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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - April 8, 2018

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

Important Dates

Apr 9-12	NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
Apr 13	Day 2
Apr 17	PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15am
Apr 18	“Your Child’s Cyberlife”, Parent Workshop, Location TBD, Morning & Evening session
Apr 19	Dress Like A Super Hero Day!
Apr 20	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader, Clune Center, 7pm
Apr 23	Wilton’s International Art Exchange Festival, Clune Center, 7-8:30pm
Apr 27	Cider Mill’s Got Talent Show, Middlebrook Auditorium, 6-8:30pm
May 7	Grade 5 to Grade 6 Parent Orientation (for Current 5th Grade Parents), Middlebrook Auditorium, 7-8:30pm
May 8	PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15am
May 10	4th Grade South Chorus and Orchestra Performance (Belden Hill and Kent), Gym, 7-8pm
May 14	All School Art Show, Cider Mill, 5:30-8pm
May 15	4th Grade North Chorus and Orchestra Performance (Cannondale and Nod Hill), Gym, 7-8pm
May 17	5th Grade Band Performance, Gym, 7-8pm
May 22	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/Advanced Strings/MC Singers Performance, Gym, 7-8pm
May 24	3rd Grade Strings Combined Performance, Gym 7-8pm
May 28	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
May 30	Hive Huddle ~ Beach Day

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Pizza and Paint night on March 28th was a huge success! There were some truly fantastic paintings from that night and it was a fun night for both adults and kids. A big shout out to the entire Art Department and Carol Faherty for running this event.

Teacher Appreciation week is approaching and the PTA is arranging a Health and Wellness Day for the staff on Monday May 7th. If you can donate services to help make this day special please follow this link. <https://goo.gl/forms/p2sa5Jq7jR1CcSon2>.

Coming up soon is Cider Mill’s Got Talent night (April 27th), and the School Art Show (May 14th). Make sure to keep those dates for your diary!

Our next PTA meeting is April 17th at 9:15am in the Cider Mill Cafeteria. We will have representatives from Chartwell, and a few other items to vote on. Everyone is welcome at the meeting and it is the best place to ask questions and find out what’s going on in your school!

Amanda Patania and Annemarie Aronowitz
PTA Co-Presidents

School News

Cider Mill PTA

It is never too late to become a volunteer for the Cider Mill PTA. We have a position that can work with your schedule. The PTA is a great way to get to know people in the community and the school. Please check out all the open positions for next school year.

School-Wide Positions:

- Parent at Large
- Nominations
- Book Fair
- Hospitality
- Laminating
- School photos
- Co-chair for spiritwear

Fourth Grade Positions:

- 4th grade field day
- 4th grade fun night
- 5th grade yearbook
- 5th grade river study

And maybe you have a younger child coming into Cider Mill next year and want to consider these 3rd grade PTA spots:

- 3rd grade field day
- 3rd grade fun night
- 3rd grade river study

Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net if you are interested.

** Please note these are for chair roles, you will receive a general volunteering form at a later time **

Cider Mill PTA's 1st Annual CMGT Variety Show! ~ Friday, April 27th, 6-8pm, Middlebrook Auditorium

Come out and support the many talents of Cider Mill in a variety of acts from singing and dancing, acrobatics and variety skits!

Tickets: Exciting news! The PTA is fully sponsoring this event and underwriting the cost. We want this to be a FUNraiser not a fundraiser so there are no costs for tickets.

Yes- admission is totally free!!

We would still like people to register so we know how many to expect. Please click the link below to get your virtual ticket! Invite your family and friends so we can have a good audience for the performers! This is not a drop off event but send them the link below to register for their "virtual" FREE tickets! <https://sites.google.com/site/cmgtvarietyshow/>

Look forward to seeing you at the show! The CMGT Committee

“Your Child’s Cyberlife” Upcoming Parent Workshops- 4/18 and 6/5

Parent workshops open to Middlebrook and Cider Mill parents started on March 1st in the Middlebrook Auditorium at 9:00 am and repeated the same day at 7:00 pm for those who could not attend the daytime event. The workshop is entitled, “Your Child’s Cyberlife”, and will include information on what is being done in school to ensure students use technology responsibly and can be supported by parents at home. Guest speakers will include Michael Swaine, National Regional Manager, Gaggle Safety Monitoring, Fran Kompar, Director, Digital Learning and participation from our Library Learning Commons Team as well as our Principals from each school - Lauren Feltz, Middlebrook and Jen Mitchell, Cider Mill.

