

Hot Cider A Cider Mill PTA Publication November 30, 2014

Important Dates

Dec. 1	Day 8
Dec. 1-12	Giving Tree
Dec. 7	Family Fun Night with Sound Tigers
Dec. 23	Shortened Day (11:55am dismissal)
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	No School (Holiday break)

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 x8333
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

Cider Mill Staff's Holiday Brunch ~ We Need Your Help!

Please consider sending in your favorite holiday dish for the annual Cider Mill Staff's Holiday Brunch to be held Tuesday, December 9th. This is such a special treat for the teachers and staff, one they look forward to all year. It is very much appreciated by all! We still need donations of hot items (quiches, bacon, sausage, ham, baked ziti, lasagna) and cold items (fruit salads, green salads). We are using VolunteerSpot for all signups. Please use this link: <http://vols.pt/6RhCpS>. In the "comments" section please include the item you are planning to make. All items can be dropped off on the day of the brunch, **Tuesday, December 9th between 7:30am-9:00am** at the central bus loop. If you have any questions please contact Susan Price at sprice14@optonline.net.

Thank you in advance!

The Hospitality Committee

Junior Great Books

Reading is more fun when you do it with friends! Join a Junior Great Books club! Junior Great Books is back and registration for the program has begun. This is an opportunity for your child to be a part of a book group and discuss literature from all over the world. Groups begin in January and meet once a week during your child's lunch and recess period (for about eight weeks). Check the school's virtual backpack on edline for the registration form. Please mail your form and \$20 to your grade level contact (mailing address on form). The registration deadline is Friday, December 19th.

Questions? Contact:

3rd grade: Lauren Gibbons, slatergibbons@mac.com
4th grade: Lorien Saumier, lsaumier@yahoo.com
5th grade: Haylee Shipman, hayship@gmail.com

Cider Mill Spiritwear

The holidays are coming up and Cider Mill Spiritwear is a great gift! Our flannel pants and hoodies are especially comfy for lounging around during the holidays. And don't forget, every student will want their house t-shirt for Field Day in the spring. Don't wait! The order form can be found at [http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider Mill School/7518483491238890706/Cider Mill PTA/Spiritwear](http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear)
Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Join in the Fun with Cider Mill and the Bridgeport Sound Tigers AHL Ice Hockey Team! ~Sunday, December 7th, 3pm, Webster Bank Area, Bridgeport~Deadline for Ticket Orders is Monday, December 1st

Specially price group tickets are available for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers hockey game vs. the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. Our Cider Mill Singers and 5th Grade Chorus will sing during the first intermission. Click on this link: [CiderMill SoundTigers Family Fun Night Order Form](#) to view and print the event information and order form. Please bring the order form and payment in an envelope to the Cider Mill Front Office by **December 1st**. Tickets are \$16 each (\$37 at box office). Checks should be made out to Sound Tigers. NO transportation or chaperons will be provided by Cider Mill School. Tickets will be sent home with students by December 4th. No day-of-game orders. Questions??? Contact Mr. Pearson at Pearsona@wilton.k12.ct.us.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Fun Nights, 5th Grade Apple Core Yearbook, Summer Reads Books, Hot Cider Newsletter, Book Swap, Turkey Trot, School Store, River Study and Children's Enrichment Performances are just a few of the programs that your membership dollars support. In order for the Cider Mill PTA to continue its efforts to provide support to the school and its programs, WE NEED YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW! Please click [here](#) for the membership form, or go to Edline under "PTA," then "Join the PTA!"

Box Tops

Do you have a collection of Box Tops? Be sure to send them into school and place them in the bright blue drop-off box located in the main office. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them in, Cider Mill earns cash that can be used for anything the school needs. Look for Box Tops on thousands of products including Kleenex, Ziploc, Hefty, General Mills, and Betty Crocker. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Markey at jtm4jla@optonline.net.

Community News

Big Brothers Big Sisters Clothing Drive to Support WHS Class of 2016

The Wilton High School Class of 2016 is hosting a clothing drive from November 17th until December 12th to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Connecticut (BBBS). The WHS Class of 2016 will receive funds from BBBS for each pound of clothing donated. Donate clothing, linens, shoes, and purses of any season and any condition to labeled collection bins located in the main lobbies of Cider Mill School, Wilton High School and Comstock Community Center. There will be a final call for donations and truck loading on December 19th from 3-5pm at WHS. Join us for hot drinks and a bake sale!

For more information contact Mrs. Rinaldi at rinaldip@wiltonps.org or call 203-762-0381.

Wilton Community Activities

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

Submit News to Hot Cider

Please email school news to Andrea Bates at connbates@gmail.com, Clarissa Cannavino at clarissacannavino@yahoo.com and Lisa Smith at mlsmith2@optonline.net. For submission deadlines, publication dates, and past issues, please click this link: http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Hot_Cider_Current_Issues.

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