

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – April 11, 2021

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

Important Dates

Apr 12	Day 1
Apr 13	PTA Meeting Via Zoom, 10am
Apr 16	PTA Trivia Night, 7pm, Registration Required, See Information Below
Apr 30	Rocks Due to School for Kindness Rocks Program
May 6	PTA Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge, 6:30pm, See Information Below
May 31	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break!

On Friday, April 16th at 7pm the CM PTA will be hosting a virtual Trivia Night by local company Rock, Paper and Scissors. Tickets are \$10 for the entire family. Get your tickets quickly, space is limited to 50 families. This is sure to be a fun evening the entire family can enjoy! Get your tickets here [Spiritwear | cidermillpta](https://www.spiritwear.com/cidermillpta)

The CM PTA has been working with Ms. Bird and the Art Department to roll out the Kindness Rock Program. Students will be painting rocks during art class. Once the rocks are painted the student will have an opportunity to do an act of kindness with their rocks. Please have your student collect 1 or 2 rocks to paint, they should be around the size of the palm of your hand. Please have them washed, stored in a sandwich baggie and brought into school prior to April 30th.

On Thursday, May 6th at 6:30pm the CM PTA will be hosting a virtual Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge. One of our amazing parents, Jennifer Scanlan, will be hosting this super fun explosion cake challenge. Jen will be walking you through the steps while you attempt to "Nail It!" in your own kitchen. We will be sending out a sign up shorty, space will be limited!

The PTA is beginning to look towards next year. Many of our Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs will be leaving CM in the Fall, which requires us to fill many open positions. A few of these positions include Fundraising, Parent at Large and Hospitality. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, President at meghan.russo13@gmail.com, Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair amanda_Patania@yahoo.com and/or Alex Frisbee, Nominating Chair alex.frisbee.pta@gmail.com

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 10am via Zoom.

Thank you for your continued support! Please reach out if you have any questions or comments at meghan.russo13@gmail.com.

Meghan Russo
CM PTA President

School News

COMING SOON! *Cider Mill PTA Trivia Night Fundraiser*

On Friday, April 16th at 7:00 pm, join us for a fun night of trivia hosted by local company Rock, Paper, Scissors Events. A fun night for the whole family, while supporting your PTA. Details for buying tickets will be sent next week, limited tickets so be quick!

Wilton Youth Council ~ Chasing Childhood: Virtual Screening and Q&A

- Stream the movie for FREE anytime from Saturday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 21
- Join a live virtual Q&A on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM

Join Wilton Public Schools and Wilton Youth Council for a virtual screening of the new feature documentary, Chasing Childhood, a film about the unintended consequences of over-protecting, over-pressuring, and over-scheduling kids, and the impact that has on their ability to thrive both in childhood and as adults.

You'll see familiar scenes from Wilton, including insightful conversations in our elementary schools. Learn more about how Wilton is leading the way in shifting the culture to create room for play and independence with the hope of raising kids to become competent, healthy, and happy adults.

Find more information and register at <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/chasing-childhood>

GoZen! Spring Session

There are still a few openings in the upcoming spring session of GoZen!. GoZen! is a skills building program that teaches students hands-on tools and strategies to effectively identify, understand, and manage worry and anxiety with a fun, engaging and interactive approach. There are two classes for 3rd through 5th graders: Mondays at 4:30 pm and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. These virtual classes will begin the week of April 19.

Learn more at <https://files.constantcontact.com/a093842c001/6442bab6-6ae0-4423-8aa4-0a07769a3baa.pdf>.

Register at <https://www.wiltonyouth.org/gozen-registration>.

Email Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org with questions.

5th GRADE YEARBOOK PLACEHOLDER

Our 5th Grade Yearbook PTA Committee Chairs, Jen Carvajal and Dana Quick, are working diligently on the children's' 5th grade yearbook and need your help...

Could you please share pics from your child's first day of school, virtual or in person, Halloween, School sports, Theatre, Spirit Day etc. Please only 3-4 school centric pictures with their name and house. You can upload photos directly to the Shutterfly account (link below) or email pictures directly to danaquick@yahoo.com or jencarv@hotmail.com. The link for Shutterfly is <https://cidermill5thgradeyearbook2021.shutterfly.com/>. The site password is yearbook. In order to upload pics, you'll then need to create a Shutterfly account if you don't already have one. Once you access the account, you'll see folders for specific activities and events, please upload pics under the appropriate folder. Thank you so much for your help in making our very memorable year even more memorable for our kids.

RECESS AIDE OPPURTUNITY

If you are interested in being a hired aide Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri from 10.30=1.30 you can apply at :

<https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> and please contact Lauren Catalano directly at catalanol@wiltonps.org.

The children will not be wearing masks outside; therefore, you must be comfortable with this scenario and participate in helping the children remain physically distant. Aides will lead the children in physically distant games while also supervising chat circles and walks. We know there is a lot to think through and make sense of. If your schedule allows for it, please consider taking on this role. If you know someone who would fit the role of a recess aide, please share this note and encourage them apply and contact Lauren as soon as possible.

<https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources>

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ~ OPEN POSITIONS

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources Coordinator Erika Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS!

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbqqRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform>

For more information, please visit <https://youracademics.org/>

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The PTA has 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.

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

CIDER MILL SCHOOL (ID#: 40341) has the opportunity to participate and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through our local Stop & Shop!

To participate: Visit <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus> and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS

To earn points:

- Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.
- At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards for our school. These CASH rewards are updated monthly on the Giant A+ website beginning in November.
- After the last day of the 2019-2020 program, these same conversions are performed and the final school account total is posted.
- Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

BOX TOPS HAVE GONE DIGITAL!

No more clipping Box Tops! Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production. The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

3 easy steps...

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: anorful@gmail.com

ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS

With the start of school, we'd also like to send a Zero Waste quick refresher for all, it's YES to using reusable containers, bags, silverware, and ice packs; purchasing bulk snacks to sort into reusable containers, packing realistic portions and taking home uneaten food (or compost!) It's AVOID disposable paper or plastic bags; Individually-packaged snacks; non-reusable food wrap; disposable ice packs, utensils, or drink containers (juice boxes or pouches); and plastic straws.

Community News

True Warriors Challenger baseball is back!

Any individual with an intellectual or physical challenge can participate.

Player sign up: <https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170731&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

Buddy signup: <https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170732&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

Lend a helping hand to The Turnover Shop!

Did you know that our most generous donor is a local nonprofit - The Turnover Shop?

They have provided long-standing support for our PTA's and other local organizations. Operating costs have increased during covid and they were shut down for several months. They need our help more than ever. **Please help those that helped us!**

Volunteer: Regular commitment of one or two WEEKDAY am (10-1) or afternoon (1-4) shifts a month (Ex. Third Friday a, of every month).

Donate: Items and Clothing.

Shop: Its hidden treasures.

Spread the word: About this fabulous wilton treasure!

WILTON SEPTA (SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)

Join us! Support our families, students and staff! Open positions for next year include President, Secretary and Committee Chairs!

We are excited to present new programs coming early this Spring 2021: (details to follow)

For students:

Sensory Integration Art Experience Classes, free for SEPTA member families

Social Hangouts, Cooperative Play Groups, Facilitated by trained BCBA's from the Hangout Spot, free for SEPTA member families

April's Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Month Committee needs Volunteers!

Join us to find out more: Two ways to Join here! Mobile App to join all PTA's and Paypal link to join SEPTA only <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>

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

Submit News to Hot Cider

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