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CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – December 19, 2022

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

Important Dates

Dec 26-30	Holiday Recess – No School
Jan 02	New Year's Day Observance – No School
Jan 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Jan 20	SnowBall Dance Party – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

We hope you all are enjoying the holiday season!

We are so happy that many of our traditions are once again back. On **December 22nd**, the **CM PTA** is bringing some winter cheer to all our classes! Administration, office staff, and parent volunteers will distribute hot chocolate and a peppermint treat to each of our classes, all purchased by the CM PTA! If you do not want your child to drink the hot chocolate (and/or eat the peppermint stick), please let your classroom teacher know that you would like your child to opt out.

Also remember that on **December 22nd**, the school is participating in **Connecticut's fundraiser for Kids with Cancer**. If your child would like to wear PJs to school, please donate directly to the website - teachers will not collect cash! Please help the school to surpass their \$500 goal! Here is the direct link to the Cider Mill Connecticut Children's

Fundraiser: <https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/team/455154>

We wanted to say a huge thank you to **Caroline Hoffman and our Hospitality Committee** for organizing an amazing catered holiday lunch for our teachers and staff on December 8th. And we are also happy to report that our fall Scholastic Book Fair raised over \$5,000 for our school!

Please note that tickets to our first ever **Snowball Dance Party** are almost sold out! If you were thinking of purchasing a ticket, please do so ASAP by visiting: <https://bit.ly/CMSnowball>.

Finally, please mark your calendars for our next **PTA meeting** on Tuesday, **January 10th!** **Dr. Kevin Smith** will be joining us as well!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our PTA. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments to MichelleAKrupa@gmail.com or giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com.

Happy Holidays and all the best in the New Year!

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

CM School

Handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06gZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit

CM House

List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNqLV746OvS6tnJaleYDL4q9doINy/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety
Protocols: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf

WPS Back to School Website: https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2

WPS Back to School
Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf

CM Interactive Calendar: https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: https://wiltonps.org/338734_2

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3

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

School Messenger Information: https://wiltonps.org/595543_3

Schoology Information: https://wiltonps.org/576129_3

Special Bus Assignments: 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

SnowBall Dance Party!

Get ready to party! The PTA's **SnowBall Dance Party** will be on **Friday, January 20th** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Cider Mill Gymnasium.

Kids can enjoy a DJ, Photobooth, Glitter Tattoos, and endless fun!

Drop-off-Open to ALL Grades. Tickets go on sale in December. More information to come!

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.

Chartwells is Hiring!



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- Career growth opportunities
- Free shift meals

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Or call [203-834-4990](tel:203-834-4990) for more information.**



PTA Membership Drive!

Sign up for the PTA! On **December 18th** one lucky PTA member will receive a combination of gift certificates and other goodies from local stores, which can be used for gifts for yourself, friends, teachers, or bus drivers...

Why Join the PTA?

The PTA...

- creates a community
- provides important school and community information
- hosts fun, educational programs, and events
- raises money to support the needs of our school community
- allows us to advocate for what's best for our kids, families, and school
- facilitates connections through our family directory

Download the new **MobileArq Next** app to join!

Don't forget the PTA is always looking for great ideas and volunteers.

Not interested in the school directory but still want to support the PTA?

Here are two ways you can join without signing up via MobileArq:

- 1 - Send in a check made out to Cider Mill PTA
- 2 - Pay via PayPal to CMptaPayPal19@gmail.com

Dues are \$20 Individual / \$30 Family

Please note "Membership" in the memo / comments section

Thank YOU for your support!

Community News

Wilton Lego Warriors Move on to State Finals!

On November 19th, a team of 5th and 6th graders from Wilton made it through to the state finals in this year's First Lego League tournament at Wolcott High School.

The Wilton Lego Warriors had to build and code a Lego robot to complete a number of challenges that matched this year's competition theme: **Super Charged**. This involved moving clean energy generated from wind farms and solar arrays around town, with the help of attachments to the Lego robot the team built and coded from scratch.

They also had to design a solution to the problem of moving and storing clean energy in a new power grid for Wilton and present it to judges from Sikorsky and other Connecticut industries. Head coach **Arun Prabhu** helped guide the team through challenges with design and construction of the robot and brought in expert advice from members of Wilton's STEAM community. Over 20 teams competed, and the Wilton Lego Warriors were one of only 10 teams to move on to the state finals on **December 10th** in Glastonbury.

Team members:

- Owen Wang (5th Grader)**
- Isaac Boucher (5th Grader)**
- Vidit Prabhu (6th Grader)**
- Harrison Pham (6th Grader)**
- Kabir Rokkam (6th Grader)**

Coaches:

**Arun Prabhu
Chris Boucher**

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 OR Vanessa at 203-970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com

Submit News to Hot Cider

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