

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – May 9, 2021

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

## Important Dates

<b>May 10</b>	Day 1
<b>May 14</b>	Nailed it! - 2
<b>May 31</b>	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
<b>Jun 10</b>	SHORTENED DAY
<b>Jun 11</b>	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND SHORTENED DAY

## From The PTA President

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians:

Happy Mother's Day!!

Cider Mill's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Walkathon is happening! During the weeks of May 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, your class will be walking the High School track with their teacher to celebrate and raise money for the Cider Mill PTA. This is the largest fundraiser the PTA holds during the school year. This year we delayed the timing of the event from October (our normal Walkathon time) due to pandemic. The money raised goes towards so many CM events and enrichment programs. Please see attached flyer for additional information, as well as the link to donate. [Walkathon 2021](#). If you have any questions, please email Amanda Patania at [amanda\\_patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_patania@yahoo.com) Feel free to share this link with family and friends, any donation is appreciated!

The Cider Mill PTA Hospitality Committee hosted a week of amazing events for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>). We held celebratory and special events throughout the week...including food truck appearances from the Melt Mobile and the Granola Bar, delicious treats from the Painted Cookie and Starbucks, as well as our classes submitted heartfelt messages of thanks to their teachers through a class Padlet. We can't thank our parent community enough for the overwhelming support for these events...we couldn't have done it without you. Also, a huge thank you to Sabeth Albert for coordinating and executing on all of these events. We are so appreciative!

On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm the CM PTA hosted a virtual Nailed It! Spring Baking Challenge. One of our amazing parents, Jennifer Scanlan, did an incredible job hosting this super fun pinata cake challenge. Thank you, Jen!! We loved seeing all of your wonderful creations! Keep posting on our FB page and Padlet for others to see! We only have a few spots left for next Friday's (May 14<sup>th</sup>) Nailed It! with Ms. Redin and Mrs. G! Sign up now...it's sure to be another great night!! Please see flyer for the event. See [Nailed It Flyer](#) and signup here: [CM PTA: CM PTA Spring Nailed It! Spring Challenge - Night 2! \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

On Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> the Cider Mill PTA provided "Breakfast To Go" for our wonderful bus drivers. We were thrilled for the opportunity to show our gratitude to the STA team on National Bus Drivers Appreciation Day! Thank you for Sabeth Albert and Gina Capaz for organizing!

On April 29<sup>th</sup> the CM PTA sponsored Visiting Author Day with a visit from author, [Andrea Davis Pinkney](#). The presentations were inspiring and thought-provoking for our students.

The PTA is beginning to look towards next year. Many of our Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs will be leaving CM in the Fall, which requires us to fill many open positions. A few of these positions include Fundraising, Parent at Large and Hospitality. If you would like to volunteer or would like to hear more about the open positions, please contact Meghan Russo, President at [meghan.russo13@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.russo13@gmail.com), Amanda Patania, Nominating Chair [amanda\\_patania@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda_patania@yahoo.com) and/or Alex Frisbee, Nominating Chair [alex.frisbee.pta@gmail.com](mailto:alex.frisbee.pta@gmail.com)

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am via Zoom. Thank you for your continued support! Please reach out if you have any questions or comments at [meghan.russo13@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.russo13@gmail.com).

Meghan Russo  
CM PTA President

## School News

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Please consider donating, we really need your help this year so we can run our programs successfully. A suggested amount of \$40 would be amazing, but anything is truly appreciated. Feel free to forward to friends/family who may want to support us, and check with your workplace as some will match donations, an amazing gift for us. Any class with 100% participation will get a cupcake/cookie party!

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We thank you so much for all your support and help this year, lets make this an amazing event to finish the year with.

