

Hot Cider
A Cider Mill PTA Publication
January 25, 2015

Important Dates

Jan. 26	Day 6
Jan. 27	4 th Grade South – Chorus/Orchestra Performance, 7pm
Jan. 29	5 th Graders – Qualifying Test for “Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?,” 2:30pm, Cafeteria (requires permission slip, see below)
Jan. 29	4 th Grade North – Chorus/ Orchestra Performance, 7pm
Jan. 30	3 rd Grade Fun Night
Feb. 3	5 th Grade Chorus/ Advanced Strings/ Cider Mill Singers/ Orchestra Performance, 7pm
Feb. 4	DELAYED OPENING – School Day Starts 9:40am (Professional Development)
Feb. 10	PTA Meeting, 9:15am, Cafeteria
Feb. 12	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)
Feb. 13	NO SCHOOL (February Holiday)
Feb. 16	NO SCHOOL (President’s Day)
Feb. 21	5 th Grade Fun Night, 8-10pm

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
Chartwells: 203-834-4990 x5221

School News

Be Ready for Field Day! SpiritWear for Sale at Music Performances Starting January 27

All students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirts at Field Days in May. Be prepared by buying your shirt now at the Music performances starting January 27. Bring your cash and checks (sorry, no credit cards). You can also buy online using the order form on Edline (in the PTA section), or at http://www.cidermillschool.org/pages/Cider_Mill_School/7518483491238890706/Cider_Mill_PTA/Spiritwear. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Qualifying Test for “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?” ~ Thursday, January 29, 2:30pm, Cafeteria

The Wilton Education Foundation (WEF) will hold its 5th Annual “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader” fundraiser on March 13. This hilarious and fun event sold out last year, so be sure to save the date. **Fifth grade students** are required for this live quiz show. Any **fifth grade student** interested in being a contestant needs to:

- 1) Turn in an initialed and signed permission slip to his or her teacher by **tomorrow Monday, January 26** (available [here](#) or on Edline on the homepage under News)
- 2) Take the qualifying test on Thursday, January 29 at 2:30pm in the cafeteria at Cider Mill

Teachers from Cider Mill will design the test, and the questions for the show. The four students from each house who receive the highest test grades will be chosen as contestants (thus there will be 16 contestants), with results announced around February 6. There will be a one-hour rehearsal after school on March 9 at the Clune Center.

Fifth Grade Yearbook ~ Deadline for Ads is Monday, February 2

Fifth grade parents - Did you know that at the end of the year, every 5th grade student receives a copy of the Cider Mill 5th Grade Yearbook? This book is packed full of photographs and memories that capture the spirit of our 5th graders. The yearbook is funded by the Cider Mill PTA, and your ads help to offset the cost of producing the book. We invite you to place an ad in the 2014-15 yearbook. Your ad must be a maximum of 25 words. Please be sure to include your child's name and write legibly!

The ad form is posted on the PTA page on Edline. Click [here](#) and scroll down until you see "Ads for Grads." Complete the form and return it with a check for \$10.00 to Deb Bauer at 31 Deepwood Road, or return to the school office. All ads must be received on or before Monday, February 2, and checks should be made payable to Cider Mill PTA.

Sample Ad:

Joe Smith

Mom, Dad and Emily are so proud of you! We know you will go on from Cider Mill and do many great things!

Dr. Kevin Smith Budget Presentation ~ Tuesday, February 10, 9:15am, Cider Mill Cafeteria

Superintendent Smith will present the [2015-2016 Proposed Education Budget](#) at the PTA meeting on February 10. Please come see the presentation. Dr. Smith will be happy to answer your questions.

Do You Have Photos from Fourth Grade Field Day 2014?

The Yearbook Committee is looking for pictures from last year's Fourth Grade Field Day. Do you have some you could contribute? Please email Nicola Davies at nicoladavies@outlook.com to find out how.

Cider Mill Library Volunteers Needed

The Cider Mill library is looking for parent volunteers to staff the circulation desk during school hours. Ninety-minute shifts are available weekly or biweekly, and training is provided. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Deb DeFeo at debra.defeo@gmail.com.

Ongoing Cider Mill News

Cider Mill Spiritwear

Special Offer - Get yours now! We have a limited amount of vintage Cider Mill Spiritwear. All items \$10. Gray Heather Hoodies (YXL and YM), Pink Hoodies (YXL), and Pink/Green/Yellow Flannel Pants (YL). See photo [here](#), or view it under "Spiritwear" in PTA section of Edline. Send an email to jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com to submit your order. And don't forget, all students will want their House t-shirts 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. Contact Jamie Lee at jamiehodgeslee@yahoo.com with any questions.

Cider Mill PTA Membership

SUPPORT THE PTA AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THEY PROVIDE BY BECOMING A MEMBER TODAY! Visiting Author Days, Field Days, Fun Nights, the Book Fair, 5th Grade Yearbook, and Grants to teachers and the school 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

NAMI-CAN in Wilton ~ Monday, January 26, 10-11:30am, G&B Cultural Center, 49 New Street, Wilton

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Child and Adolescent Network (CAN) Support Group is for parents and primary caregivers of children with behavioral, emotional and mental health issues. These groups are free to the public, confidential, safe and led by trained and certified volunteer facilitators who themselves have had personal experiences raising children with these concerns. NAMI-CAN support groups reassure parents and family members that they are not alone. The Wilton NAMI-CAN support group meets on the 4th Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, January 26, 10-11:30am, in the G & B Cultural Center, 49 New Street in Wilton. For more information, contact NAMIconmunication@gmail.com.

Follow Up Community Conversation about Education Budget ~ Monday, January 26, 7-8:30pm, Middlebrook School Media Center

All interested members of the Wilton community are invited to attend and participate in a follow-up community conversation about the education budget. Members of the community will have the opportunity to meet again in small groups with Board of Education members and administrators to ask questions and share their thoughts and ideas about current budget priorities, and recommendations for the 2015-2016 budget. The evening will be another opportunity for Wilton residents to provide input before the Board of Education formally adopts a budget proposal. So that we may ensure we have adequate space for this event, please RSVP to rollisonm@wilton.k12.ct.us.

Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is Approaching! ~ February 3, 3:30-6pm, Middlebrook

We invite the public to come see our participants' wonderful Science and Engineering projects. After viewing the projects, stick around to see a wonderful Science performance given by The Mad Science of Fairfield County. We hope to see you there!!

Judges Needed for Middlebrook Science and Engineering Fair ~ February 3, 3:30-6:15pm, Middlebrook

Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair is seeking a few good men and women with science and/ or engineering backgrounds to judge the competition. The event will take place on Tuesday, February 3 (snow date February 9) at Middlebrook school from

3:30 - 6:15pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rocio Fields at RocioFields@yahoo.com or Sujata Vemuri at sujata.vemuri@gmail.com, PTA Co-Chairs for the 2015 Middlebrook Science & Engineering Fair. It is sure to be a fun and fulfilling event!

Overview of Common Core ~ Thursday, February 5, 10:30am, Trackside, 15 Station Road, Wilton

Wilton PTA Council is excited to announce that Don Romoser, Connecticut State PTA President will be coming to Wilton to discuss the Connecticut Core Standards. This discussion will focus on why the Standards were developed, what the Standards mean to your child, and how the Standards are affecting education today in English/ Literacy and Math, from kindergarten through high school.

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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