

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 23, 2021

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

Important Dates

May 21	Day 1
May 31	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
Jun 10	SHORTENED DAY
Jun 11	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND SHORTENED DAY

From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

For the past two weeks CM classes walked the High School track with their teachers in efforts to celebrate and raise money for the Cider Mill PTA. We would like to thank all of the students, teachers and families that participated. The funds raised are used to support enrichment programs for all 3 grades, teacher grants and many more PTA sponsored activities. You're continued support of the PTA is very much appreciated!! Thank you to Amanda Patania for organizing, we appreciate you keeping this tradition going this year!

On Friday, May 14th at 6:30pm the CM PTA hosted a second virtual Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge. A huge shout out to Ms. Redina and Mrs. G for hosting this super fun challenge. The kids made cakes that looked like hamburgers, and enjoyed dance and trivia breaks! Keep posting on our FB page and Padlet for others to see!

There are many fun End of Year activities happening! Please see a list below from Dr. Falcone's last update. Closing House: Closing house will be virtual this year and teachers will individually send families the Zoom link, date and times for their individual celebrations.

- **Team Fun Day:** we will not be having a traditional field day. Grades 3-4 will celebrate as a class during their last 3 PE classes. Our 5th graders will have a Team Fun Day on May 27th (rain date 5/28). This will take place during the first 1.5 hours in school. PE teachers will provide an alternate activity for remote learners which will be shared via Schoology.
- **CIDER MILL Countdown-** Click Here for Countdown The countdown begins on Tuesday, 6/1 - right after the Memorial Day day weekend.
- **5th Grade "Moving-up", Celebrations & Parade:** This year, we are planning a variety of fun events for our 5th grade students:

Parade: June 9 from 11-1 pm (rain date: June 10 same time); families will start with their cars on Lilly Way, one House at a time, and follow a pre-designed route through the school grounds, to be shared at a later date.

Moving-up Certificates by House: The distribution of certificates will be done "live" with students and staff. We will video the event so families are able to view. Below are the dates and times for the events:

- 6/7/21: Belden Hill - 8am; Nod Hill - 9am
- 6/8/21: Kent - 8am; Cannondale - 9am

Moving-up Video: staff are creating a celebratory video to honor our 5th graders and the work they have completed across their year, and content areas.

5th Grade Yearbooks: we are thankful again to the PTA for purchasing for each of our 5th graders their own copy of the yearbook! The full grade will gather on June 1 (June 4 - rain date) - socially distanced - to sign each other's yearbooks.

Class T-shirts: we have worked with the PTA to purchase a School T-shirt as a parting gift to celebrate their 5th grade year at Cider Mill School.

5th Grade Remote Learners: Families, if you would like your remote students to join outdoor activities (e.g. Team Fun Day, Yearbook Signing), please email the classroom teacher ASAP so they can plan.

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

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

CIDER MILL TRIVIA NIGHT - TAKE TWO

Join us on Friday, May 28th at 7:00 pm for another Trivia Night hosted by Rock, Paper, Scissors, Custom Events. Test your knowledge and have fun with family and friends. \$10 per family, tickets are limited, be quick! See attached flyer for more information!

[Cider Mill Trivia Night - Take Two.pdf](#)

PTA vacant positions for 2021-22

If you are interested in more information about any position or would like to take the role, please email Alex or Amanda at CMnominating@gmail.com

- Parent at Large (Executive Board position)
- Gifts and Grants
- Photo day chair
- Visiting author chair
- 5th grade yearbook chairs
- Fun Night chairs (all grades)
- Enrichment chair
- Hot Cider co-chair
- Library volunteer coordinator co-chair
- Hospitality co-chairs
- Cider Mill's Got Talent show co-chairs

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.

Ongoing School News

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS!

Summer Camps!

Your Academics will be conducting camps this summer. The camps will take place on June 21st to 25th and July 12th to 16th. There will be camps offered in Math, English, Science, Coding, and many other subjects. There are limited spots available for each camp, so be sure to register!

Here is the complete schedule with all of the offerings with the times and dates: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HBYKfDdfiEiVr6a_EIOo9Ybae0klQj6hVwDdjyZcsk/edit?usp=sharing

To enroll in any of the summer camps, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/kCXAQ9Jiqm9qSYkn8>

Summer Tutoring

Your Academics will be offering tutoring in the summer. 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://forms.gle/ZmQTDCPrBqLChu1e8>

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

Dear Wilton Community,

My name is Connor Smith and I am currently a sophomore student at Wilton High School. I just wanted to reach out to you to share some information about an interest group that I have helped to form, along with an upcoming collection event and raffle to help raise money for the Wilton food pantry. My friends Zack Yuschuk and Colin Tsai along with the help of Trakside recently formed this group called Wilton Community Outreach, or WCO for short. The mission of WCO is to improve local communities and help the underserved of Connecticut; The link to our website follows below:

<https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/wiltoncommunityoutreach/home>

As I mentioned earlier, our first event will be a collection event on Sunday, May 23rd. On top of this, we will also be holding a raffle that ends Friday, May 28th at 7pm. Our goal in reaching out to you was to see if there was any way you could help us promote this event. Some possible ideas we had for getting noticed include a brief mention of our upcoming raffle in your morning announcements, and possibly an email or news blast sent out to parents. We would really appreciate your help because the more people we get involved, the more money we will be able to raise. Also, here is a link for more information about our upcoming raffle:

<https://sites.google.com/wiltonps.org/wiltoncommunityoutreach/events/wilton-food-pantry-raffle>

Thank you so much and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Connor Smith
Zack Yuschuk
Colin Tsai
Timmy Alber
Jackson Carbonier

Middlebrook Science Fair

The Middlebrook PTA is seeking a Science Fair chair/chairs for next year. If you want to learn more please contact Chandra Ring at cring226@hotmail.com

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

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