

## HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION – August 29, 2022

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

### Important Dates

<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
<b>Sept 01</b>	New Parent Coffee (9.30am-10.30am) - LLC
<b>Sept 05</b>	Labor Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>Sept 13</b>	CM PTA Meeting (9.15 AM -10.15 AM) – Cafeteria
<b>Sept 14</b>	Open House (North), Cannondale and Nod Hill, 6.45 -7.30 pm
<b>Sept 21</b>	Open House (South), Kent and Belden Hill, 6.45 – 7.30 pm
<b>Sept 26</b>	Rosh Hashanah – <b>No School</b>
<b>Sept 28</b>	Photo Day
<b>Oct 05</b>	Yom Kippur – <b>No School</b>
<b>Oct 10</b>	Columbus Day – <b>No School</b>
<b>Oct 11</b>	Professional Learning – <b>No School</b>

### From The PTA Presidents

Dear Cider Mill Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Cider Mill to our returning and new families for the 2022-2023 school year! We are looking forward to a more typical year filled with fun and exciting events for our school community, such as our big fall Walkathon, Turkey Trot, Fun Nights, Children's Enrichment Programs, Bingo Night, and so much more.

To make this a successful year, the Cider Mill PTA is asking for your support:

1. Please consider **joining the Cider Mill PTA** once registration is open via MobileArq. Not only are you supporting the PTA by becoming a member, but you also get an online directory of Cider Mill families and staff members via the MobileArq app (Android and Apple). *Please look out for an email when membership is open!*
2. **Purchase Spirit Wear** in your child's house color to be worn on Spirit Days and Field Day! Brand new t-shirt designs will be available for purchase at both the North and South Open Houses, as well as on our website shortly!
3. **Attend PTA meetings!** This is a great way to get information on what's happening at Cider Mill and to ask questions. Meetings are typically the second Tuesday of every month in the cafeteria. Our first meeting is September 13th at 9:15 a.m. in the CM cafeteria.
4. **Volunteer!** We love our volunteers and are so thankful for the time, expertise, and commitment that they offer to our school community. We still need volunteers for several committees, including chairs for our Children's Enrichment program, Fun Night events (4th and 5th grade needed), and tsp much more. Please reach out to Alex Frisbee at [cmnominating@gmail.com](mailto:cmnominating@gmail.com) for more information!
5. Consider **donating to our Walkathon in the fall.** This is our main fundraiser for the whole school year, and it's level of success is what dictates what the PTA can offer to the students, families, and faculty for the remainder of the school year!

Every two weeks you will receive the Hot Cider newsletter from the CM PTA that will include a calendar, detailed information on upcoming school and PTA events, links for volunteer signups, and community events. Please take time to read the newsletter. We also encourage you to use our Cider Mill PTA website at [www.cidermillpta.org](http://www.cidermillpta.org) (currently being updated!) and the school's website at [https://www.wiltonps.org/576924\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/576924_3) for school information.

Also, please consider joining the Cider Mill Community Facebook group (search for "Cider Mill School Community"). It's where you can ask all your parent questions and get answers from other Cider Mill parents who have been there and done that!

Finally, while the school year has not even officially begun yet, the Cider Mill PTA has been already hard at work! A huge thank you to those families who participated in our EduKit fundraiser to help purchase school supplies for Wilton Social Services, as well as to **Shannon MacDonald** and her crew of volunteers for hand delivering all those EduKits to classrooms! Next, our wonderful Hospitality Committee chair **Caroline Hoffman** and her team treated our Cider Mill teachers and staff on the morning of Meet the Teacher Day to breakfast from Panera and Starbucks coffee, while **Mickey Giuliani and Alexis Murphy** got our Spirit Wear sales off and running with a very successful sidewalk sale of our brand-new tie dye Cider Mill spirit wear t-shirts. Thank you to all these committees for a successful start to our school year!

