

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – September 8th, 2019

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

Important Dates

Sept 9	Day 1
Sept 9	Open House for Parents - BH/KT, 6-7pm
Sept 10	CM PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
Sept 24	Photo Day
Sept 25	Literacy and Math Night, Cafeteria, 6:30-7:30pm
Sept 26	Literacy and Math Day, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
Sept 30	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)
Oct 8	CM PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:15-10:15am
Oct 9	NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
Oct 14	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
Oct 15	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Oct 31	Halloween Parade, BH & NH 8.45-9am, KT & CN 9.30-9.45am

Important Phone Numbers

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

From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians

We made it through the first couple weeks of school.

First, we would like to thank everyone who has already joined the CM PTA. Your support is truly appreciated. You can still join the PTA and gain access to our Mobile Directory! Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Use this link and the code 'wilton' https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html
Questions? Email our Directory Chair Jennifer Wulff jen@presto.org.

We also want to thank those who have already helped us out with our Back to School Staff Breakfast, Sabeth Albert and Meghan Russo and our Spirit wear shirt sales, Amanda Mitchell and Jennifer Wulff with setting up and updating MobileArq.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help out with Photo Day on Sept 24th. Please reach out to Chandra Ring at cring226@hotmail.com if you can help.

Speaking of volunteers, if you did not complete the volunteer background check last year and want to volunteer this year in the library, classroom, cafeteria, or on field trips, you must complete one. If you completed a background check last year, it is good for one more year. To submit to a background check for the first time, you should enter the Secure Volunteer portal through the Human Resources page of the Wilton Public Schools website: www.wiltonps.org. If you have any other questions, please contact Erica Cross at crosse@wiltonps.org.

The CM Walkathon, our annual fundraiser, is on October 3rd. Watch your email for more information about donations, t-shirts and our fun surprise that we are adding for our 10th Walkathon!!

Thank you again for your support,

Carolyn Lyon and Meghan Russo
CM PTA Co-Presidents

School News

PTA VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We still need help filling these gaps. If you'd like to know more or interested in helping please contact Amanda Patania or Alex Frisbee at CMnominating@gmail.com

Hospitality - We currently have a few people to help co-ordinate pampering staff at various times during the year, but more people are needed to help run these events. It's a position which is split and staff really appreciate.

Book Fair - We currently have an experienced chair but it's not a one person task! One week in November and one in Spring.

3rd, 4th and 5th Field Day - Coordinating volunteers and working with the gym teachers to make these fun days run smoothly. It's all set up from past Field Days and a good way to end the year.

5th Grade Fun Night - A chance to look cool in front of your kid. Liaise with the YMCA and recruit volunteers to run the last Fun Night at Cider Mill for your child.

3rd Grade Great Books - Recruit 3rd Grade parents to run Great Books during lunch period. It's a little like a book club for the children. 4th and 5th Grade chairs are experienced and can walk you through the whole procedure.

Bingo Night - Ideally two chairs or more for this one. It's a really fun night and last year's chairs can walk you through the whole procedures. Grab a friend and have fun with this one!

Library Chair - We have one chair for this year, but would love one or two people to shadow this year to take over. Recruit and co-ordinate volunteers to work in the LLC.

CIDER MILL LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS VOLUNTEERS

For returning volunteers: Please look for an email the first two weeks of the school year with information regarding training and schedule sign up.

For new volunteers: The Library Learning Commons is a school-year long commitment with weekly or bi-monthly shifts during school hours. Volunteers are necessary to keep the library running smoothly throughout the day, as we are responsible for checking out books, checking in books, shelving and other special projects throughout the year. Interested in volunteering for Cider Mill Library Learning Commons? Please email Jen Fila at jennfila5@gmail.com for more information.

CIDER MILL SPIRITWEAR

Get Your CM Spiritwear Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts)! Spiritwear will be sold at Open House nights on September 5th and 9th and you can purchase Spirit Wear at any time throughout the year on the Cider Mill PTA site: cidermillpta.org. Your order will be delivered to your student's class within two days.

CIDER MILL WALKATHON 2019

2019 marks the tenth year for the Walkathon at Cider Mill. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we aim to raise **\$25,000**. Your donations help fund our programs such as -

- Teacher grants
- Enrichment programs for all 3 grades
- 'Fall Into Reading' program
- Supplies for the Art Show
- Internet safety presentation
- Grants, for example the last few years we have funded the outside tables, school garden, electric piano and LLC equipment
- Staff appreciation week
- Bus driver breakfast
- Visiting author
- And lots more



"Don't worry, bee happy"

The entire school will be walking on **Thursday October 3rd**, details for registration will be coming soon. Each student that registers early will receive a 2019 t-shirt to wear this Walkathon. Every class with 100% participation gains their class an addition to their classroom library from this year's visiting author.

