

HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - December 30, 2018

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

Important Dates

Dec 31	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)
Jan 1	NO SCHOOL (Holiday Recess)
Jan 2	School Resumes-Day 2
Jan 4	Reading Rocks Kick-Off!
Jan 7	Reflections Competition submission deadline
Jan 30	District Book Club, facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith & WYC

Important Phone Numbers

Cider Mill Main Office: 203-762-3351
Report an Absence: 203-834-4950 or fallonk@wiltonps.org
Bus Transportation: 203-762-3381
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We've had a couple of events recently that we have to highlight and say thank you to our volunteers that make them happen. Our Hospitality ladies organised a wonderful Holiday Lunch for Staff, thank you to everybody that donated a dish. Also a big thank you to Jackie Couch, Susan Price and all the volunteers at Bingo Night. It was a lot of hard work for a really fun night.

There are also a couple of upcoming events and the holiday break could be a great time to work on them. First, Reflections is an annual artistic creativity competition which we have had many students progress to the state level. The deadline for this is January 7th. Please check out our website for entry forms and more information. <https://www.cidermillpta.org/reflections>

The second event is Cider Mill's Got Talent. It's our second year holding this event and last year showcased the wonderful talent we have at Cider Mill. If you think your child would be interested please read and fill out this form, due January 15th. [CMGTGoogleForm](#)

Thanks for everything you do and have a wonderful break.

Amanda Patania & Carolyn Lyon
PTA Co-Presidents

School News

Reflections Competition ~ submission deadline January 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>.

Please contact janehamilton15@mac.com or ljcoutant@gmail.com with any questions.

**District Book club facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and WYC~ Wednesday, January 30@10am
Comstock Community Center**

We are pleased to announce two new district-wide book clubs (K-5 and 6-12) on one of our favorite books "How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success" by Julie Lythcott-Haimes. Heard about the book and been wanting to read it? Have you read it and would love to discuss? Now is your chance! Book Club for parents of children K-5 will be on Wednesday, January 30th at 10 AM at Comstock Community Center. Space is limited to 20 people and registration is required (link below). Now is the time to start reading! The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Kevin Smith and Wilton Youth Council. Sponsored by Wilton Public Schools, Wilton Youth Council, Miller-Driscoll and Cider Mill PTAs. RaiseAnAdultWiltonKto5.eventbrite.com

PTA Committee Chairs Needed ~ We Need You!

The PTA is still in need of chairs for the important Committees listed below.

Nominating - Most of the work has been done for this school year. Easy position to complete from home.

Turnover Shop - They donate a huge amount of money to your school's PTA (last year \$45,000). The commitment is only 3 1/2 hours, once a month.

Please contact Amanda Patania, amanda_patania@yahoo.com or Carolyn Lyon, carolynlyon@optonline.net if interested in any of these positions.

Ongoing School News

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.)

Get Your CM Spiritwear

Spirit Wear (also known as House shirts) can be purchased at any time throughout the year on the Cider Mill PTA site: cidermillpta.org, Your order will be delivered to your student's class within two days.

Cider Mill School Store

We are looking for parent volunteers to work in the Cider Mill School Store! The School Store is open during lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you're interested in helping out, please email CiderMillSchoolStore@gmail.com to get onto our email volunteer list and to find out how to sign up for shifts throughout the school year!

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 2018 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.

Lost and Found ~ Bus Depot

Please visit <http://wiltonslostproperty.blogspot.com/> to view lost property found on the school buses.

Lost and 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 amandaNmitchell@gmail.com.

Box Tops

Collect box tops to help Cider Mill raise money! Be sure to collect your box tops and submit them to your class teacher. Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> to learn more about the program. Contact Box Top Chair, Heather Mroz at heathermm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Community News

Mindful Parenting: How to Make It Out in One Piece with Tracey Masella, LCSW

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

10:00 AM -11:30 AM @ Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton

Free; registration recommended - www.wiltonlibrary.org or 203-762-6334

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road, Weston

Free; registration recommended - www.westonpubliclibrary.org, click on Calendar

Parenting isn't what it used to be! The pressures in our community make mindful parenting a challenge. This interactive presentation will discuss what it means to be a mindful parent. Tracey will provide useful information on establishing a family frame, setting reasonable and attainable expectations and goals for your children, managing anxiety (both yours and your children's), and finding a supportive group of fellow parents in your community. This program is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

Sponsored by: Silver Hill Hospital, Wilton Library, Wilton Youth Council, Wilton Youth Services, Weston Youth Services, Weston Library

NAMI - CAN ~Monday, January 28th, 10-11: 30am, G&B cultural Center

Are you stressed about the upcoming holidays? Do you worry about needing to hide or explain your child's behavior to extended family and friends? Does the break in routine and hectic time cause behavioral changes in your child? 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.

Next meeting is on Monday, January 28th from 10-11:30, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton. For more information contact Beth at 203-984-0123 or beth44es@gmail.com, Vanessa at 203 970-4130 or eliasvanessa5@gmail.com.

Wilton Youth Council (WYC)

WYC promotes and protects the social, emotional and mental well-being of Wilton's students by educating and empowering youth, parents and the community. Find us on FB or visit wiltonyouth.org for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Click [here](#) for an overview of this year's events!

Looking to Get Involved?

Wilton Youth Council needs you! We have many programs running and this is a great time to get involved! Questions? Email Vanessa Elias at eliasvanessa5@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering? Email Courtney Boucher at courtney.v.boucher@gmail.com.

Wilton SEPTA~ January 9 @ 9:15am, Zellner Gallery

Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is Open to all who want to support Special Services in Wilton Public Schools. Our next meeting will be on January 9th @ 9:15am in the Zellner Gallery in the Clune Center. We will be accepting memberships!, Meetings will be held on

alternating Wednesday mornings, please also note the following dates and timings for the upcoming SEPTA meetings:-

1/9 @ 9:15 am
2/13@9:15 am
3/6 @ 9:15 am
4/10 @ 9:15 am
5/8 @ 9:15 am

For general questions, inquiries about membership and Executive Board positions please contact wiltonsepta@gmail.com .

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