As always, thank YOU! Our school community has always been a huge supporter of the PTA, and we are so grateful and appreciative of your continued support!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or comments at [michelleAkrupa@gmail.com](mailto:michelleAkrupa@gmail.com) and [giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com](mailto:giddingsmelissa@hotmail.com).

Michelle Krupa and Melissa Reynolds  
CM PTA Co-Presidents

## Helpful Links

### Important and Helpful Links:

Cider Mill Contact Info: (203) 762-3351

CM Attendance: (203) 834-4950 or [cmattend@wiltonps.org](mailto:cmattend@wiltonps.org)

CM School Handbook: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th\\_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0M9w06qZRHnJLuF6Th_kbtDQqCPRABChT0M-ERmVM/edit)

CM House List: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wg883jXBcWnTQOZNgLV746OvS6tnJaIeYDL4q9dolNY/edit>

CM Community Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1168962513117647/>

WPS Covid 19 Health and Safety Protocols: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/wps\\_covid\\_protocols\\_2022-23\\_school\\_opening.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/wps_covid_protocols_2022-23_school_opening.pdf)

WPS Back to School Website: [https://www.wiltonps.org/342738\\_2](https://www.wiltonps.org/342738_2)

WPS Back to School Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GaiNlxIMyxXW6MCCbSMi2fer2xLP0bfT/view?usp=drivesdk>

WPS 2022-23 School Calendar: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/revised\\_2022-23\\_district\\_calendar\\_472022.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/2699/revised_2022-23_district_calendar_472022.pdf)

CM Interactive Calendar: [https://www.wiltonps.org/576928\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/576928_3)

WPS App: Located in the Apple and Android app stores

Wilton BOE: [https://wiltonps.org/338734\\_2](https://wiltonps.org/338734_2)

Pay for CM Club/Activities Fee: [https://www.wiltonps.org/575955\\_3](https://www.wiltonps.org/575955_3)

Wilton PowerSchool Login: <https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/>

School Messenger Information: [https://wiltonps.org/595543\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/595543_3)

Schoology Information: [https://wiltonps.org/576129\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/576129_3)

Special Bus Assignments: [https://wiltonps.org/579910\\_3](https://wiltonps.org/579910_3)

MySchoolBucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home>

School Lunch Menus: <https://wilton.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>

Join Wilton SEPTA: <https://www.wiltonsepta.org/>

## School News

### Welcome back to school! We are so excited for another amazing year!

PTA membership will be opening really soon! Joining is a great way to support your child and enhance their school experience. Be on the lookout for an email with information on how to join in our brand NEW app!!

Why join the PTA?

The PTA...

- creates a community
- provides important school and community information
- hosts fun, educational programs and events
- raises money to support the needs of our school community
- allows us to advocate for what's best for our kids, families and school
- facilitates connections through our family directory

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**Cider Mill Movie Night!**

**CIDER MILL PTA PRESENTS  
FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**

**SHOWING: Minions: The Rise of Gru**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

6:45 PM

at the Comstock Fields

- Each child must have a parent in attendance
- Siblings welcome
- \$15/child and Parents FREE

Buy Tickets Here: <https://bit.ly/CMMovie>

Email [Murphy71611@gmail.com](mailto:Murphy71611@gmail.com) with any questions

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**Wilton Special Education PTA**

Like our [Facebook](#) page and visit our [website](#) to stay updated with the latest meetings, news, and information. In preparation for the upcoming PPT, annual meeting, and transition meeting season, we will be sharing planning and organizing tips with families on collaborating with school teams.

- We invite teachers to take advantage of our [gifts and grants](#) program.
- Membership, Board, Committee positions open- it's not too late to join!
- We are seeking interested parents to help on our Community and Family Events Committee, including help for our April 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Be Kind Campaign.

**Community News**

**NAMI-CAN WILTON**

The COVID pandemic has caused unprecedented stress in our society and many children's behaviors have been triggered as a result. What was manageable pre-Covid is now out of control. Find support for you, as you support your child who is struggling.

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.

Our meetings are held virtually over zoom and for security, you must contact Beth or Vanessa for the password. For more information 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)

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