4.18.18 & 6.5.18 Workshops: For those unable to make it on 3/1, there will be follow-up workshops on 4/18 and 6/5 at the same times. All sessions will include a Q&A session for parents. The 4/18 will include hands-on sessions for parents on strategies and tools to help their children at home and the 6/5 session will focus on Summer Learning. The location is to be decided for those sessions.

Ongoing School News

Join The PTA

Please join the Cider Mill PTA! Over 300 families and teachers have joined the PTA so far this year. Thank you for your support! And, while we would love for you to get involved, you do not have to volunteer! Your membership and donation dollars fund valuable programs at Cider Mill, including: Visiting Author, 5th Grade Year Book, Field Days, Student Enrichment Programs, Fun Nights, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Gifts and Grants, Hospitality,

Book Fair, Reflections, and many more.

PLUS, when you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our online directory!

Visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you're feeling generous! (Please add support@mobilearq.com to your address book to ensure delivery of the confirmation email with temporary auto-login link).

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](#)

Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

Lost and Found ~ Cider Mill

There are two L&F locations in Cider Mill. One is at the doorway where you go to the playground, on the high school side (Cannondale). The other is by the front door on the far side of the bus loop (Kent). You or your child can check these locations for lost items. At the end of each season, the unclaimed items are donated to the Turnover Shop with proceeds going to the Cider Mill PTA. Contact Amanda Mitchell with questions, at amandaNmitchell@gmail.com.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Community News

Wilton Youth Council's Free Play Matters Task Force Presents...

Anxious Parents, Anxious Kids and the Anxiously Awaited Antidote! (Cannot be taken orally.) (Or the other way, either.) with Lenore Skenazy at the Wilton Library, Monday, April 30, 2018, 10:00-11:30 am

Can't make it? The presentation will be recorded and screened (one time only) that evening at 7:00 pm.

The media labeled Lenore Skenazy "America's Worst Mom" when she let her 9-year-old ride the subway alone. She wore the badge with pride and went on to found Free-Range Kids, the book, blog and movement dedicated to the fact our kids are SAFER and SMARTER than our culture gives them credit for. Now she is the head of Let Grow, a non-profit making it easy and normal to give kids back some old-fashioned independence.

In this very funny lecture (she used to write for Mad Magazine) Lenore addresses what she calls "the twin fears stalking America's parents": "That their children will be kidnapped, raped and murdered -- or not get into Harvard."

Where does this fear come from? What's it doing to our kids? Lenore outlines the reasons we're so afraid and never blames "helicopter parents," because it is not neurotic to be worried in a culture bent on scaring us. Then she discusses how we can regain the calming perspective that allows us to trust our kids, our community and our own parenting. When we do, everyone wins. Anxiety levels go down among parents AND children. The goal is to raise safe, self-reliant, problem-solvers. Or, as the saying goes, "Raise your kids so that when they're 18 they move out and your spouse doesn't."

Free; registration recommended at www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334.

Sponsored by the Miller Driscoll, Cider Mill and Middlebrook PTAs, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council and Wilton Youth Services.

Wilton Youth Council's 2017-2018 Parent Information Series:

Managing the Impact and Influence of Digital Devices and Content: FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

Susan Bauerfeld, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Chris Parrott, BPS Chartered Counseling Psychologist

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00-11:30 AM at the Wilton Library

Free; registration required - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

Did you enjoy the presentation on March 20th, but leave wanting more? Have you tried to make changes at home, and now you have new questions? Susan Bauerfeld and Chris Parrott lead a follow up discussion appropriate for parents with children of all ages. Minimum of 25 registrants for program to run.

Sponsored by: Weston Library, Weston Youth Services, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services, SPED*NET Wilton

Wilton Relay for Life ~ June 8th, 4-11pm

Wilton Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is a huge community fundraising event that raises money to help fight cancer through funding research and support services in local communities. Funds help support rides to treatment centers, lodging for family members near treatment centers, counselors to speak with patients and family members...(see attached chart)

The relay event at the Wilton High School track, Friday June 8th from 4-11 PM, is a combination of walk-a-thon, carnival, fundraiser, concert, and memorial. It really is the culmination of weeks and months of fundraising done by individuals who often form a "team". A team is simply a group of friends/family/coworkers who decide to come up with a team name, register on the Wilton Relay for Life site. These team members work together to raise funds in the weeks leading up to the relay, get a tent site around the track, and plan their relay evening together.

We would also love to have an interested parents and family members help us with our committee work. If you think you can lend a hand with our committee please contact Grace Scinto at Grace.Scinto@cancer.org

More information regarding our event can be found online at

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=87938&pg=entry or by searching "Wilton Relay for Life"*

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