

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – January 16, 2023

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

### Important Dates

<b>Jan 16</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>Jan 20</b>	SnowBall Dance Party – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
<b>Jan 20</b>	Reading Rocks! Dress Like a Rock Star Day!
<b>Jan 20-Feb 03</b>	Reading Rocks Pledge Collection
<b>Jan 24</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus/Orchestra – <b>South</b> (7.00- 8.00 pm)
<b>Jan 25</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus/Orchestra – <b>North</b> (7.00- 8.00 pm)
<b>Feb 14</b>	Cider Mill PTA Meeting – 9:15 am, School Cafeteria
<b>Feb 17</b>	Early Release
<b>Feb 20- 24</b>	Winter Recess

#### Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to **The Turnover Shop** for the **\$16,000** donation made to the Cider Mill PTA! The Turnover shop has been a long-standing supporter of the schools, and these funds support student enrichment programs sponsored by the PTAs in each school.

The Turnover Shop is always open to new volunteers, with weekly or monthly commitments available. For anyone looking for a wonderful volunteer opportunity, please email the Turnover Shop for further information at [turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com). Located to the lower left of the Village Market, the Turnover Shop also accepts donations when open. The Turnover Shop is truly a town gem that supports our local community!

Also thank you to everyone who attended our January PTA meeting both in person and via Zoom. It was wonderful to see so many new faces! And a big thank you to **Dr. Smith** for taking the time to answer questions, listen to our parent community, and explain the budget process!

Please consider joining **Dr. Smith for a coffee and conversation** about the education budget on **Wednesday, January 18th from 9:15-10:15am in the Cider Mill Cafeteria**. You will have the opportunity to meet in a small group to share your thoughts, questions, suggestions about current budget priorities and recommendations for moving forward. Please consider this opportunity to have your voice heard!

Finally, we are also looking forward to our first ever **Snowball Dance this coming Friday, January 20th!** If any child is still in need of a ticket, please reach out to our amazing fundraising chair **Alexis Murphy at [murphy71611@gmail.com](mailto:murphy71611@gmail.com)**.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or issues at [MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com](mailto:MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com) or [giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)

CM School

Handbook: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th\\_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit)

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9dolNY/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](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](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](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf)

CM Interactive Calendar: [https://www.wiltonps.org/576928\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3)

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: [https://wiltonps.org/338734\\_2](https://wiltonps.org/338734_2)

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: [https://www.wiltonps.org/575955\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3)

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: [https://wiltonps.org/595543\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/595543_3)

Schoology Information: [https://wiltonps.org/576129\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/576129_3)

Special Bus Assignments: [https://wiltonps.org/579910\\_3](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

### Reflections Entries Due January 17<sup>th</sup>!

A friendly reminder that all entries for this years Reflections are due on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see below for details!

THEME: "SHOW YOUR VOICE"

Rules and how to enter can be found BELOW.

### [PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM STUDENT ENTRY PACKET](#)

Each year, students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are invited to create and submit original works of art in the areas of Dance, Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music, Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. These works of art may be submitted for state and national level awards and recognition opportunities. This year's theme is: "**Show Your Voice**".

Click [HERE](#) for **Reflections Poster**.

Rules and how to enter can be found [HERE](#).

Feel free to contact [Kamal Deol](#) with any questions.

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## SnowBall Dance Party!

Cider Mill's first every SnowBall Dance Party is this Friday! Please contact Alexis Murphy for any available tickets at [murphy71611@gmail.com](mailto:murphy71611@gmail.com)

### Friday, January 20th

For 3rd and 4th Graders at 5-7pm

For 4th and 5th Graders at 7-9pm

DJ, Dancing, PhotoBooth, Crafts, Games, and More!

DROP OFF Event in the Cider Mill Gym

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## Wilton Special Education PTA

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

### Trackside Meditation

Take a load off and enjoy a relaxing pocket of time for yourself. Enjoy a guided meditation. Unplug, unwind and hear some helpful ways to reduce stress and stay centered and in a good inner state with yourself. [Wednesday, January 25th 7-8:30pm.](#)

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### Wilton Go green

#### 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 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 Trackside Teen Center, in partnership with GSA Middlebrook, GSA WHS, Middlebrook PTA, and WHS PTSA, Trackside 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>

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#### **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](mailto:beth44es@gmail.com) OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or [eliasvanessa5@gmail.com](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com)

**[Submit News to Hot Cider](#)**

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