Cannondale, email Stacy Hirsch-Meltzer at [stacyhmeltzer@yahoo.com](mailto:stacyhmeltzer@yahoo.com). For Belden Hill and Nod Hill, email Kirsten Petterson at [kirstenpetterson@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstenpetterson@hotmail.com). This is a drop off event, but parents are welcome to come and help – we will need you! We need parents to help set up, take down, run games, and help the kids have a great time. We are also looking for two parent photographers. To volunteer, please visit Sign Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaea62aaafb6-third>. Rain date for this event is February 6.

### **Fifth Grade Yearbook ~ Deadline for Ads is Monday, February 2**

Fifth grade parents - Did you know that at the end of the year, every 5<sup>th</sup> grade student receives a copy of the Cider Mill 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook? This book is packed full of photographs and memories that capture the spirit of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The yearbook is funded by the Cider Mill PTA, and your ads help to offset the cost of producing the book. We invite you to place an ad in the 2014-15 yearbook. Your ad must be a maximum of 25 words. Please be sure to include your child's name and write legibly!

The ad form is posted on the PTA page on Edline. Click [here](#) and scroll down until you see "Ads for Grads." Complete the form and return it with a check for \$10.00 to Deb Bauer at 31 Deepwood Road, or return to the school office. All ads must be

received on or before Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and checks should be made payable to Cider Mill PTA.

*Sample Ad:*

Joe Smith

Mom, Dad and Emily are so proud of you! We know you will go on from Cider Mill and do many great things!

**Do You Have Photos from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day 2014?**

The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures from last year's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day. Do you have some you could contribute? Please email Nicola Davies at [nicoladavies@outlook.com](mailto:nicoladavies@outlook.com) to find out how.

**Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed**

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. Ninety-minute shifts are available weekly or biweekly, and training is provided. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Deb DeFeo at [debra.defeo@gmail.com](mailto:debra.defeo@gmail.com).

**Ongoing Cider Mill News**

**Cider Mill Spiritwear**

Special Offer - Get yours now! We have a limited amount of vintage Cider Mill Spiritwear. All items \$10. Gray Heather Hoodies (YXL and YM), Pink Hoodies (YXL), and Pink/Green/Yellow Flannel Pants (YL). See photo [here](#), or if link does not work, view it under "Spiritwear" in PTA section of Edline. Send an email to [jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com) to submit your order. And don't forget, every student will want their house t-shirt for Field Day in the spring. Don't wait! The order form can be found

at [http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider\\_Mill\\_School/7518483491238890706/Cider\\_Mill\\_PTA/Spiritwear](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear). Contact Jamie Lee at [jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Cider Mill PTA Membership**

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

**Box Tops**

Do you have a collection of Box Tops? Be sure to send them into school and place them in the bright blue drop-off box located in the main office. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them in, Cider Mill earns cash

that can be used for anything the school needs. Look for Box Tops on thousands of products including Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of products. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Markey at [jtm4jla@optonline.net](mailto:jtm4jla@optonline.net).

### Community News

#### **Wilton Youth Council/Parent Connection - Parenting Book Series ~ Tuesday, January 13, 10:30am-12pm, Wilton Library Rimer Room**

Wilton Youth Council's Parent Connection and Wilton Library are partnering with psychologist and Wilton mom, Dr. Susan Bauerfeld, to sponsor a parenting book discussion series. The Parenting Book Series was established to help parents sift through the avalanche of advice that exists in the world of parenting books. Dr. Bauerfeld will present an overview of a parenting book chosen for its soundness and relevance to the community. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. Reading the book is not required but is encouraged and will likely enhance the discussion. There are two sessions remaining in the series: January 13<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>. Both discussions will be hosted by the Wilton Library in the Rimer Room from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. The book for January 13<sup>th</sup> is *It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens* by Danah Boyd. Admission is free and reservations are recommended. Please register at [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org).

#### **Wilton Community Activities**

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

### Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at [connbates@gmail.com](mailto:connbates@gmail.com), Clarissa Cannavino at [clarissacannavino@yahoo.com](mailto:clarissacannavino@yahoo.com) and Lisa Smith at [mlsmith2@optonline.net](mailto:mlsmith2@optonline.net). For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: [http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider\\_Mill\\_School/7518483491238890706/Cider\\_Mill\\_PTA/Hot\\_Cider\\_Current\\_Issues](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues).

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