

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – November 17th, 2019

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

## Important Dates

<b>Nov 18</b>	Day 2
<b>Nov 20</b>	Photo Retake Day
<b>Nov 21-26</b>	SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am for Conferences)
<b>Nov 21-26</b>	Book Fair, Cafeteria, 7:30am-3:30pm
<b>Nov 27-29</b>	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Recess)
<b>Dec 12</b>	Bingo Night, Cafeteria, 6-7.30pm
<b>Dec 20</b>	SHORTENED DAY (Dismissal at 11:55am)
<b>Dec 23</b>	Holiday Recess till January 1st
<b>Jan 2</b>	Happy 2020! First day of School

## Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351  
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)  
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381  
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

## From The PTA Presidents

To Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

On Monday, November 11th Cider Mill hosted two assemblies to honor and thank veterans. The veterans were invited by our students and welcomed with songs from each branch of our military. It was an incredibly moving event, and one that the children took such pride participating in. After the assemblies, the CM PTA Hospitality Committee hosted refreshments for the veterans and their families. Thank you to Sabeth Albert and Cara Schwartz for hosting a delightful breakfast, and to Mrs. Staub and Mrs. Romero for organizing the event. Thank you to our veterans for their service!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at the Cider Mill Cafeteria on November 21, 22, 25, and 26, from 7:30am-3:30pm. With so many great books available, our children are so excited to begin shopping! For information on hours, available titles, and eWallet, our new digital payment option, visit our home page: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/cidermill>. To volunteer for pre-fair set-up, sales, or pack-up, please visit: [CM BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGNUP](#). See you at the fair!

Cider Mill Administrators and the Free Play Task Force have an ongoing effort in place to enhance indoor recess for our students. They are asking for donations of the following items: Legos, Straws & Connectors, Oversized drawing sheets and crayons, Mad Libs, Perplexus and Rubik's Cubes. When our students cannot get outside to play these types of items are so important to give them an activity to focus on during free time. Chandra Ring is collecting all donated items, and can be dropped in the 3-drawer plastic bin on her front porch at 120 Pipers Hill Road or you can email her at [cring226@hotmail.com](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com) to set up a meeting. Thank you to all who have already donated!

The 44th Annual Jim Cook Turkey Trot took place on Friday, November 15th at Cider Mill. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and the students had a blast trotting around after the Turkey. Thank you to everyone for the donations, all funds collected will benefit Wilton Families in need and will go towards purchasing turkeys and gift cards. Thank you to Julie Fowler, Michelle Krupa and Amanda Patania for organizing the event!

On Friday, November 15th Scott Driscoll presented on Internet Safety to CM 5th Grade students. The presentation was focused on teaching students how to be safe while using the Internet, Social Media and other technology. If you would like additional information on Internet Safety Concepts you can visit Scott's website at [www.internetsafetyconcepts.com](http://www.internetsafetyconcepts.com).

Tiles and Treats was hosted by the Art Department on Wednesday, November 6th after school. Students and parents gathered to create fall-themed ceramic tiles while enjoying treats with friends. Be on the lookout for information regarding Pizza & Paint coming in late March. Thank you to all of the art teachers for making this such a fun event!

Be on the look out for more information about the Bingo Night, Reflections Art program and Cider Mill's Got Talent in the next few weeks.

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](mailto: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.

### **LOST & FOUND ~ CIDER MILL**

Lost and Found is beyond overflowing. EVERYTHING will be donated to either The Turnover Shop or put in the textiles bin at Middlebrook on Monday, Nov 25 at 4pm. The rack and overflowing buckets will be in the lobby during conferences. Please encourage you students to start claiming their lost items TODAY!

### **CIDER MILL PICTURE RETAKE**

Picture Retake Day is coming up on November 20! Students having a retake, return your portrait package minus the class picture to the photographer on retake day. Who should attend retake day:

- ✦ Any student that was absent on Photo Day (regardless of if you are purchasing a package)
- ✦ Any student not satisfied with the original portrait. Return your complete package, minus the class picture, to the photographer on Retake Day.
- ✦ Any student that did not purchase a package on Photo Day and would now like to purchase a picture package.

### **CIDER MILL BOOK FAIR : Arctic Adventure Book Fair~ Snow Much to Read!**



A blizzard of books is headed your way! Venture deep into the ice-cold polar regions to the coolest reading expedition ever! The Scholastic Book Fair will be at the Cider Mill Cafeteria on -  
**November 21, 22, 25, and 26, from 7:30am-3:30pm.**

For information on hours, available titles, and eWallet, our new digital payment option, visit our home page: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/cidermill>.

To volunteer for pre-fair set-up, sales, or pack-up, please click- [CM BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGNUP](#).

### **REFLECTIONS COMPETITION AT CIDER MILL**

Reflections Competition submission deadline Jan. 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>.

### **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](mailto:cring226@hotmail.com) to set up a meeting.

## **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](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](mailto:jen@presto.org) (Please add [support@mobilearq.com](mailto: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](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net). Thank you for your support and happy scanning!

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## **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](http://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](mailto:geason@wiltonyouth.org). Upcoming events-

#### **Raising the Touch Screen Generation: The Role of Technology in Our Children's Lives**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Two opportunities!) at the 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 SEPTA**

Wilton's Special Education PTA will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 4:00 p.m. at Comstock Community Center, Room 12.

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.wiltoneeducationfoundation.org](http://www.wiltoneeducationfoundation.org).

Join us at our monthly meeting in the WHS professional library to hear updates from Superintendent Kevin Smith and learn about our upcoming fundraising events:

Thursday, November 21, 7:30p

Thursday, December 12, 7:30p

Come out to support WEF and get in the competitive spirit at our Inaugural Fall Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, November 16th from 6-10pm at Trackside Teen Center. We'll have food and beverage trucks, and you can choose to join one of the 32 teams in the tournament or cheer them on as a spectator. For more information please visit [WEF Events - Programs](#).

Get your tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/73963016373>

Since WEF is a non-profit volunteer organization, all proceeds go directly to support Wilton Schools.

### **NAMI WILTON PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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. Our next meeting is November 25th, from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. Please 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) for more information.

## **Submit News to Hot Cider**

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