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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – January 30, 2023

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

Important Dates

Jan 20-Feb 03	Reading Rocks Pledge Collection
Jan 31	5 th Grade Chorus, Orchestra, Advanced Strings, CM Singers
Feb 2	BOE Meeting – 7:00 pm, WHS Professional Library
Feb 6	CM Parent Meeting – 6:30 pm, Middlebrook Auditorium
Feb 9	BOE Meeting – 7:00 pm, WHS Professional Library
Feb 14	Cider Mill PTA Meeting – 9:15 am, School Cafeteria
Feb 17	Early Release
Feb 20- 24	Winter Recess
March 3	3, 4, and 5 th Grade Fun Nights – 6:00-9:00 pm
March 8	Early Release
March 14	Cider Mill PTA Meeting – 9:15 am, School Cafeteria
March 14	End of Second Trimester

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Cider Mill PTAs first **SnowBall Dance Party** was a rocking success! Almost 500 kids enjoyed the DJ, photo booth and more! A very big thank you again to our fundraising chair **Alexis Murphy** for making it all come together!

We know that the proposed **block scheduling** is of importance to many Cider Mill parents, especially our fifth graders. Please note that there is the **BOE meeting on Feb 2**, and a meeting for **Cider Mill parents on Feb 6**. There is also another **BOE meeting on February 9**. Please see the calendar above for times and locations.

Our next **PTA meeting** will take place on **February 14, 9:15 am** in the cafeteria. We hope to see many of you there!

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com or giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Michelle Krupa and Melissa Reynolds
Cider Mill PTA Co-Presidents

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/scschoolfiles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf

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

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

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/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

Wilton Special Education PTA

“Let Them Thrive”

Please join us for a two-part event featuring **Katie Novak's** important book, "**Let Them Thrive**".

A Book Discussion and Workshop:

Empowering Your Child to Thrive in Today's World

Let Them Thrive by **Katie Novak** provides practical strategies for helping your child become a self-navigating, expert learner, a key aspect of the **Wilton Public Schools Portrait of a Graduate**. Based on Novak's decades of experience as an educator and parenting expert, 'Let Them Thrive' is a must-read for any parent looking to support their child's growth and development.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us on **February 28 at 10 am at Comstock** for a book discussion lead by Dr. Kevin Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeremy Cross, Cider Mill Assistant Principal and Dr. Amy Korn, WHS Assistant Principal.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Put it Into Practice on **March 9 at 7 pm**, participate in a virtual workshop with Pam Chu-Sheriss from Novak Consulting. Learn how to apply the principles from the book to your own parenting style. Sign up now to reserve your spot and receive a free book! Hope to see you there!

REGISTER HERE

LET THEM THRIVE BOOK DISCUSSION [HERE](#)

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LET THEM THRIVE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP [HERE](#)

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.

Community News

Wilton Go Green

We are excited to announce the 16th Annual HRRRA Recycling Billboard Contest.

The theme this year is: **“Recycle Outside the Bin!”** Choose a material that can be recycled but does not go in your mixed recycling bin.

Student's artwork should encourage residents to recycle the material you choose.

Students can visit <https://hrra.org/annual-billboard-contest-2/> for information on materials that can be recycled outside the mixed recycling bin.

Original artwork should be submitted by February 27, 2023 in the collection box located in each schools' lobby or the vestibule at Town Hall starting February 1st.

For a complete list of rules and to obtain a template please visit <https://hrra.org/annual-billboard-contest-2/>. **Deadline for Wilton** due to February break is **Monday 2/27**.

In 2022, Wilton had 6 students placed regionally in grades K-7th. We are excited to see the inspiring messages our students create this year!

Questions? Email our Local Coordinator, Tammy Thornton, at tammy@wiltongogreen.org

Trash Talk with Jennifer Heaton-Jones at Wilton Library

Managing waste and knowing what to recycle can be confusing. The **Wilton Library and Wilton Go Green** are proud to sponsor this event to learn where our garbage and recycling really goes after leaving the Town of Wilton.