Ongoing School News

JOIN THE PTA ~ WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Join the PTA and gain access to our Mobile Directory! Get instant access when you join – no waiting, easy updates to address or phone number changes throughout the year! Join here, and use the code - 'wilton' https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/school_directory_parent_register.html Parents please update your profiles to include email and cell phone numbers! One easy spot to register for all your kids' PTAs and make a donation at the same time! Questions? Email our Directory Chair Jennifer Wulff jen@presto.org (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](#)

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!

BIG, exciting change to Box Tops for Education this year! Box Tops has gone digital! This is a MUCH easier way to earn money for Cider Mill School! To donate box tops, follow the steps below.

1. Download the Box Top (BTFE) app on your smart phone
2. Buy products with the Box Top logo
3. Using the BTFE app, scan your store receipt
4. The app automatically gives Cider Mill credit for the participating products you purchased!

The app is really easy to use and it saves so much clipping and counting time. Any clipped Box Tops you have been saving may be turned into the Box Tops box in the main office. These will be counted and submitted "the old fashioned way." If you have any questions, please email Heather Mroz, Box Top Coordinator, at heathermm@optonline.net. Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

ZERO WASTE AT CIDER MILL

The Zero Waste Committee has been working to start up our second full year of recycling, donating and composting at Cider Mill! Each school in our district now has: 1) Liquid Dumping Stations; 2) Food Donations (sealed containers and some fruit); 3) Recycling; 4) Compost; and 5) Waste. We'll be reminding kids how to sort their lunch leftovers, and to reduce waste at school and home. As a 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 donate 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.

For more information or to help out, contact the Cider Mill Zero Waste Committee: Elizabeth McKay - ewmckay@gmail.com Nicole Northway - nicole.northway3@gmail.com Laura Rowley - rowleylg@gmail.com

LOST & 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.

Community News

WILTON YOUTH COUNCIL

Please save the date for these Wilton Youth Council parent education programs! Like us on Facebook and visit www.wiltonyouth.org for more information about our programs for youth, parents and community. While you are there, sign up for our newsletter. Questions? Email Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org.

The Resilience Formula: Giving Kids Roots and Wings, Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the Wilton Library Brubeck Room
In this interactive session, Donna Volpitta, Ed.D, will teach the simple brain science behind raising emotionally healthy, resilient kids.

Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives
Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the Wilton Library Brubeck Room
In this session, Alicia Farrell, Ph.D., leads a discussion about the fine line between healthy and unhealthy technology use (screen-time, social media, entertainment) and how parents, mentors and educators can help children walk it.

WILTON SEPTA

Join us! The Wilton Special Education PTA works to support students, teachers and families of students receiving Support services in Wilton Public Schools. We work collaboratively with of our 4 school PTA's to create an inclusive supportive school community! Membership available on line at www.wiltonsepta.org

First meeting September 18, 7-8.30pm Parent Kickoff Event at Comstock Community Centre Room12

Please note the dates and timings of the upcoming meetings-

October 16, 9-10.30am at Comstock Community Centre Room 13 (this meeting only)

November 20, 4-5.30pm

January 15, 9-10.30am

February 19, 7-8.30pm

March 18, 4-5.30pm

April 29, Spring Social

May 20, 9-10.30am

ZERO WASTE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Green Team and Zero Waste Schools Committees are excited to be back and running our Zero Waste Schools Program at each school. If you are new to Wilton schools, students are helping make a difference by sorting their waste in the cafeteria into liquid, recycling, garbage and compost with the goal of sending as little to the incinerator as possible. You can learn more here (insert link <https://vimeo.com/334717577>)

So why not join in on the routine at home with Curbside Compost! Curbside Compost allows you to compost ALL food scraps including dairy, fish and meats. For every household that signs up for Curbside Compost's residential household collection program Curbside Compost is going to give a \$20 credit towards the Wilton Zero Waste Schools food scrap recovery program. Businesses can get involved too!

Head to [Curbside Compost](#) now to sign-up! In the "Pick Up Notes" section be sure to use the code "Wilton Zero Waste Schools" in order for our program to receive credit.

Ms. PRESIDENT US

Ms President US is a non-partisan, non-profit, community-based initiative, dedicated to inspiring and preparing girls to aim for the highest civic leadership positions and know they can achieve them.

Leadership sessions are held on Friday afternoons (1 to 2 sessions per month) from October to March, followed by a campaign & election in April that is open to the public. Girls entering 4th to 8th Grade are welcome to enroll. High School girls with leadership experience may apply to be Mentors.

For more information please visit <https://mspresidentus.org>.

Submit News to Hot Cider

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