

Hot Cider - March 20, 2016

CIDER MILL QUICK CALENDAR

March 21	Day 6
March 22	TechNext, 5:30-7:30pm, WHS Little Theater
March 25	NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
March 28	Public Hearing: Board of Finance on Board of Education Budget 7.30pm Middlebrook Auditorium
April 6	Scott Driscoll Internet Safety Presentation (Parents Only) 8.30am & 7pm, Middlebrook Auditorium
April 11-15	NO SCHOOL (April Break)
April 18	School Resumes
April 19	PTA Meeting, 9:15 am, Cafeteria
April 21	PTA Sponsored Pizza & Paint Night 6 – 8pm

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351

Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or kellym@wilton.k12.ct.us

Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381

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Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents,

Volunteering at Cider Mill gives me a wonderful sense of community. I get to observe every day the dedication of teachers, staff and volunteers at the school and to see first-hand that the PTA does make a difference in every corner of the school. Next week every student will be enjoying a Zumba class during gym. The PTA fulfilled a request from the gym teachers to be able to bring in Wilton YMCA's Zumba instructor Pierre Fitzenberger to school for 3 days. It should be great fun for everyone!

Thank you to Ginna Yerrall for organizing our recent successful **book swap** - 260 books found a new home during the swap. We have a new event coming up on April 21st, learn to paint like Van Gogh in just one evening, see below for details of our first ever **Pizza and Paint** evening.

With very best regards,
Nicola Davies

School News

All Colors Day – Friday April 8

April is Wilton's Disability Awareness month. On Friday April 8th students are encouraged to wear the colors of every house to show their school spirit and the spirit of inclusion.

Family Pizza & Paint Night – 6pm to 8pm April 21

Learn to paint like Van Gogh! Families will have fun creating paintings inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers. The evening will be led by art teacher Caroline Duggan. The event will be \$10 per person; this covers all materials (canvas and paint) and pizza! For further information and to register, please email Nicola Davies nicoladavies@outlook.com. Due to space constraints, participation is limited to 30 artists!

Art Angels

The Art Department is seeking volunteers to help with Cider Mill's first every school wide art show which will take place during closing house days and hang on the walls for the last month of school this year. Art teacher Mrs Duggan is hoping to find 4 or 5 parent volunteers who would like to help with mounting and organizing artwork the week of April 25th, any day would work for an hour or two, and then again the week of May 9th, for 2-3hours, to help hang the work. Please contact Mrs Duggan if you are interested in helping out - dugganc@wilton.k12.ct.us

The Cider Mill PTA wants you! A Call for 2016-2017 Volunteers

Volunteering for the PTA is a great way to get involved with the schools. Many programs that happen throughout the school year are run by the PTA and we need parent Volunteers. There are many positions that have various time commitments and flexibility, so there is a role that will fit your schedule. We are looking for coordinators for the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

3rd Grade – Field Day, Science Coordinator, River Study, Junior Great Books

4th Grade – Field Day, River Study, World Languages

5th Grade - Yearbook, River Study, Fun Night

We have school wide committees looking for new volunteer coordinators too:

Reflections

Gift and Grants

Children's Enrichment

Lost and Found

School Store

Wilton Youth Council

Book Swap

Spiritwear

Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at 203-563-0866 if you have any questions or are interested in finding out more about how you can help.

PTA Reflections State Winners Announced

Two Cider Mill students were recognized at the State level for their entries in the annual PTA Reflections Art Competition! Congratulations to both! It is truly an exciting accomplishment to win at the State level. Our first place winner will move on to the next level, best of luck! We hope to see many more students participate in next year's Reflections Program. Any questions, please contact Sujata Vemuri at sujata.vemuri@gmail.com

1st Place Photography - Juliette Casher

4th Place - Visual Arts - Andrey Kosygin

Cider Mill PTA Membership

Joining the PTA shows that you care what happens in your children's education. It shows that you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It isn't a commitment to volunteer for anything! It doesn't mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it).

Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun Nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store,

Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World language celebrations, Walk-a-thon, Book Fair, spirit wear, library volunteers, pre-order school supplies, Hot Cider newsletter, etc. You can find a form on the new PTA website: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/forms/c70d>.

Bus Barn – Lost and Found Items

Missing something? Check out the Bus Barn Blogspot at <http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com> for photos of items found on school buses. If you see something that might be yours, please contact Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Board of Finance Budget Hearing on March 28th 7.30pm Middlebrook Auditorium

Child Care will be provided at Middlebrook School during the budget hearing. It is hoped many parents will be able to attend the hearing, to participate in the budget process and let their opinions be known. Adult supervision and activities will be provided. For planning purposes please register your children using [this link](#).

Internet Safety Parent Presentations on April 6th at Middlebrook School

Internet safety expert, Scott Driscoll, is a former law enforcement officer who spent most of his career working to keep youth safe, and during the latter part investigating internet crimes. Through the generosity of the Middlebrook, Cider Mill and Miller Driscoll PTAs, and with support from Wilton High School, we are providing two parent presentations, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend as this topic continues to grow in importance and impact our children at younger ages.

Though the presentations are open to all district parents, please note these are *for parents only*. Mr. Driscoll will cover apps and programs our kids are using, cyberbullying, sexting, social networking, “digital footprints” and current online trends and potential dangers. He will also offer tips on how we can use technology safely and keep our families safe.

Coat & Shoe Drive

Wilton Girl Scout Troop 50834 is collecting gently used shoes and coats to donate to neighboring communities. A collection box will be placed by the office from March 28th to April 8th. For more information please contact Sarah Beach sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com

Find Us on Facebook!

Cider Mill has a Facebook group for parents. Find it here: [Cider Mill Parent Community](#).

Wilton Youth Council’s Parent Connection presents "Depression and Anxiety in Youth: What Does it Look Like and When is it a Problem?" Dr. Aaron Krasner and Tracey Masella, LCSW, both of Silver Hill Hospital will help parents who have some worries assess whether or not their child needs help by providing insight about depression and anxiety. *Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 10:00-11:30 am @ Wilton Library* (Advance registration recommended: www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334) and at 7:00-8:30 pm @ *Weston Library*

Wilton Youth Council’s high school club CODES is collecting toiletries to donate to Open Door shelter in Norwalk this month- please help them by dropping off needed toiletries to

Trackside, Wilton Family YMCA or WHS. They are collecting shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste (no mouthwash please). Thank you!

NAMI

Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Worry about how your child's behavior affects 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 (under age 18) 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 meeting is Monday, March 28th from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, Beth at [203-984-0123](tel:203-984-0123) or beth44es@gmail.com or Vanessa [203 970-4130](tel:203-970-4130) or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

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