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### **PTA vacant positions for 2021-22**

If you are interested in more information about any position or would like to take the role, please email Alex or Amanda at [CMnominating@gmail.com](mailto:CMnominating@gmail.com)

- Parent at Large (Executive Board position)
- Gifts and Grants
- Photo day chair
- Visiting author chair
- 5th grade yearbook chairs
- Fun Night chairs (all grades)
- Enrichment chair
- Hot Cider co-chair
- Library volunteer coordinator co-chair
- Hospitality co-chairs
- Cider Mill's Got Talent show co-chairs

### **WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ~ OPEN POSITIONS**

The Wilton Public Schools "For a Better World" are seeking recent college graduates, college students, retirees, career-changers, and those interested in giving back to their community to join a dynamic, engaging, and inspirational team of staff and students. A number of flexible positions are available, including substitutes, lunch-recess monitors, certified teachers, long-term substitutes, and paraprofessionals. Help shape the lives of our future leaders! To learn more and/or apply, please visit our website at: <https://www.wiltonps.org/departments/human-resources> or contact Human Resources Coordinator Erika Cross at [crosse@wiltonps.org](mailto:crosse@wiltonps.org).

## Ongoing School News

### **IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMICS!**

All Cider Mill students can receive tutoring at no cost. All tutors are Wilton High School students. Please fill out this form if you need help in any subject: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBFFyrppvQ7z7wMCub3j3oQGmwM7m0DVbqgRvBB0cVloK6xQ/viewform>

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

### **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!**

No more clipping Box Tops! Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production. The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

#### **3 easy steps...**

1. Download the "Box Top\$ for Education" app on your phone.
2. Sign up using your email or Google or Facebook account.
3. Simply snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Have a question? Please reach out to Allison Norful via email: [anorful@gmail.com](mailto:anorful@gmail.com)

### **ZERO WASTE SCHOOLS**

With the start of school, we'd also like to send a Zero Waste 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 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.

## Community News

### **Middlebrook Science Fair**

The Middlebrook PTA is seeking a Science Fair chair/chairs for next year. If you want to learn more please contact Chandra Ring at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com)

### **True Warriors Challenger baseball is back!**

Any individual with an intellectual or physical challenge can participate.

Player sign up: <https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170731&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

Buddy signup: <https://www.leagueathletics.com/Registration/Restrictions.asp?RegID=170732&org=wiltonlittleleague.org>

### **Lend a helping hand to The Turnover Shop!**

Did you know that our most generous donor is a local nonprofit - The Turnover Shop?

They have provided long-standing support for our PTA's and other local organizations. Operating costs have increased during covid and they were shut down for several months. They need our help more than ever.

#### **Please help those that helped us!**

**Volunteer:** Regular commitment of one or two WEEKDAY am (10-1) or afternoon (1-4) shifts a month (Ex. Third Friday a, of every month).

**Donate:** Items and Clothing.

**Shop:** Its hidden treasures.

**Spread the word:** About this fabulous wilton treasure!

### **WILTON SEPTA ( SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA)**

Join us! Support our families, students and staff! Open positions for next year include President, Secretary and Committee Chairs!

We are excited to present new programs coming early this Spring 2021: (details to follow)

For students:

Sensory Integration Art Experience Classes, free for SEPTA member families

Social Hangouts, Cooperative Play Groups, Facilitated by trained BCBA's from the Hangout Spot, free for SEPTA member families

April's Diversity and Inclusion Awareness Month Committee needs Volunteers!

Join us to find out more: Two ways to Join here! Mobile Arq to join all PTA's and Paypal link to join SEPTA only <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>

### **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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# Nailed It! with Miss Redin and Mrs. Gagliardi Friday, May 14th @6:30

## Ingredients

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix
- Cupcake Papers
- 1 box Brownie Mix
- 1 can Vanilla Frosting
- 1 bag Starburst Candies
- Food Coloring (red and green)
- Honey
- 1 bag Flake Coconut
- White Sprinkles or Sesame Seeds
- Parchment or Wax Paper
- Toothpicks(optional)
- Yellow Twizzlers (optional)

## Preparation

**Bake cupcakes. Make sure to only fill cupcake papers halfway with the batter.**

**Bake brownies in a 13 x 9 pan**

**\*\*Important: Make sure cupcakes and brownies are baked and cooled before 6 pm\*\***



## Tools

- Butter knife
- 2- 3 inch circle cookie or biscuit cutter
- 2 Bowls
- Spoons
- Cup or Rolling Pin
- 13 x 9 Pan
- Cupcake Pan
- Piping bag with tips(optional)

Signup Here :

[CM PTA: CM PTA Spring Nailed It! Spring Challenge - Night 2! \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)