

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – December 1, 2019

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

Important Dates

Dec 2	Day 1
Dec 12	Bingo Night, Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30pm, Registration Required
Dec 13	Great Books Registration Deadline
Dec 20	SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am)
Dec 23	Holiday Recess till January 1st
Jan 2	Happy 2020! First day of School
Jan 9	Reflection Entry Deadline
Jan 10	Reading Rocks Kickoff!
Jan 14	CM PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Jan 20	NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
Jan 24	Reading Rocks ~ Dress Like a Rockstar Day!
Jan 24	3rd Grade Fun Night, 6-7:30pm
Jan 25	Reading Rocks Reading Period Starts
Jan 28	North (Cannondale/Nod Hill) Chorus and Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym
Jan 29	South (Belden Hill/Kent) Chorus and Orchestra Performance, 7pm, Gym

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 hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and enjoyed the break. There are quite a few events happening at CM over the next two months, please be on the lookout for emails from us, as well as from your room reps!

The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the Cider Mill Cafeteria on November 21, 22, 25, and 26, and was a great success. With so many amazing books available our students had a great time shopping! You still have time to shop online at the Scholastic Store to benefit the school. Go to: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=cidermill> and click on the Shop Now button. A huge thank you to Danielle Bottinger for running and organizing, as well as all those that volunteered!

The Cider Mill Faculty and Staff Holiday Lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 11. This annual celebration is a fun and festive way to celebrate our teachers and staff. The CM PTA Hospitality Committee is in need of donations. To sign up to donate an item for the Holiday Lunch (hot dish/cold dish/dessert/drinks are needed) please click here: <https://signup.com/go/vjuFBEE>. Items may be dropped off at Cider Mill the morning of Wednesday, December 11 (7:15-7:45 park and walk in; 7:45-9:00 drop off in central bus loop). Volunteers will be in the lobby to collect donated items.

Cider Mill Family Bingo Night is taking place on Thursday, December 12th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Cider Mill Cafeteria. Great prizes and other surprises are guaranteed! All family members are welcome! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: To register and pay for this event, please visit our site <https://www.cidermillpta.org/event-details/bingo-night>

Any questions, please contact Mandi Schmauch (mandischmauch@yahoo.com) and Jess Christ (jmc5710@gmail.com).

We are now accepting entries for the Cider Mill PTA Reflections Competition. PTA Reflections is a

nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Cider Mill students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts in one of six categories. The competition also includes a Special Artists category. This year's theme is "Look Within". For entry forms and rules, please visit the Cider Mill PTA Website:

<https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>. Students can place their entries in the bin outside the main office. The deadline for submission is Thursday, January 9th. For more information, please contact Jane Hamilton (janehamilton15@mac.com).

The Great Books program is back at Cider Mill. This program is a book group led by a parent moderator where the children read an assigned story and discuss it once a week during the lunch and recess period for eight weeks. To enroll your child in the Great Books program, go to <https://www.cidermillpta.org/event-details/great-books> no later than Friday, December 13th. For more information on this program, please visit www.greatbooks.org.

Be on the lookout for an email about Cider Mill's Got Talent on December 2nd! All necessary information will be included in the email.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

Thank you again for all of 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.

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.

CIDER MILL INDOOR RECESS DONATIONS

In conjunction with Cider Mill administrators and the Free Play Task Force, to enhance indoor recess for students, we are looking for donations of the following items:

Legos

Straws & Connectors

Oversized drawing sheets and crayons

Mad Libs

Perplexus

Rubik's Cubes

All items should be dropped in the 3-drawer plastic bin on front porch at 120 Pipers Hill Rd or message Chandra Ring at cring226@hotmail.com to set up a meeting.

The Turnover Shop needs volunteers!

We are looking for several people to work at the front desk. The commitment is for a regular shift only once a month for 3 1/2 hours, September-June. Each year, The Turnover Shop gives generously to the

Wilton PTAs but we need your help to make this happen. Come join the fun and meet some new people in our community! Please send an email to turnoverfrontdesk@gmail.com to get started.

Ongoing School News

WPS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT'S HALL OF FAME

Nominations are now being accepted for potential 2020 inductees to the Wilton Public Schools Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to honor members of the Wilton Public Schools community who have distinguished themselves in ways that have brought great honor and pride to the community. Induction into the hall of fame is the highest honor the Wilton schools can bestow on an individual. Nominees can be teachers, students, former students or staff members who have in some way achieved recognition in their chosen area of expertise. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Nomination Forms can be found [HERE](#).

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!

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 amandaNmittchell@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. We are looking for volunteers to join our fundraising committee and/or the Free Play Matters Task Force. If you are interested, email Genevieve Eason at geason@wiltonyouth.org. Upcoming events:

Vaping: What You Need to Know ~ December 11th, 7-8:30pm at Trackside Teen Center

Elizabeth Jorgensen, CADC, will discuss the short-term and long-term effects of vaping, nicotine, and marijuana use, and will explain the connection between addiction and underlying mental health concerns like anxiety and depression. Presented by Youth to Youth, Wilton Youth Council's student leadership and substance use prevention club at Wilton High School (formerly Warrior Council). Visit www.wiltonyouth.org/events for more information. Sponsored by Newport Academy, Trackside Teen Center of Wilton, and Wilton Youth Council. Can't make it? This program will be offered again on January 15 at 10 am at Wilton Library.

Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives ~ March 24th, 10-11:30am OR 7-8:30pm, 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 Youth Council's Annual Appeal

Did you receive our Annual Appeal letter in the mail? We hope you'll accept our invitation to become one of the helpers! Together, we make our community a healthier, happier place for our children of all ages to grow.

Respond to the letter, or donate through our website, www.wiltonyouth.org. Thank you!

WILTON SEPTA

Join us to learn about our current initiatives, gifts and grants program and more!

If you haven't yet registered or renewed your membership to SEPTA, please click here and join us today: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/projecto-5>.

Please note the dates and timings of the upcoming meetings-

January 15, 9-10.30am

February 19, 7-8.30pm

March 18, 4-5.30pm

April 29, Spring Social

May 20, 9-10.30am

WILTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION: WE GO BEYOND!

The Wilton Education Foundation is a non-profit organization headquartered in Wilton, CT. Our mission is to enrich the educational experience of our students through grants and donations focused on technology, music and the arts, and professional development. For more information about WEF, please visit our website at www.wiltoneducationfoundation.org.

Join us at our monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 7:30pm in the WHS professional library to hear updates from Superintendent Kevin Smith and learn about our upcoming fundraising events.

Wilton Go Green Third Annual Zero Waster Faire & Sustainable Living Expo ~ March 29th

Families mark your calendar's for Wilton Go Green's biggest event on Sunday, March 29th, 2020 when the [Third Annual Zero Waste Faire & Sustainable Living Expo](#) happens at the Wilton High School Field House from 11am to 4pm. Having had over 1,000 attendees and 70 exhibitors in 2019, WGG will feature even more aspects of a zero waste and sustainable lifestyle in depth. In partnership with Sustainne, the Faire committee will orchestrate exhibits at their 2020 event that are educational and interactive, with elements that attendees of all ages will enjoy. Subjects covered will include waste and resource management, waste prevention, backyard farming, a kids area, municipal best practices, zero waste hacks, sustainable living, and a Zero Waste Feast in the High School cafeteria provided by Chartwells. Stay tuned for news about opportunities to recycle or repurpose fabrics, electronics and other household items. Interested in helping out? Email us at info@wiltongogreen.org.

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