

Hot Cider

A Cider Mill PTA Publication

September 21, 2014

Important Dates

Sept. 22	Day 4
Sept. 22	Deadline for Walkathon Pledge Forms to receive free t-shirt
Sept. 23&27	Vote on Miller-Driscoll Renovation! See below for details.
Sept. 24	Photo Day
Sept. 25	NO SCHOOL (Rosh Hashanah)
Sept. 30	Information Session on New Schedule, 9-10am & 7-8pm
Oct. 3	Walkathon Pledge Forms Due
Oct. 7	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, cafeteria
Oct. 8	All-School Walkathon
Oct. 13	NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)
Oct. 14	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
Oct. 15	Literacy Night, 7pm
Oct. 16	Literacy Day, 9:15am
Oct. 22-24	Book Swap, details coming in October
Oct. 22	Math Night, 7pm
Oct. 23	Math Day, 9:15am
Oct. 31	Halloween Parades, see below for times by grade
Nov. 4	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)

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

School News

Cider Mill 5th Annual Walkathon ~ Monday, September 22 (TOMORROW) Deadline to Receive Free Shirt!

Cider Mill will hold its 5th Annual Walkathon on October 8; all students will walk around the Wilton High School track at the same time for one mile. All students should have received pledge forms to collect pledges for the Walkathon, which is held to raise money for the PTA. Last year, 90% of students raised pledges, resulting in \$40,000, which the PTA gifted to the library to support digital media such as e-books, audio books, and e-magazines.

We are aiming for 100% student participation, no matter the size of the pledge! The pledge deadline is October 3, but if you get your pledges in by TOMORROW,

September 22, you will receive a free Walkathon t-shirt, designed by Cider Mill students Blaze and Peyton Ricco, to wear to the Walkathon. The Walkathon rain date is October 9. Visit the link below to download a pledge form if you have not already received one:

http://www.cidermillschool.org/files/_3cAxY_/0b508b363aa01e0c3745a49013852ec4/walkathon_parent_letter_website.pdf

Cider Mill Photo Day ~ Wednesday, September 24

REMINDER... Cider Mill Photo Day is THIS coming Wednesday September 24th. Order forms have gone home. If you do not have one, they are available in the main office. Please fill out and send back on or before the 24th, OR you can order online at www.mylifetouch.com (using picture day ID EJ994860Q0). If you have questions or would like to help out with Photo Day, please contact Shirin Dorne at Dornafar@earthlink.net.

Information Session: New Schedule ~ Tuesday, September 30, 9am & 7pm, Cafeteria

Members of the Cider Mill community will provide an overview of changes made to the daily schedule for students, e.g. 30 minute dedicated word-study block, five minute transition time between lunch and recess, and more. There will be a session from 9-10am, and the same session will be repeated again from 7-8pm.

Halloween Parades ~ Friday, October 31, Bus Circle

Halloween parades will take place at the bus circle on the following schedule:

- 3rd Grade – 10:15 to 10:45am
- 4th Grade – 11:20 to 11:50am
- 5th Grade – 12:30-1:00pm

Details will be coming from your teacher in October.

Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. If you are interested in signing up for a shift, or would like more information, please email Deb DeFeo at debradefeo@gmail.com.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

Your PTA membership supports such programs as Gifts and Grants for teachers, Fun Nights for students, the 5th Grade Yearbook, and student directories. In order for the PTA to continue supporting teachers and students, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

PTA Volunteers Needed

Events sponsored by the Cider Mill PTA enrich our children's education each

year. These activities are made possible through the many volunteer hours parents generously donate. Whether you are a new or returning parent, volunteering is a great way to become involved in your child's school life as well as a fun way to meet new friends. The PTA needs your help; please take a moment to volunteer this year! Visit this link and scroll to the bottom to find the PTA Volunteer Form:

http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA

Community News

Special Town Meeting and Voting on the Miller-Driscoll Renovation ~ Tuesday, September 23, Clune Center (Additional Voting on September 27)

The Miller-Driscoll Building Committee has been working since February 2012 to develop a plan to comprehensively renovate and upgrade Miller-Driscoll School, and to add dedicated pre-school space. Funding for this project will be the subject of a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 23 at 7:30pm at the Clune Center at Wilton High School. Voting will take place following the meeting. If the 23rd is not convenient for you, voting will continue on Saturday, September 27 from 9am to 6pm, also at the Clune Center. For details, please visit

<http://millerdriscollrenovations.weebly.com>.

Wilton Youth Council - Parenting Book Series ~ Tuesday, September 30, Wilton Library

Back by popular demand, Wilton Youth Council's Parent Connection and the Wilton Library are partnering with psychologist and Wilton mom, Dr. Susan Bauerfeld, to sponsor a parenting book discussion series. The Parenting Book Series was established to help parents sift through the avalanche of advice that exists in the world of parenting books. In each session, Dr. Bauerfeld will present an overview of a parenting book chosen for its soundness and relevance to the community.

Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion. Reading the book is not required but is encouraged and will likely enhance the discussion.

Over the course of the school year, there will be three discussions in the series. All discussions will be hosted by the Wilton Library in the Rimer Room from 10:30am-12:00pm. The first session will be on Tuesday, September 30 to discuss the book Mindset by Carol Dweck. Admission is free and reservations are recommended.

Please register at www.wiltonlibrary.org.

Wilton Community Activities

For information about community organizations who offer activities for students, please click this link: <http://www.wiltonpta.org/CommunityLinks.html>.

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