

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication

March 6, 2016

Important Dates

March 7	Day 2
March 8	PTA Meeting, 9:15 am, Cafeteria
March 9-11	Book Swap – Collection Days
March 11	Book Swap – Swap Day
March 15	CMT Science Test, Grade 5 Only
March 16	Two Hour DELAYED OPENING – Professional Development
March 22	TechNext, 5:30-7:30pm, WHS Little Theater
March 25	NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
April 6	Scott Driscoll Internet Safety Presentation, 7pm, Middlebrook Auditorium
April 11-15	NO SCHOOL (April Break)
April 19	PTA Meeting, 9:15 am, Cafeteria

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

Letter from the PTA President

Dear Parents,

Last Saturday night was our final Fun Night - 5th Grade Fun Night at the YMCA. I want to give grateful thanks to Jen Enman and Chandra Ring for planning and a running a very successful event.

With spring just around the corner, it's time to start planning for our next school year. The PTA has many volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved - day time, night time, year round or for a single event. For me volunteering has been a great way to meet other parents and to get a great understanding of how our schools operate. Please see below for a full list of volunteer opportunities. We especially welcome those who have never volunteered before. If you have grandparents in town, we would love to hear from them too. If you want to do something, but don't know what, please email Tara Snow (email below) or myself. It is always great to hear from new people.

I hope to see you at Tuesday's PTA meeting. Jason Greasley, instructional leader for technology will be in attendance, giving us an overview on the use of technology in our school.

With very best regards,
Nicola Davies
Cider Mill PTA President

School News

Cider Mill Book Swap ~ March 9, 10, and 11

Cleaning up? Cleaning out? Don't donate your child's books. Swap them!

- Book Collection Days: March 9, 10 and 11
- Swap Day: Friday, March 11 from 2:10 to 4pm

On the mornings of March 9, 10 and 11, volunteers will be collecting books at the Main Entrance and the Kent Entrance. They will be there from 6:50 to 7:50 AM. The books should be appropriate, and at the reading level of Cider Mill students. There is no limit on the amount of books a student may turn in. On Friday, March 11, from 2:10 to 4pm, students can select replacements for each book they have turned in. AND THAT'S A SWAP! Questions? Please contact Ginna Yerrall at gmdar@optonline.net.

The Cider Mill PTA wants you! A Call for 2016-2017 Volunteers

Volunteering for the PTA is a great way to get involved with the schools. Many programs that happen throughout the school year are run by the PTA and we need parent volunteers. There are many positions that have various time commitments and flexibility, so there is a role that will fit your schedule. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions for the 2016-2017 school year:

5th Grade Yearbook Committee

Reflections

Co – Vice President Fundraising (Executive Board Position)

Gift and Grants

Children's Enrichment

3rd Grade Field Day

4th Grade Field Day

5th Grade Fun Night

3rd Grade Junior Great Books

Lost and Found

3rd Grade Science Coordinator

3rd Grade River Study

5th Grade River Study

School Store

Wilton Youth Council

4th Grade World Languages

Book Swap

Co-Chair Spiritwear

Please contact Tara Snow at tanda@optonline.net or at 203-563-0866 if you have any questions or are interested.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Find Us on Facebook!

The PTA has set up 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](#).

Cider Mill PTA Membership

What is a PTA membership all about? Becoming a member of our PTA is more than just getting a directory - although you will get one with your membership. Our membership is open to all adults who believe in the mission on the PTA. Joining the PTA is showing that you care what happens in your children's education. It shows that you want to be involved, engaged and informed. It isn't a commitment to volunteer for anything! It doesn't mean you have to turn up to a meeting every month (although we hope you will consider it). It is a way to stay connected with our school community, getting to know your school and administrators, having a voice and being heard at the school and school district level.

Your membership dues support the programs your children participate in regularly. Without the PTA, your support and all of our wonderful volunteers, these activities would not happen: Field Days, Fun Nights, Reflections, River Study, School Store, Visiting Author, Turkey Trot, World language celebrations, Walk-a-thon, Book Fair, spirit wear, library volunteers, pre-order school supplies, Hot Cider newsletter, etc. You can find a form on the new PTA website: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/forms/c70d>.

Bus Barn – Lost and Found Items

Missing something? Check out the Bus Barn Blogspot at <http://wiltonlostproperty.blogspot.com> for photos of items found on school buses. If you see something that might be yours, please contact Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com.

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: <http://www.cidermillpta.org/#!/hotcider/ccjp>. Content may be edited at the discretion of the Hot Cider staff. In an effort to keep Hot Cider timely and concise, your article may be published only twice. Please consider publication dates carefully. Your understanding is appreciated. The next issue of Hot Cider will be published March 20, 2016. The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2016.