

# HOT CIDER

CIDER MILL PTA PUBLICATION - January 28, 2018

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

## Important Dates

<b>Jan 29</b>	Day 3
<b>Jan 31</b>	5th Grade Chorus/Orchestra/CM Singers/Advanced Strings Concert, 7pm-8.30pm
<b>Jan 31</b>	5th Grade Yearbook Ads Due
<b>Feb 2</b>	CM Giving Tree: Souper Bowl Madness - Last Day for Donations
<b>Feb 2</b>	Dress Like a Rockstar Day- Reading Rocks! pledges Due
<b>Feb 7</b>	5th Grade Band Performance, Gym, 7-8pm
<b>Feb 9</b>	4th Grade Fun Night, 7pm-8.30pm
<b>Feb 13</b>	PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9.15am
<b>Feb 16</b>	NO SCHOOL (February Recess)
<b>Feb 19</b>	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
<b>Feb 21</b>	3rd Grade South Strings Performance, 1:20pm
<b>Feb 22</b>	3rd Grade North Strings Performance, 1:20pm
<b>Feb 26</b>	Math Info Night for Parents of 5th Graders (going into 6th), Middlebrook School, 7-8pm

## Important Phone Numbers

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

## From The PTA Presidents

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Third Grade Fun Night was a great success, lots of children having a wonderful time with scooter races, karate, tug of war and so much more. Many thanks to Deena Wells for taking on the organizing and the fabulous volunteers on the night!

Our next PTA meeting is February 13th at 9:15 in the Cafeteria. A perfect time to show your love for your school on Valentine's Day and find out what's going on!

Reading Rocks forms are still being collected, last day for submissions is Feb 2nd.

Please consider visiting or volunteering at the Turnover Shop here in Wilton. Every year the Turnover Shop makes a large donation to the Wilton Public Schools. They are in particular need for volunteers for the 4th Friday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 1 p.m.- 4p.m. They also have their next 'Third Monday Madness' on February 19th. All items that have been there over one month and a day are 75% off!

Thank you for everything you do.

Amanda Patania & Annemarie Aronowitz  
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## School News

### 5th Grade Yearbook Ads ~ Due January 31st

Every 5th Grade student will receive a 5th Grade Yearbook at the end of the school year. This is a great keepsake which reflects on this fabulous year our 5th graders are having at Cider Mill. The PTA funds this gift, but the cost

of producing the book is offset by selling ads. Please consider placing an ad in the yearbook as your child will treasure your written words. An ad is just \$10 or you can place an add and receive a 5X7 class photo for \$15. Submitting an ad is easy and takes just a few minutes - details are in the digital form at this link. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBX-IkyBnU9\\_QAuh8Q5qMUEJXFpDVnWYjZTq38l4zTdYhSA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBX-IkyBnU9_QAuh8Q5qMUEJXFpDVnWYjZTq38l4zTdYhSA/viewform)

### **Cider Mill Giving Tree ~ Souper Bowl Madness! Donations now through Feb. 2nd**

We are starting a new tradition at Cider Mill School. This year is the first annual Souper Bowl!!! We will be collecting items for the Wilton Food Pantry. More information has gone out through a separate email. Now through Friday, February 2nd, students can "vote" for their Super Bowl team by bringing in donations for the Food Pantry. Each item will count as one vote for their favorite team. There will be a table set up in the main hall by Guidance, to check in donated items and tally the votes. We will have daily updates on which team leads in the voting. Students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items and personal care items and check in their donations at the desk near the cafeteria during drop off each morning. The table will close each day when the announcements begin. Wilton Social Services will come and pick up the donations to stock their shelves.

### **Reading Rocks!**

Wilton Education Foundation's (WEF's) very successful "Reading Rocks!" program is back for its 7th year! "Reading Rocks!" is a fun, non-competitive Read-A-Thon fundraiser for students in Pre-K to 5th grades. Over the six years of this event, "Reading Rocks!" has raised more than \$240,000 for our Wilton Public Schools!!! This year, with your support, we hope to attain 100% student participation. Not only does this program help students celebrate literacy, but there are great prizes too, including an iPad\*, Kindle Fires and more!! \*win an iPad or a gift card of equivalent value to the Apple Store. For questions please contact Kiki Cross at [kcross106@gmail.com](mailto:kcross106@gmail.com) or Jen Carvajal at [jencarv@hotmail.com](mailto:jencarv@hotmail.com).

Reading Rocks! reading period is from February 3rd till February 17th.

Many thanks to the Stroup family for generously sponsoring "Reading Rocks!"

### **5th Grade Art Project**

Cider Mill Art Department requests families to send in newspapers for a 5th grade paper mache art project. Newspapers can be dropped off outside of the art rooms in the recycled items boxes.

## **Ongoing School News**

### **Join The PTA**

Please join the Cider Mill PTA! Over 300 families and teachers have joined the PTA so far this year. Thank you for your support! And, while we would love for you to get involved, you do not have to volunteer! Your membership and donation dollars fund valuable programs at Cider Mill, including: Visiting Author, 5th Grade Year Book, Field Days, Student Enrichment Programs, Fun Nights, Teacher & Staff Appreciation, Gifts and Grants, Hospitality, Book Fair, Reflections, and many more.

PLUS, when you join the PTA, you gain instant access to our online directory!

Visit <https://mobilearq.com/schooldirectory/>, choose parent or teacher registration, enter your email, name and the code "wilton" to join, pay your membership dues and make a supporting donation, if you're feeling generous! (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](#)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:heathermm@optonline.net) if you have any questions.

## Volunteer at the Cider Mill Library Learning Commons!

The Cider Mill Library is in need of volunteers to help fill in vacancies in our volunteer schedule. The shifts are an hour and a half every other week or weekly. The volunteers are very valuable to keep the library functioning smoothly by check out books to students. If you are interested in volunteering, Please contact Jen Fila at [jennfila5@gmail.com](mailto:jennfila5@gmail.com) or Jackie Couch at [jackie.couch13@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.couch13@gmail.com) for more information.

## Community News

**How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overprinting Trap and Prepare your Kid for Success**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION - Wednesday, February 28, 2018**  
**10:00 - 11:30 a.m. OR 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Wilton Library, Rimer Room**

Registration required - Registration is now open - [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) or 203-762-6334.  
Minimum 15 registrants required for each session.  
Appropriate for Parents of Children of all ages.

Ellen Brezovsky, LCSW, of Silver Hill Hospital will facilitate a book discussion. In *How to Raise an Adult*, Julie Lythcott-Haims draws on research, on conversations with admissions officers, educators, and employers, and on her own insights as a mother and as a student dean to highlight the ways in which over-parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents, and society at large. Lythcott-Haims offers practical alternative strategies that underline the importance of allowing children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness, and inner determination necessary for success.

Wilton Youth Council 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 [www.wiltonyouth.org](http://www.wiltonyouth.org) for more information and to sign up for our monthly newsletter.  
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](mailto:eliasvanessa5@gmail.com). Interested in volunteering? Email Suma Iyer at [sumapiyer@gmail.com](mailto:sumapiyer@gmail.com).

## Submit News to Hot Cider

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