

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication May 3, 2015

Important Dates

May 4	Day 7
May 4-8	Staff Appreciation Week
May 11	5 th Grade Parent Orientation – 7pm, Middlebrook
May 12	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
May 12	4 th Grade North – Chorus/Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym
May 14	4 th Grade South – Chorus/Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym
May 18	TechNEXT, 5:30-7:30pm, Little Theater, Wilton High School
May 19	5 th Grade Chorus/ Orchestra/ Cider Mill Singers/ Advanced Strings Performance, 7pm, Gym
May 21	5 th Grade Band Performance, 7pm, Gym
May 25	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
May 27	3 rd Grade Strings Performance, 7pm, Gym
June 3	5 th Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 8	3 rd Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 10	4 th Grade Field Day, 8am-12pm, WHS Football Field
June 12-16	Shortened Day Schedule: School dismisses at 11:55am
June 16	Last Day of School

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

Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

Staff Appreciation Week ~ May 4 - 8

The Cider Mill Hospitality Committee has three events planned to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week:

- Monday, May 4 - all staff members will enjoy a dessert bar featuring many types of delicious baked goods.
- Wednesday, May 6 is our bagged lunch day. We will collect approximately 180 lunches that staff members will enjoy. If you have signed up to provide a lunch or lunches, a bag with detailed instructions will be sent home with your child on Monday, May 4. Please contact Susan Price at sprice14@optonline.net if you have any questions.
- Finally, on Friday, May 8, we will host a lunch buffet. We still need your donations of hot foods, cold foods and desserts. If you love to cook, bake or

have a favorite place to pick up the perfect meal, please consider making a donation. You can sign up on Volunteer Spot here: <http://vols.pt/RykPnr>. Donations will be collected the morning of Friday, May 8, from 7:30am until 10am. Please contact Lisa Finn at ldbfinn@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Many thanks to all those who are sending in items for all three of these much loved staff events – we could not do any of these things without your participation!

TechNext: Tech Expo 6.0 Rebooted ~ Deadline to Register: Wednesday, May 6; Event: Monday, May 18, 5:30-7:30pm, Wilton High School Little Theater

We are looking for students who love to use technology to CREATE! We want to showcase our students' ability to use technology to create and innovate outside of the classroom. So if you:

- create, record, or mix music using computers or electronic devices
- create or edit video
- create, edit, or share digital photographs
- create visual art using software such as Photoshop or Illustrator
- use social media to help support causes that you are passionate about or to help others
- know how to code or create apps and video games
- design websites
- use technology for any other creative or innovative purpose

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! This year's District Tech Expo is getting a facelift. We are running this year's show like a TEDx presentation. If you haven't seen one in action, follow this link to get the idea: <http://tinyurl.com/TechExpo6>. Students can present their talents in one of two ways: 1) present at one of the individual presentation booths during intermission, or 2) present to the audience in the Little Theater at the high school. Click on [this link](#) to register your activity with us no later than Wednesday, May 6, and we will schedule you to present at this year's event. For more information, please contact Mr. Jason Greasley at greasleyj@wilton.k12.ct.us.

Field Days: 5th Grade ~ June 3, 4th Grade ~ June 10, 3rd Grade ~ June 8, 8am - 12pm

They did it! Come help our students celebrate finishing another (or their first) great year at Cider Mill. It's one of the most fun days of the year – your child's Field Day. Each grade has its own day when the students get outside and play games (including the ever popular Tug of War) on the football field at the high school, rejoicing in the start of summer and each other's company! We need parents to run the games, and if we have enough volunteers, we will also have parents leading the students from game to game. Rain dates are: 5th Grade June 4, 4th Grade June 11, and 3rd Grade June 9.

For 5th Grade, please contact Leigh Heffernan (llarson351@aol.com) to volunteer. For 3rd and 4th Grade, Room Parents will be contacting your classroom soon with volunteer opportunities. It is a really happy day, a few hour commitment, and a great opportunity to see your child and friends having fun at school.

News from Guidance

May brings flowers and warmer weather (hopefully) and it also brings many transition programs to Cider Mill. Here is a bit of information about the programs that the counselors and some of the students are involved in.

- About 20 third grade students are currently being trained to speak to second grade classes about Cider Mill. During the first week of May, they will go to Miller Driscoll to share their knowledge and answer questions. Some of the topics the third graders will discuss are field trips, the Cider Mill building, lockers, homework, the cafeteria, strings/orchestra, the school store, buses, etc.
- About 50 fifth grade students are being trained to be tour guides for when the second graders come to visit Cider Mill at the end of May. Each guide is given a tour schedule, and will tour 10 or so students around the building making sure to show them places like the art room, library, cafeteria, two of the four houses, the science lab, etc. The fifth grade band and advanced strings will play for the second graders before the tour.
- All of the fifth grade students will walk up to Middlebrook in mid-May to get a tour of the school. The counselors from Middlebrook will then come speak to the fifth graders in their classrooms to share further information about the transition and their upcoming time at Middlebrook.

Please email School Counselor Dawn Randall at randalld@wilton.k12.ct.us with any questions.

Interested in Being Involved in the PTA Next Year?

We have great opportunities for you if you would like to be involved in the Cider Mill PTA next year. The PTA encompasses many different areas of the children's experience, education, social, and arts involvement. Following are programs in need of people to run them: Junior Great Books (3rd grade and 5th grade), 3rd Grade Science Coordinator, Reflections Arts Program, 3rd Grade Field Day, 5th Grade Fun Night, Lost and Found, Laminating, 5th Grade Yearbook Co-Chairs, and PTA Treasurer.

We have program chairs from this year whose children are moving to Middlebrook, but who can train you so the transition is easy. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Sarah Beach (sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com) or Nicola Davies (nicoladavies@outlook.com). Many thanks!

Notify Cider Mill if Your Child is Leaving the Wilton School District

If your child will be leaving the District at the end of the school year, please contact Debbie Cowic at cowicd@wilton.k12.ct.us to fill out a withdrawal form.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days. Be prepared by buying your shirt now. Please plan ahead - we currently have full stock on hand, but if we sell out of an item, it will take up to six weeks for your order to be fulfilled. The order form can be found

at http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear. We also still have a limited amount of vintage Cider Mill Spiritwear - Gray Heather Hoodies (YXL) and Pink Hoodies (YXL). All items \$10. See photo [here](#), or view it under "Spiritwear" in PTA section of Edline. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Community News

Food Drive ~ Saturday, May 9

The Wilton High School Class of 2018 is working with [Person-to-Person](#) to support the National Postal Carrier food drive. You should have received a shopping bag and list of items needed by our local food pantries in your mailbox. PLEASE fill your bag and leave it for your postal carrier on Saturday, May 9. Together, Wilton families can make a big difference for those in our area who need our help!

Warrior Spirit Wear Fundraiser for Class of 2017 and Class of 2018 ~ May 5 - 15

Help support the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 and get your Warrior spirit wear now! These classic tops are perfect for summer and a great way to show your Warrior pride at the end of the school year! Sales for the gear will start May 5, 2015 and end on May 15, 2015. You can use this link to access the order form

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sIPaX6wGDldrUrw-CkrvzSJaCSMxpRFoQbxW0d77Mo/pub>. You can email your forms directly to wiltonclassof17@gmail.com or have your student drop them off in the main office. Pick up will be May 30, 2015 from 10am until 2pm at the high school. Go Warriors!

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com, and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues.

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