What is the State of Connecticut's universal recycling guide? What happens when you put the wrong thing in your recycling bin? What is this waste crisis in CT? How can managing your waste save you money and how does it affect your taxes?

Jennifer Heaton-Jones the Executive Director of the regional, governmental, solid waste and recycling authority, Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA). She will give a one hour presentation followed by a half hour Q&A. You're guaranteed to learn something new!

Thursday, March 9th 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Register at www.wiltonlibrary.org

K-12 Climate Action in Connecticut

American public schools use nearly 480,000 diesel school buses, serve over 7 billion meals annually and are one of the largest energy consumers in the public sector. Transitioning to more sustainable operations in these areas provides environmental benefits and learning opportunities for students. How can Connecticut schools mitigate their climate impact and adapt to the effects of climate change?

On **Wednesday, February 1 at 7-8 pm**, join **Wilton Go Green and Waste Free Greenwich** for a webinar on how the education sector can lead on climate solutions in Connecticut. Explore the Aspen Institute's K12 Climate Action plan and This Is Planet Ed initiative to learn how education systems can reduce their carbon footprints through energy, transportation, and food and discover how Mansfield Public Schools are reducing their climate impact and saving money through their new net zero school building.

Panelists include:

Laura Schifter, Senior Fellow, This Is Planet Ed at the Aspen Institute

Peter Dart, Superintendent, Mansfield Public Schools

Randy Walikonis, Chair, Mansfield School Building Committee

REGISTER at <https://bit.ly/K12climateaction>

Zero Waste Schools

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Wilton Historical Society

Wilton Historical Society has some fun events coming up!

Weekend Workshops – Valentine’s Day Embroidery

Exchanging gifts with loved ones for Valentine’s Day is a centuries old tradition. On **Saturday, February 4th from 11:00 – 12:00**, the Wilton Historical Society will offer an opportunity for kids to create their very own Valentine’s Day themed gift. During this program, participants will design and embroider their own ‘Valentines’ muslin pillows to give out to friends or family on the fourteenth. Museum Educator Catherine Lipper will discuss Valentine’s Day and its historical significance, in addition to the uses of embroidery in Colonial Times. At the end of the workshop, each participant will be given a heart-shaped sugar cookie to decorate and take home. Don’t miss out on this sweet celebration!

Suggested for ages 6 – 10. Members: \$10 per child; Non-members \$15 per child.

Registration required.

To register visit wiltonhistorical.org or email info@wiltonhistorical.org

Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897 wiltonhistorical.org

Weekend Workshops – Chocolate Making for Kids!

The Wilton Historical Society’s popular chocolate making workshop returns for another year! On **Saturday, February 11th from 11:00 – 12:00**, participants will be able to make their very own Valentine’s Day chocolates using a wide variety of molds to produce delicious holiday treats. Kids will also have the opportunity to create and decorate a box take them home in. Vintage Valentine’s cards from the Society’s collection will be on display for inspiration! Register now and don’t miss out!

Suggested for ages 6 – 10. Members: \$15 per child; Non-members \$20 per child.

Registration required. Limited to 25 participants.

To register visit wiltonhistorical.org or email info@wiltonhistorical.org

Did you know?

While Valentine’s Day has been considered a celebration of love since the Middle Ages, it wasn’t until candy maker Richard Cadbury sold Valentine’s day specific chocolates for the first time in the 1860’s, that chocolate became part of the annual traditions of the holiday.

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Wilton Pride

Wilton Pride is a nonprofit focused on supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in Wilton. Wilton Pride is launching an inaugural event called **Ask Me Anything** from **7:00-9:00 pm on February 2, 2023**, at Trakside Teen Center, in partnership with GSA Middlebrook, GSA WHS, Middlebrook PTA, and WHS PTSA, Trakside and Triangle Community Center, and Kids in Crisis.

Geared towards Wilton youth and parents, this educational event will provide an opportunity to hear from a panel of LGBTQ+ representatives, ask questions, and connect with resources in a safe and supportive environment.

All members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies are welcome.

Advanced registration is required: - <http://bit.ly/askmeanythingwilton>

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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