

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - December 9, 2018

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

Important Dates

Dec 10	Day 8
Dec 13	Bingo Night, 6-8pm, Cafeteria
Dec 21	Reading Rocks Forms Go Home
Dec 24-31	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)
Jan 1	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)
Jan 2	School Resumes
Jan 4	Reading Rocks Kick-Off!
Jan 7	Reflections Competition submission deadline
Jan 30	District Book Club, facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith & WYC

Important Phone Numbers

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

From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Families,

Looking back at everything we have done, we have had a very successful Fall. We are very appreciative of all our volunteers that have spent countless hours organizing and helping at our Walkathon, Book Fair, Turkey Trot and Hospitality events.

We have many events taking place over the next couple of weeks of December and in January. Please review the following so that you can keep up with registration and submissions deadlines:

Event	Date of Event	Deadline	Link if available
Faculty/Staff Lunch	December 12th	December 11th	http://signup.com/go/NfNDDav
Great Books	Starts in January	December 12th	Junior Great Books 2018-19.doc
CMGT 2.0	April 26th	December 15th	https://goo.gl/forms/7HcuCG1bs2wF5gWH2
Reflections		January 7th	https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections

You already have received emails from Cider Mill PTA and your PTA Room Reps if you need more information about each one of these programs.

We are looking forward to new events being planned for 2019 for each class and working with all of you in successful PTA events.

Hope you have a great and relaxing break.

Amanda Patania and Carolyn Lyon
Co-Presidents

School News

“Reading Rocks!”~ Pledge Forms coming home by December 21st

Wilton Education Foundation’s (WEF’s) very successful “Reading Rocks!” program is back for its 8th year! “Reading Rocks!” is a fun, non-competitive Read-A-Thon type fundraiser for students in Pre-K to 5th grades. Over the seven years of this event, “Reading Rocks!” has raised more than \$275,000 for our Wilton Public Schools!! This year, with your support, we hope to attain 100% student participation. “Reading Rocks!” pledge forms will be sent home with students by Friday, December 21st. Not only does this program help students celebrate literacy, but there are great prizes too, including an iPad*, Kindle Fires and more!! *win an iPad or a gift card of equivalent value to the Apple Store. For questions please contact Kiki Cross at kcross106@gmail.com or Jen Carvajal at jencarv@hotmail.com. Many thanks to the Stroup family for generously sponsoring “Reading Rocks!”.

Reflections Competition ~ submission deadline January 7, 2019

The Cider Mill PTA is currently accepting submissions for the PTA Reflections Competition. This year’s theme is “Heroes Around Me.” Students may submit entries in one or more of the following arts categories: Visual Arts, Photograph, Musical Competition, Dance Choreography, Literature and Film Production. There is also a Special Artists division. Winners in each category will move forward to the state level competition. Entries should be left in the Reflections bin outside the Cider Mill office by January 7, 2019 with a fully completed entry form to be eligible for submission. For entry forms and rules please see the Cider Mill PTA Website: <https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>.

District Book club facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and WYC~ Wednesday, January 30@10am Comstock Community Center

We are pleased to announce two new district-wide book clubs (K-5 and 6-12) on one of our favorite books “How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success” by Julie Lythcott-Haimes. Heard about the book and been wanting to read it? Have you read it and would love to discuss? Now is your chance! Book Club for parents of children K-5 will be on Wednesday, January 30th at 10 AM at Comstock Community Center. Space is limited to 20 people and registration is required (link below). Now is the time to start reading! The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and Wilton Youth Council. Sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, Miller-Driscoll and Cider Mill PTAs. RaiseAnAdultWiltonKto5.eventbrite.com

CM Participating in Crayola ColorCycle Program

Cider Mill is now participating in Crayola's ColorCycle program. All you need to do is bring in your used/ dried markers, dry erase markers and highlighters (all brands will be accepted) to school and drop them off in the collection box by the art rooms or in the LLC. We ship them off to Crayola where they recycle them.

PTA Committee Chairs Needed ~ We Need You!

The PTA is still in need of chairs for the important Committees listed below.

Nominating - Most of the work has been done for this school year. Easy position to complete from home.

Turnover Shop - They donate a huge amount of money to your school's PTA (last year \$45,000). The commitment is only 3 1/2 hours, once a month.

Please contact Amanda Patania, amanda_patania@yahoo.com or Carolyn Lyon, carolynlyon@optonline.net if interested in any of these positions.

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.)

Get Your CM Spiritwear

Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts) can be purchased 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 School Store

We are looking for parent volunteers to work in the Cider Mill School Store! The School Store is open during lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you're interested in helping out, please email CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com to get onto our email volunteer list and to find out how to sign up for shifts throughout the school year!

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 2018 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.

Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

Lost and 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.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Community News

NAMI - CAN ~Monday's December 17th and January 28th, 10-11:30am, G&B cultural Center

Are you stressed about the upcoming holidays? Do you worry about needing to hide or explain your child's behavior to extended family and friends? Does the break in routine and hectic time cause behavioral changes in your child? 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. Parents come from Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton and towns in the surrounding area.

Next meetings are on Monday, December 17th and January 28th from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com , Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com .

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Click [here](#) for an overview of this year's events!

Looking to Get Involved?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com.

Wilton SEPTA~ December 12th @ 9:15am, Zellner Gallery

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is Open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. Our next meeting will be on December 12th @ 9:15am in the Zellner Gallery in the Clune Center. We will be accepting memberships! Please also note the following dates and timings for the upcoming SEPTA meetings:-

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays alternating morning, see dates and times below.

1/9 @ 9:15 am
2/13@9:15 am
3/6 @ 9:15 am
4/10 @ 9:15 am
5/8 @ 9:15 am

For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact wiltonsepta@gmail.com.

Class of 2022~

S'well bottle with Warrior logo is a great holiday gift for kids, teachers, coaches, bus drivers, etc! Visit Blue Star Bazaar, Signature Style, or The Painted Cookie or email wilton2022@gmail.com to purchase. Your purchase supports the Class of 2022!



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