

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication

April 3, 2016

Important Dates

April 4	Day 3
April 5	3rd Grade Concert - South (Belden/Kent), 7pm, Main Gym
April 6 and 7pm	Internet Safety Parent Presentation, Middlebrook Auditorium, 8:30am
April 6	3rd Grade Concert - North (Cannondale/Nod), 7pm, Main Gym
April 8	All Colors Day – Wear the colors of every house!
April 11-15	NO SCHOOL (April Break)
April 19	PTA Meeting, 9:15 am, Cafeteria
May 5	4th Grade Chorus and Orchestra - North (Nod/Cannondale), 7pm
May 9	Grade 6 Parent Orientation, 7pm, Middlebrook Auditorium
May 10	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
May 10	4th Grade Chorus/Orchestra - South (Belden Hill/Kent), 7pm
May 17	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/CMS/Advanced Strings, 7pm
May 19	5th Grade Band, 7pm, Main Gym

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

Note from the PTA President

Dear Parents,
Congratulations to all students who took part in the state Odyssey of the Mind competition yesterday. Cider Mill entered six teams (40 students) into the competition and each of the teams did an amazing job working together, displaying great teamwork and amazing creativity. Thank you to the dedication of each of our volunteer parent coaches; this program owes its success to your commitment!

Warmly,
Nicola Davies

School News

All Colors Day ~ Friday, April 8

April is Wilton's Disability Awareness month. On Friday April 8th, all students are encouraged to wear the colors of every house (red, yellow, blue, green) to show their school spirit and the spirit of inclusion.

Art Department Seeking Art Angels ~ Weeks of April 25 and May 9

Volunteers sought to mount artwork ahead of our first ever school-wide art show. No experience necessary, full training given. Can you give an hour of your time during the week of April 25th? May 9th we will start hanging works around the school and will need extra help again. Please contact Ms. Duggan if you are interested in helping out at dugganc@wiltonps.org.

Volunteers Needed at the Cider Mill Library!

The Cider Mill library is in need of a few extra volunteers to help fill in vacancies. Ever wanted to know how the library runs? Have an hour or two and want to lend a hand? We could use your help! We will train you, and you can begin as soon as possible! We are looking for help on Tuesday (9:40-11:10) and Friday (8:20-9:40) mornings. If interested, please contact Deb DeFeo at debradefeo@gmail.com.

The Cider Mill PTA wants you! A Call for 2016-2017 Volunteers

The Cider Mill PTA wants you! Volunteering for the PTA is a great way to get involved with the school. Many programs that happen throughout the school year are run by the PTA and we need parent volunteers. There are many positions that have various time commitments and flexibility, so there is a role that will fit your schedule. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

- 5th Grade Yearbook Committee
- Co – Vice President Fundraising (Executive Board Position)
- Gift and Grants
- 4th Grade Field Day
- 4th Grade Fun Night
- 5th Grade Fun Night
- 3rd Grade Junior Great Books
- 3rd Grade River Study
- 5th Grade River Study
- School Store
- Volunteer Coordinator

Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at 203-563-0866 if you have any questions or are interested.

Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days in May and June. Please plan ahead - we currently have full stock on hand!! The order form can be found at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/forms/c70d> or buy online with a credit card at <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/spiritwear-store/c24k3>. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has set up 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](#). There are additional photos here of items in the Lost and Found areas in Kent and Cannondale.

Cider Mill PTA Membership

What is a PTA membership all about? Becoming a member of our PTA is more than just getting a directory - although you will get one with your membership. Our membership is open to all adults who believe in the mission on the PTA. Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your children's education. It shows that you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It isn't a commitment to volunteer for anything! It doesn't mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it). It is a way to stay connected with our school community, getting to know your school and administrators, having a voice and being heard at the school and school district level.

Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun Nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store, Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World language celebrations, Walk-a-thon, Book Fair, spirit wear, library volunteers, pre-order school supplies, Hot Cider newsletter, etc. You can find a form on the new PTA website: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/forms/c70d>.

Bus Barn – Lost and Found Items

Missing something? Check out the Bus Barn Blogspot at <http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com> for photos of items found on school buses. If you see something that might be yours, please contact Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com.

Community News

Internet Safety Parent Presentations ~ Wednesday, April 6, 8:30am & 7pm, Middlebrook Auditorium

Internet safety expert, Scott Driscoll, is a former law enforcement officer who spent most of his career working to keep youth safe, and during the latter part, investigating internet crimes. Through the generosity of the Middlebrook, Cider Mill and Miller Driscoll PTAs, and with support from Wilton High School, we are **providing two *parent-only* presentations, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please enter by the back canopy directly to the auditorium.** Make every effort to attend, as this topic continues to grow in importance and impact our children at younger ages. The presentations are **open to all district parents**. Mr. Driscoll will cover apps and programs our kids are using, cyberbullying, sexting, social networking, “digital footprints” and current online trends and potential dangers. He will also offer tips on how we can use technology safely and keep our families safe.

Girl Scout Shoe Warriors! Shoe and Coat Drive ~ Ends Friday, April 8

Wilton Girl Scout Troop 50834 is collecting gently used shoes and coats to donate to neighboring communities. The troop is working on a Girl Scout Journey. They had to find a story they did not like, and figure a way to change that story and make it better. The girls did not like that too many people cannot afford warm winter coats and shoes. Please help them by donating your new or gently used coats and shoes. There are two boxes at school - one by the front office and one in Kent by the Lost and Found. Boxes will be there until April 8. For more information, please contact Sarah Beach at sarah.beach@tinybluefish.com.

Wilton Youth Council: “It Starts in Your Medicine Cabinet: Protecting Our Families from the Opioid/Heroin Epidemic” ~ Wednesday, April 20, Panel Discussion 7-8:30pm, Resource Fair 6:30-7pm and 8:30-9pm, Wilton High School Little Theater

This panel discussion will help deepen the understanding of root causes of opioid and heroin abuse and strategies for prevention, address signs and symptoms of trouble, and offer treatment options and a message of hope for those suffering from addiction. The event is open to the public and appropriate for students in grades 7 and up.

NAMI-CAN Support Group Meeting ~ Monday, April 25, 10-11:30am, 49 New Street, Wilton

Frustrated by your child's challenging behavior? Worry about how your child's behavior affects the family, especially their siblings? Wonder how others manage in similar situations? Married, but feel alone in parenting your challenging child? You are not alone. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents of children (under age 18) with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. The Wilton based support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month and the next meeting is Monday, April 25th, from 10am-11:30am in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more info, contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com, or Vanessa at 203 970-4130, or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

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